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Lectures: MWF 12:00, GKM, **Discussion Sessions:** Fridays, **Web:** hist105fall2014.wordpress.com

Course Description:

The Making of the Modern World (Hist 105; Hist 106) is a two-semester course providing a thematic history of the world from ancient to modern times. The course surveys the major patterns and events of human activity from a global perspective within a broad chronological framework, while familiarizing students with interactions, parallelisms, and incongruities in the historical and cultural patterns of diverse societies and civilizations. The course aims to develop an understanding of modes and patterns of historical change, and provides a perspective on the complex ways in which the legacy of the past shapes our present.

The first part of the course (Hist 105) focuses on the ancient and the medieval world, and approaches the formation and transformations of specific social, political, cultural, and economic patterns through a global perspective. Beginning with the first steps of humanity and the first permanent settlements and urban centers of the ancient Near East, the course turns to the Ancient Greek, Roman, Indian and East Asian civilizations. Broad historical transformations of the medieval era in the eastern Mediterranean, Europe, Middle East and Asia constitute the last main focus. For each of these major periods, the course examines aspects of political, cultural, ideological and institutional structures and transformations, as well as aspects of daily life and material culture. Connections and interactions across spatial and cultural divides remain a focus throughout the survey.

Format:

The course is team-taught by members of the History Department. Each week's lectures will be followed by one-hour discussion sessions on Fridays led by the teaching assistants. There are two types of reading for the course. The primary source readings for each week introduce a set of particular issues and themes directly related to the lecture topics. *The Heritage of World Civilizations* by A. M. Craig, W. A. Graham, D. Kagan, S. Ozment, F. M Turner, (New Jersey, 2011), is a suggested not a required reading, which provides an introduction and background to the topics to be covered in the lectures.

It is highly important that you participate fully in the course by attending the lectures, doing the readings (preferably before lectures, certainly before the Friday discussion hours). Friday discussion hours led by the teaching assistants will be devoted to the in-depth discussion and interpretation of the primary sources, and will have three quizzes on primary sources. Partaking in the discussions is crucial and your performance in discussion sessions will contribute to your final grade greatly.

All readings will be available as electronic documents on the Boğaziçi Library online reserve web site (go to Catalogue Search; Search Course Reserves). Lecture outlines and course announcements will be posted on the course website.

Requirements and grade distribution:

Mid-term exam:	36%
Final exam:	36%
Attendance and participation in discussion sessions:	28%

To be eligible to take the final exam, the student will have to obtain at least 10 points on the midterm exam. If this condition is not met, the student will be disqualified from taking the final exam. Participation at the final exam is necessary to receive a passing grade.

HIST 105 THE MAKING OF THE MODERN WORLD I FALL 2014

22 September M Introduction Durak

PART 1: FROM PREHISTORY TO HISTORY

24 September W Agricultural Transformation and the First Permanent Settlements Ünlü

26 September F The Rise of Civilization: Early Urban Centers of the Ancient Near East Ünlü

Week 1 - Discussion: Introduction

Suggested Reading: A. M. Craig, W. A. Graham, D. Kagan, S. Ozment, F. M Turner, *The Heritage of World Civilizations* (New Jersey, 2011), pp. 1-8

29 September M Egypt: The Pharaonic Kingdom and the Nile Ünlü

1 October W From Accounting to Writing: Early Scripts and Ancient Languages Ünlü

3 October F MOVIE (*A Legend in the Taurus Mountains*, by Aylin Eren, 2003)

Week 2 - Discussion: No Discussion

Suggested reading: Craig et al., pp. 8-20

6 October M NO CLASS

8 October W The Hittite Kingdom: Anatolia in the Bronze Age Ünlü

PART 2: THE CLASSICAL WORLD

10 October F The Aegean World in Prehistory: The Minoan and Mycenaean Civilizations Ünlü

Week 3 - Discussion:

Primary Sources: *The Epic of Gilgamesh*
The Edict of Telipinus
Letter of the Hittite Queen to the Egyptian Pharaoh

Suggested Reading: Craig et al., pp. 20-22

13 October M Archaic Greece: The Age of Experiment Shear

15 October W The Classical Greek World Shear

17 October F Cities and Kings: The Hellenistic World Shear

Week 4 - Discussion:

Primary Sources: Thucydides, *Funeral Oration of Pericles*
Thucydides, *Melian Dialogue*
Herodotus, *Histories*, Book I, 1-6

Suggested Readings: Craig et al., pp. 74-85, 87-101

20 October M Rome: The Republic Shear

22 October W Rome: The Empire Shear

24 October F "Polytheistic" Traditions in the Mediterranean World Durak

Week 5 - Discussion:

