

**17.405 – 17.406
Fall 2003**

Paper 3
(includes select topics from Paper 2)

Please note the '**no less than 10 pages**' requirement for this paper

Purpose

The purpose of the paper is for you to reflect on a topic, do the relevant readings in the syllabus (extra if you wish), identify your key points and place them in some order in your presentation. This is to encourage you to consider one topic (as broadly defined below) and draw on various sources in order to develop a perspective.

Topics

Please write an essay (**no less than 10 pages**) on one of the following topics:

- **Continuity and Change in two North African Countries – Focus on Implications for Stability and Security**
- **Compare the Beliefs and Political Views of National Leaders in Two Countries (i.e. 2 leaders, one in each country)**
- **Discuss Matters of “Migration” (i.e. movements of populations) in the Middle East – sources & consequences**
- **US Policy in the Middle East since 1945 – Key Points &/or Path Dependence**
- **Regional Impacts of the End of the Cold War**
- **Compare and contrast the Suez Crisis 1956 (and war) with Gulf war 1991 (and crisis)**

- **Non-State Actors in the Region – An essay on Role & Relevance**
- **Interactions Among Conflicts: Discussion of at least 2 types of conflict and their interactions**

You are welcome to suggest a topic (not listed above) or to reframe a topic (of the above).

Please be sure to follow the process below – it is important that you have a coherent structure and argument -

Format:

1. **Introduction of Topic – why is this topic relevant (or important?)**
2. **Background & Argument you are presenting**
3. **‘Evidence’ i.e. from the assignments or other**
4. **Conclusion**

References: Be sure to footnote your points as needed. Direct quotes require quotation marks. Please be sure not to overlook these two points. Please use side-titles for sections as needed.

Please use the papers as a vehicle for illustrating your understanding of the assignments.

Process

1. **Be sure to identify your views vs. those of others you are citing (i.e. other authors or other sources)**
2. **Do not confuse “is” with “ought” and do not use “should” without clarifying the criteria that drive this view – avoid “should” as much as possible.**
3. **Usually it is best think out the entire paper before starting to write. This means, do an outline- this will show you where you think you are going and help identify lack of coherence (if any)**

4. Direct quotes require quotation marks.
5. Please be sure not to overlook these two points. Please use side-titles for sections as needed.

Dates Due: Paper 1 October 21
 Paper 2 November 18
 Paper 3 December 12*****

Sources Reading assignments – including related as relevant your topic

Citations Be sure to footnote your points as needed. For direct quotes please cite author's last name, date, and page number