This course examines the changing status and experiences of women in the modern Middle East from Iran and Afghanistan to Turkey, Egypt, and Morocco. Readings include scholarly texts as well as first-person narratives and other primary sources.

Topics include

- Women and the Islamic Law
- Women and the Family Laws after World War One & Decolonization
  - Marriage: Polygamy, Temporary Marriage; Female Circumcision
- Women and Arab Nationalism
  - World War One, End of Empire, and the Women
- Women and Revolutionary Attempts in post-empire Turkey and Iran
  - The Islamic Revolution and Women in Iran since 1979
  - Women in the Arab Spring; Women, War, and Refugees

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