HUMANITIES SEMINARS PROGRAM

The Turks: Pre-Ottoman, Ottoman, Post-Ottoman

Fall 2013—Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. until noon

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REQUIRED TEXTS:


RECOMMENDED TEXTS:


COURSE SCHEDULE:

October 1: Introduction and Overview
October 8: The Earliest Turks and The Birth of Islam: Lords of the Horizons: Prologue and 3-28; Osman’s Dream: Preface and pp. 1-47
November 5: Empire-Building and the Mongols: Lords of the Horizons: 110-205; Osman’s Dream: 196-371
November 12: The Ottomans at Their Peak: The Janissary Tree (fiction)
November 19: Beginnings of the Decline: Lords of the Horizons: 209-321; Osman’s Dream: 413-525
November 26: Attempts at Reform: The Bastard of Istanbul (fiction by a UA faculty member; the content got her arrested on criminal charges in Turkey)
December 3: The "Sick Man of Europe” and The End of Empire: Sons of the Conquerors
December 10: Post Ottoman Turkey and the Turkic World: Sons of the Conquerors
December 17: What Does the Future Hold? and Course Review