This class will explore colonialism and empire in the modern Middle East in many of their varied expressions. We will chart the rise of colonial and imperial domination over the peoples of the region beginning in the early 19th Century and moving forward to the present through a range of anthropological, literary, and historical texts. De-colonization and resistance movements will also be studied as we more fully acknowledge agency and the capacity of individuals and movements to transform the world. We will examine vital themes related to, among other things, gender/sexuality, class, nationalism, urban studies, and racial politics. READINGS INCLUDE:

1) Franz Fanon, *The Wretched of the Earth* (1961)
2) Edward Said (various works)
4) Ann Stoler, *Tensions of Empire*
5) Albert Memmi, *The Colonizer and the Colonized* (1957)