



REFERENCE GUIDE TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND ISLAM: Resources available at Lloyd Sealy Library



The Middle East is a geographic area that has the following borders: the Mediterranean sea in the west, Pakistan in the east, Turkey in the north, and the Arabian peninsula in the south. Countries included in this area are Afghanistan, Bahrain, Cyprus, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, the United

Arab Emirates, Yemen Arab Republic (North), and People's Democratic Republic of (South)Yemen. Political references to the Middle East often include North African countries that have predominately Arabic speaking or Muslim populations such as Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Sudan, Morocco, Mauritania and Tunisia. Many countries outside of this region also have predominantly Muslim populations including Albania, Indonesia, Malaysia, Kosovo, as well as Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan and other emerging Central Asian nations. There is also a growing population of Muslims in the North America and Europe. Some countries in this region, such as Iran, cannot be considered Arab. Nor is everyone living in the Middle East a Muslim; this region has a diverse population which practice several variations of all faiths.

The modern and historical Middle East is a subject of study fraught with complications and different points of view. General web searching on various Middle Eastern topics will result in many opinionated websites promoting various political, religious and social agendas. There are passionate opinions on all sides of every subject. Even the history of the Middle East has not been universally agreed upon.

The study of Islam, as with all religions, can also be difficult. The Koran (or Qu'ran) is the basis of all Muslim faith, which is believed to be the will of God as revealed to The Prophet Mohammed. Outside of the five pillars of Islam, which are religious duties that all Muslims should endeavor to achieve, there are many interpretations of the practice of Islam. Practice of the Muslim faith and interpretation of Islamic law is the result of centuries of on-going study and debate among religious, political and legal scholars, Imams and leaders. Dominant and minor branches of Islam are covered in most of the reference books, as well as practices common to different parts of the world.

The purpose of this guide is to present the print and electronic resources available at the Lloyd Sealy Library related to Islam and the Middle East. Lists of subject headings are also presented that can also be used as terms for key word searching in CUNY+ or journal index databases. Suggestions are also made for websites, web-resources and library resources outside of John Jay and CUNY.

REFERENCE BOOKS: on Islam and the Middle East

While some of these works include information on ancient times, most of these books cover the period after the coming of Islam in 622 B.C.E. A few specifically cover the medieval Islamic periods and others only modern times. Geographic scopes vary, some specific to certain regions, others cover all of Islam which has spread worldwide.

Country Reports On Human Rights Practices. (1979-present)

These reports are submitted to the U.S. Committee on Foreign Affairs. Reports from 1993-present are also available on-line at: <http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS1236>

Reference: JC571 .U48aS.

Encyclopaedia of Islam and the *Shorter Encyclopaedia of Islam* (1967)

This older work continues to be a useful resource for Islamic history and culture. Entries are based on classical and medieval Muslim writings. Lloyd Sealy Library's set is incomplete.

Reference: DS37 .E523

Esposito, John, ed. (2001)

The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World.

This encyclopedia offers up to date information on current events related to Islam throughout the world, including specific aspects of Islamic law and other socio-political issues.

Reference: DS35.53 .O95 2001

Esposito, John (1999)

Oxford History of Islam.

Arranged in thematic chapters, this very readable and well illustrated volume is useful for a general historical background on selected topics.

Reference: BP50 .O95 1999

Gibb, H.A.R., ed. (1970)

Cambridge History of Islam.

This classic resource that contains chronological and regional essays on Islamic history.

Reference: DS35.6 .C3

Glassé, Cyril, ed. (2001)

The New Encyclopedia of Islam.

A concise dictionary that covers from the pre Islamic period to the end of colonialism.

Reference: BP40 .G42 2001

The Holy Qur'an

Many editions of the Koran are available in the library. For a searchable edition go to:

<http://www.hti.umich.edu/k/koran/>

Reference and Stacks: BP109

Moussalli, Ahmad S. (1999)

Historical Dictionary of Islamic Fundamental Movements in the Arab World, Iran and Turkey.

This book offers a chronology of Islamic fundamentalist events as well as a dictionary of groups, individuals and movements.

Reference: BP60.M36 1999

Robinson, F. (1982)

Atlas of the Islamic World since 1500.

This book is a compact discussion of the history, beliefs and practices of Muslims around the world, including features and specific maps, chronology and lists of historical rulers.

Reference and Stacks: DS35.6 .R6 1982

Shavit, D. (1988)

The United States and the Middle East: a Historical Dictionary.

Entries include people, institutions and events related to U.S.-Middle East relations.

Reference: DS63.2 .U5 S384 1988

Simon, R., P. Mattar. and R. Bulliet, eds. (1996)

Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East.

These volumes cover the modern Middle East and include Muslim and non-Muslim subjects.

Reference: DS43 .E53 1996

Weeks, R., ed. (1984)

Muslim Peoples: A World Ethnographic Survey

This resource on Muslim people throughout the world is alphabetically arranged by ethnic group. Each entry includes beliefs, geographic location(s), tribal associations and history of each group.

