

11. ANCIENT HISTORY IN MODERN MIDDLE EASTERN POLITICS

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Reading a short book and a group of photocopied sources and articles that I will prepare and distribute at cost to the students on the first day of the course. So here I will give you the bibliographical information about the book, so that those who want to take the course can get hold of it beforehand and read it.

Book: I would like the participants to obtain Bernard Lewis, *History Remembered, Recovered, Invented* (New York: Simon and Schuster. A Touchstone Book, 1987). Paperback.

There is an earlier hardback version by Princeton University Press, 1975. The problem is that the book is out of print. I have founds copies available on two web-based book companies: Amazon.com and Abebooks.com, and the prices range from under a dollar (plus shipping) to something ridiculous. Please note that I hope those taking the course will be able to read as much of the Lewis book as possible (it is just about 100 pages) before the beginning of the course.

There will also be a course pack of articles and sources to be distributed on the first day of the course.