

The Middle East: Myth, Fact, Fiction Spring 2007

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Co-sponsored by the Department of Communication and Creative Arts, Department of English and Philosophy, and endorsed by the Center for Global Studies, this course is designed to provide a forum for informed discussion on the Middle East. At a time when the 'war on terror' occupies a preeminent position in the American public sphere, dialogues about the sources of anxiety—in the Middle East—must not only be rational but also well-informed. Through films, documentaries, novels, poetry, and news footage, this course seeks to challenge simplistic constructions of 'the Middle East' that produce a false dichotomy between 'us and them.' Class discussions and presentations will allow students to not only take the course and to listen in but to be active participants in the project for greater understanding of a vitally important part of our world.