

# The politics of the Middle East amidst conflict and cooperation

*Innovation and Tradition in Middle East and North Africa*

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# Summary of the Talk:

Ottoman Caliphate



Colonialism



National States



Panarabism



Political Islam



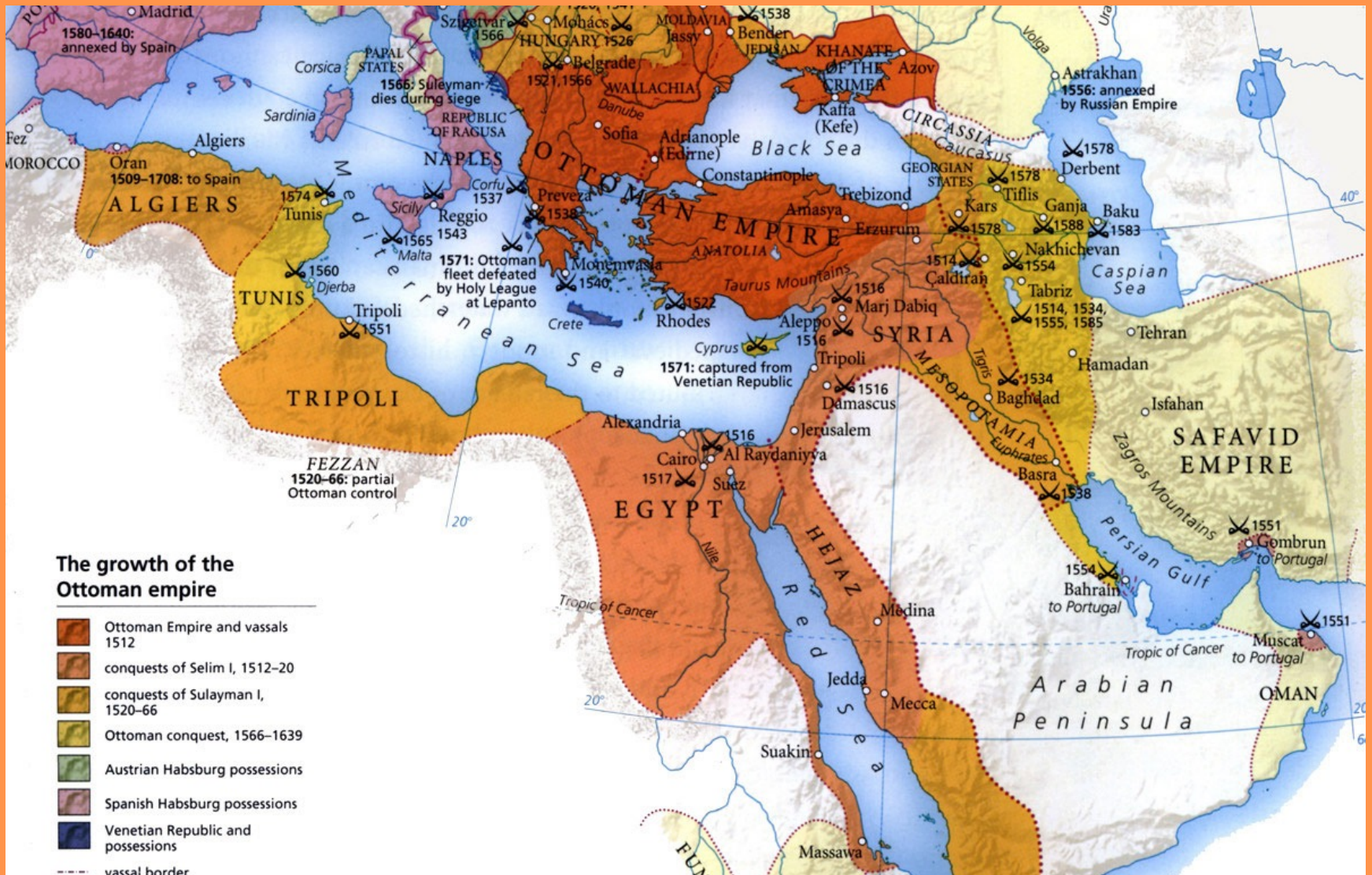
Arab revolts



Which options today ?



# The Ottoman Empire



# EMERGING CULTURES IN THE EMPIRE:

- LIBERALS & THE WEST
- MUSLIMS & THE CALIPH
- NATIONALISTS & THE ARMY





# CONFIGURATIONS OF THE NEW ARAB STATES:

- MUSLIM KINGDOMS
- MILITARY NATIONALISM
- SECULAR ARAB REPUBLICS

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# PANARABISM

- SOLIDARITY: INDEPENDENCE WARS  
(ALGERIA & YEMEN)
- COMMUNICATION: SPREAD OF ARABIC  
LANGUAGE & CULTURE  
(RADIO AND TELEVISION)
- COOPERATION AMONG NATIONALISTS  
& RELIGIOUS LEADERS



# ISLAM POLITICS & OIL



# INNOVATION & TRADITION

- OIL & CONSERVATIVE ISLAM
- ARMY & POLITICAL REPRESSION
- SYNDACATES & EDUCATION

# OPENING TO FOREIGN CAPITALS:





# ECONOMIC CRISES: DYNAMICS IN CONFLICT

- LIBERALISM INDUSTRIES & TOURISM
- CONSERVATIVE REACTIONS &  
TERRORISM
- STUDENTS HUMAN RIGHTS NGO'S &
- MINORITIES & WOMEN

# Media and women empowerment

- NGO to support women:
- Saadawi in Egypt
- Mernissi in Marocco
- Film: “I want a solution”
- Education,
- Work: Farmers\ Traders \Employees
- Media (Journals \TV)
- Music \ videos
- - Internet = freedom\ virtual forum
- - Books: “Girls of Riad”.



# TAHRIR SQUARE 2011

*PEOPLE ASKING FOR RIGHTS AND DIGNITY*





# WHY THE LIBERAL OPENING DID NOT WORK?

- RIGID OLIGARCHIES
- CORRUPTION
- LACK OF WELFARE
- YOUTH BULGE
- INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION



# WHICH DIRECTION?





EUROPE &  
MIDDLE EAST:  
BUSINESS  
& CULTURAL  
DIALOGUE  
YESTERDAY &  
TODAY



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