Primary Sources: Augustus, *Autobiography*, "The Achievements of the Divine"
The Correspondence of Pliny and Trajan

Suggested Readings: Craig et al., pp. 104-109, 175-191, 193-198

27 October M	Monotheistic" Traditions in the Mediterranean World	Durak
29 October W	NO CLASS	
31 October F	Written Culture in the Greek and Roman Worlds	Levy-Aksu

Week 6 – Discussion:

Primary Sources: Selections from texts on ancient religion
The Gospel of Mark

Suggested Readings: Craig et al., 85-87, 56-61, 72-73, 198-202

3 November M	Rice Agriculture and Communal Life in China	Esenbel
5 November W	The Confucian State in China	Esenbel
7 November F	Alexandrian Legacy in Asia	Esenbel

Week 7 - Discussion:

Primary Sources: Lao Tzu, *The Classic of the Way and of Virtue*
Confucius, K'ung fu-tzu, (469-399 B.C.) *Analects*
Petronius (27-66), *The Banquet of Trimalchio from the Satyricon*
Arrian of Nicomedia *Anabasis* Sections 7.4.4-5.6 and 7.15.4-6

Suggested Readings: Craig et al., pp. 30-35, 41-49, 212-230, 61-70, 102-103, 109-112, 191-193, 118-131

10 November M	Early South Asia: The Land of Brahmins	Toksöz
12 November W	Ancient Persia: Achaemenid / Sassanid Empires	Durak
14 November F	<u>MIDTERM @ 17:00 - NO CLASS AND DISCUSSION</u>	

PART 3: THE MEDIEVAL WORLD

17 November M	The Byzantine Empire: from Constantine the Great to the Age of Justinian	Durak
19 November W	Byzantine Society from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages	Durak
21 November F	Byzantium from the Age of the Crusades to the Ottoman Conquest	Durak

Week 8 - Discussion:

Primary Sources: Eusebius of Caesarea, *Ecclesiastical History*
Constantine's Coins, Statues and the Arch of Constantine in Rome
Three Byzantine Saints, *The Philanthropy of John the Almsgiver*
Lactantius, *De Mortibus Persecutorum*
Teophanes, *Chronographia*
Geoponika, *Preface and Book 9*

Suggested Readings: Craig et al., pp. 202-210, 313-320

24 November M	Medieval Europe: A Political History	Eldem
26 November W	Feudalism as a Political and Economic System: Lords and Vassals	Eldem

28 November F Medieval Western Christianity: Popes and Bishops Eldem

Week 9 - Discussion:

Primary Sources: Anna Comnena, *Alexiad*
Manuel Palaiologos, *Letters*
Letter of Fulbert of Chartres on the Obligation of Vassals
Abbe Irminon: Polyptyque de Villeneuve-St. Georges

Suggested Readings: Craig et al., pp. 320-325, 137-148

1 December M Medieval European Culture and the Crusaders Eldem

3 December W Chinese Society and Culture Togan

5 December F Early Medieval South Asia Toksöz

Week 10 - Discussion:

Primary Sources: Gregory VII: *Dictatus Papae 1090*
Urban II (1088 – 1099): *Speech at Council of Clermont, 1095*
The Questioning of John Rykener, A Male Cross-Dressing Prostitute, 1395
Nei Ch'i-chu chu, *The Inner Palace Diary*

Suggested Readings: Craig et al., pp. 260-286, 232-258

8 December M Medieval South Asia and Islam Toksöz

10 December W Feudalism in Japan Esenbel

12 December F Religion in the Irano-Mediterranean World and the Rise of Islam Pancaroğlu

Week 11 - Discussion:

Primary Sources: *The Bhagavad Gita*.
The Upanishads, Part 1
Tarikh-i Wassaf. "Brief History of the Sultan of Delhi"
The Tale of Heike

Suggested Readings: Craig et al., pp. 327-343, 424-448

15 December M The Caliphate: From Medina to Damascus and Baghdad Pancaroğlu

17 December W Religious and Political Fragmentation in the Islamic World Pancaroğlu

19 December F Medieval Near Eastern Societies Pancaroğlu

Week 12 - Discussion:

Primary Sources: History of al-Ṭabarī "How the Booty Acquired at al-Madaʿīn Was Distributed..."
Examples of early Islamic (Umayyad) coinage
Jackson, Morgan, *Mangu's Court and Their First Audience*

Suggested Readings: Craig et al., pp. 290-311, 345-356

22 December M The Genghisid World-Empire Pancaroğlu

24 December W Medieval Encounters: Conflict and Coexistence Ersoy

Week 13 - Discussion: No Discussion

Suggested Reading: Craig et al., pp. 356-367