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   Comparative Studies: Why the Middle East and South Asia // Mediterranean Axes

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   Kathryn Yount and Hoda Rashad. “Historical Orientations to the Study of Family Change:
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   Film: “Salata Baladi” (Country Salad)

Apr 9 IV. The Family as a Political Institution
   Deleuz & Donzelot from, Donzelot:
   Jacque Donzelot. “Introduction” pp 3-8 R
   Peter Gran, “Organization of Culture and the Construction of the Family in the
      Modern Middle East”. In Sonbol pp 64-78. R
   Michael Fisher. “Becoming and Making ‘Family’ in Hindustan” In Chatterjee pp 95-121

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   Tanika Sarkar. Hindu Wife, Hindu Nation. Intro, Chaps 1, 4, 5 pp 1-52, 135-190
   Sylvia Vatuk. “Family’ as a Contested Concept in Early-Nineteenth Century Madras” In Chatterjee pp 161-191

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   Lata Mani. “Contentious Traditions. The Debate on Sati in Colonia India” In Sangari pp 88-125 R

Apr 21 Ramya Sreenivasan. “Honoring the Family: Narratives and Politics of Kinship in Pre-
   colonial Rajasthan.” In Chatterjee. Pp 46-72.
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   Omnia Shakry. “Schooled Mothers and Structured Play: Child Rearing in
   Soraya Altorki. “Father-Son and British-Egyptian Relations in Najib Mahfuz’s Trilogy”
Apr 28 VII. Kinship, Descent, State
Senzil Nawid. “Afghanistan” EWIC II pp 335-336 R
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Apr 30 VIII. Families and Family Laws
Mounira Charrad. “From Nationalism to Feminism: Family Law in Tunisia” Yount pp111-136
Laura Bier. “Egypt” EWIC II pp R
Susanne Dahlgren. “Gulf, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen” EWIC II pp 467-469 R
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May 5 IX. Planning the Family
Laura Bier. “From Birth Control to Family Planning: Population, Gender and the Politics of Reproduction in Egypt.” In Yount, pp 55-79
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May 14 XI. Familial Sexualities
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Hania Sholkamy. “Why Kin Marriage. Rationales in Upper Egypt.” In Yount pp 139-150
Kenneth Cuno. “Divorce and the Fate of the Family in Modern Century Egypt” In Yount pp 196-216

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Patricia Uberoi. “Imagining the Family. An Ethnography of Viewing Hum Aapke Hain Koun...!” In Dwyer pp 309-351

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Suad Joseph, “Introduction” In Joseph pp 1-20
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Suad Joseph. My Son/Myself, My Mother/Myself. Paradoxical Relationalities of Patriarchal Connectivity” In Joseph. Pp 174-190

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Bryceson, Deborah & Ulla Vuorela Eds.
Donzelot, Jacques
Dwyer, Rachel and Christopher Pinney
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Goody, Jack
Sangari, Kumkum and Sudesh Vaid
Sonbol, Amira el Azhary, Ed.
   1996 Women, the Family and Divorce Laws in Islamic History. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press.