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Spring 2009
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220 Young Hall

**FAMILY(IES) IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH ASIA
SYLLABUS**

- Mar31 I. We Are Family: The Familiar and Unfamiliar in Family(ies).
Comparative Studies: Why the Middle East and South Asia // Mediterranean Axes
Jack Goody. "Two Sides of the Mediterranean" In Goody pp 6-33.
- Apr 2 II. Historical and Contextual Frameworks:
Indrani Chatterjee. "Introduction" In Chatterjee pp3-45
Kathryn Yount and Hoda Rashad. "Historical Orientations to the Study of Family Change:
Ideational Forces Considered: In Yount pp 3-21
- Apr 7 III. History and Its Modernities
Film: "Salata Baladi" (Country Salad)
- Apr 9 IV. The Family as a Political Institution
Deleuz & Donzelot from, Donzelot:
Gilles Deleuz. "The Rise of the Social", "Preface to English Edition" ppix-xxviii **R**
Jacque Donzelot. "Introduction" pp3-8 **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
- Apr 14 V. Family in Colonial Discourses– South Asian Contestations
Tanika Sarkar. Hindu Wife, Hindu Nation. Intro, Chaps 1, 4, 5 pp 1-52, 135-190
- Apr 16 Tanikar Sarkar, Hindu Wife, Hindu Nation. Chap 6, 9, 191-225, 268-290
Lata Mani. "Contentious Traditions. The Debate on Sati in Colonia India" In Sangari
pp88-125 **R**
- Apr 21 Ramya Sreenivasan. "Honoring the Family: Narratives and Politics of Kinship in Pre-
colonial Rajasthan." In Chatterjee. Pp 46-72.
Sylvia Vatuk "'Family' as a Contested Concept in Early-Nineteenth Century Madras" In
Chatterjee pp 161-191
Sumit Guha. "The Family Feud as a Political Resource in Eighteenth Century India" In
Chatterjee. Pp 73-92
- Apr 23 VI. Family in Colonia Discourses– Middle Eastern Contestations
Omnia Shakry. "Schooled Mothers and Structured Play: Child Rearing in
Turn-of-the-Century Egypt. In Abu-Lughod. pp126-170 **R**
Soraya Altorki. "Father-Son and British-Egyptian Relations in Najib Mahfuz's Trilogy"

In Joseph pp 214-234

Apr 28 VII. Kinship, Descent, State

- Senzil Nawid. "Afghanistan" EWIC II pp 335-336 **R**
Ingrid Pfluger-Schindbeck. "The Caucasus" EWIC II pp 336-338 **R**
Aparna Rao. "South Asia" EWIC II pp 338-344 **R**
Diane E. King. "Arab States" EWIC II pp 347-351 **R**

Apr 30 VIII. Families and Family Laws

- Mounira Charrad. "From Nationalism to Feminism: Family Law in Tunisia" Yount pp111-136
Helena Malika. "Afghanistan". EWIC II pp 458-459 **R**
Laura Bier. "Egypt" EWIC II pp **R**
Susanne Dahlgren. "Gulf, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen" EWIC II pp 467-469 **R**
Shahida Lateef. "South Asia" EWIC II pp 469-472 **R**
Dicle Kogacioglu "Turkey". EWIC II pp 472-473 **R**

ONE PAGE OUTLINE OF TERM PAPER DUE IN CLASS

May 5 IX. Planning the Family

- Homa Hoodfar. "Family Law and Family Planning Policy in Pre- and Post-Revolutionary Iran. In Yount. Pp 80-110
Laura Bier. "From Birth Control to Family Planning: Population, Gender and the Politics of Reproduction in Egypt." In Yount, pp 55-79
Ali Artaman. "Central Asia" EWIC III pp 289-293. **R**
Akbar Aghajanian. Iran and Afghanistan. EWIC III pp 295-297 **R**
Zeba Sathar & Azeema Faizunissa. "South Asia" EWIC III pp 297-299 **R**

May 7 **MIDTERM EXAM**

May 12 X. Reproduction, Infertility, Medicalization

- Anke Niehoff. "Overview. Conception, Reproductive Choices, and Islam" EWIC III pp322-326 **R**
Marcia Inhorn. "Infertility. Arab States" EWIC III pp 338-339 **R**
Bruce Caldwell. "Infertility. South Asia" EWIC III pp 339-341 **R**
M. Suzanne Stimler. "Infertility. Medicalization. Arab States." EWIC III pp 332-343 **R**
Fouzieyha Towghi. "Infertility. Medicalization. South Asia." EWIC III pp 344-347 **R**

May 14 XI. Familial Sexualities

- Sharyn Graham Davis. "Sexualities. Scientific Discourses. Modern" EWIC III pp393-400. **R**
Collette Harris. "Sexualities. Practices. Central Asia. EWIC III pp 383-384 **R**

Parvaneh Hooshmand. "Sexualities. Practices. Iran." EWIC III. pp 384-386 **R**

Sabina Faiz Rashid. "Sexualities. Practices. South Asia. EWIC III pp 387-389 **R**

**Middle East/South Asia Studies Film Symposium: Culture, Politics & Performativity:
Cinemas in the Middle East and South Asia. Art Annex (Technocultural Studies Bld).
9-6**

May 19 **XII.** Getting Together and Separating: Marriages and Divorce

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

Nasreen Fazalbhoy "Divorce and Custody: Contemporary Practices. South Asia" EWIC II
pp106-108 **R**

May 21 **FILM** "Hum Aapke Hain Koun...I" (What Am I to You?) Or "Monsoon Wedding"
Patricia Uberoi. "Imagining the Family. An Ethnography of Viewing *Hum Aapke Hain
Koun...!*" In Dwyer pp 309-351. **R**

May 26 **XIII.** Constructing the Self in Families: Middle Eastern Cases

Suad Joseph, "Introduction" In Joseph pp 1-20

Jean Said Makdisi. "Teta, Mother, and I. In Joseph pp 25-53

Suad Joseph, "Searching for Baba" In Joseph pp 53-76

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May 28 Najla Hamadeh. "Wives or Daughters. Structural Differences Between Urban and
Bedouin Lebanese Co-Wives" In Joseph pp 141-173

Suad Joseph. My Son/Myself, My Mother/Myself. Paradoxical Relationalities of
Patriarchal Connectivity" In Joseph. Pp 174-190

Jun 2 **XVI.** Transnationalizing Families

Liisa Malkki. "National Geogrphic: The Rooting of People and the Territorialization of
National Identity Among Scholars and Refugees." In Cultural Anthropology (1992)

7:1:24-44 **R**

Umut Erel. "Reconceptualizing Motherhood: Experiences of Migrant Women from
Turkey Living in Germany." In Bryceson pp 127-146 **R.**

Rohit Barot. "Religion, Migration, and Wealth Creation in the Swaminarayan
Movement." In Bryceson pp 197-213. **R**

Jun 4 **XV.** Family & Feminist Critiques

Suad Joseph. "Familism and Critical Arab Family Studies" In Yount pp25-39

FINAL EXAM: JUNE 10, 3:30-5:30PM

Sources for the Readings In the Bookstore and On Reserve Shields Library:

In the Bookstore:

Chatterjee, Indrani Ed.

2004 Unfamiliar Relations. Family and History in South Asia. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.

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2008 Family in the Middle East. Ideational Change in Egypt, Iran and Tunisia. New York: Routledge

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2001 Hindu Wife, Hindu Nation. Community, Religion and Cultural Nationalism. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press.

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2005 Family, Law, and Politics. Volume II. Leiden: Brill

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1983 The Development of Family and Marriage in Europe. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Sangari, Kumkum and Sudesh Vaid

1989 Recasting Women. Essays in Colonial History. New Delhi: Kali for Women.

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1996 Women, the Family and Divorce Laws in Islamic History. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press.