Reference: 35.625 .A1 .M87 1984

Reference Books on the Ancient Near East and Ancient Egypt

Considered the 'cradle of civilization,' the history of the Middle East begins with the world's first writing, cities, government and laws. Many of these reference works begin with prehistory or civilization in 3100 B.C.E. and end at either the fall of Assyria in 662 B.C.E., the arrival of Alexander the Great in 332 B.C.E. or the coming of Islam in 622 C.E. Many of these books also cover the Biblical history of the Old and New Testaments.

The Anchor Bible

In addition to offering a definitive text of The Old Testament, these volumes discuss the contemporary historical and literary context of specific Biblical passages and stories. Lloyd Sealy Library does not own all volumes. Other Bibles are also in this area of the stacks.

Stacks: BS192.2 .A1

Baines, J and J. Malék (1982)

Atlas of Ancient Egypt.

This volume covers the history, culture and geography of ancient Egypt, much of the book covers the individual archaeological sites, which are arranged geographically.

Reference: DT56.9 .B34 1982

Coogan, Michael (1998)

Oxford History of the Biblical World.

Includes several very readable topical essays related to ancient periods in the Levant and other geographic areas of the Middle East that appear in the Bible.

Reference: BS635.2 .O94 1998

Manley, B. (1996)

Penguin Historical Atlas of Ancient Egypt

This small book includes the history and geography of ancient Egypt, including Nubia and the Levant, when relevant. Chronologically, this volume extends from prehistory to Classical times.

Reference and Stacks: DT49.9 .M36 1996

Neusner, Jacob and William Scott Green (1996)

Dictionary of Judaism in the Biblical World 450 B.C.E. to 600 C.E

Entries include information on people, places and events during Biblical times.

Reference BM50 .D525 1996

Sasson, J, ed, (1995)

Civilizations of the Ancient Near East.

These volumes include essays on Ancient Egypt, the Levant, Anatolia, Mesopotamia and Ancient Iran. There are several essays on the history and ancient laws of each region.

Reference: DS57 .C55 1995

Reference Books: Islamic Law

Islamic jurisprudence applies to personal behavior, actions and obligations in broader ways than western law. Based on interpretations of the Koran, legal actions are variously interpreted by the many jurisprudence schools of Islam. These books cover personal, social and political aspects of law, and explain and elaborate on legal Islamic terms, such as *Jihad*, *Hadith* and *Shari'a*. All of the general reference books on Islam should be consulted for general and specific aspects of Islamic Law. Many books can be found in the stacks under the call number **KBL**.

Anwarulla (2002)

The Criminal Law of Islam.

Describes punishments in *Shari'a* law for specific criminal acts.

Reference Law: KBP3791 .A933 1997

El-Awa, M. (1983)

Punishment in Islamic Law: A Comparative Study.

This volume presents different schools of interpretation of punishment in Islamic law and applications to Islamic penal systems.

Reference Law: KBL .A967p 1983

Bakhtiar, L. (1996)

Encyclopedia of Islamic Law: a Compendium of the Views of the Major Schools.

Arranged by subject, this volume covers personal, family and social issues as well as civic, economic and religious obligations.

Reference Law: KLB.E56 1996

Malik ibn Anas (transl. 1989)

Al-Muwatta of Imam Milik ibn Anas: The First Formulation of Islamic Law

An English translation of the earliest treatise on Islamic Jurisprudence.

Reference Law: KBL .M251 1989

Haleem, M., A. Sherif and K. Daniels (2003)

Criminal Justice in Islam: Judicial Procedure in the Shari'a.

Includes essays on Islamic law applied to specific aspects of criminal justice.

Reference Law: KBL3791 .C75 2003

Modern Legal Systems Cyclopedia

Volume 5 covers the legal systems in the Middle East.

Reference Law: K530.M6 1984

Reference Books: Israel

Israel is an important player in Middle Eastern politics and culture. Lloyd Sealy Library has several books specific to Israel.

Patai, R. (1971)

Encyclopedia of Zionism and Israel.

Entries include people, places and subjects related to Zionism and the founding of Israel.

Reference: DS149 .E597

Sebba, L, Horovitz, M and Geva, R (2003)

Criminal Justice Systems in Europe and North America: Israel.

A brief overview of the criminal justice system in Israel.

Reference Law: KMK3407 .S4 2003

Snyder, E (2000)

Israel: A Legal Research Guide

A bibliographical reference of primary sources, periodicals and reference books on law in Israel.

Reference Law: KMK47 .S65 2000

Looking for Books in the Stacks: SEARCHING CUNY+ by Subject Headings

The following subject headings and key word terms are suggested for finding books on Islam. Don't forget to include the names of individual countries, ethnic or political groups and regions

Arabic Fiction	Islamic law -- Philosophy
Arabic Literature	Islamic law -- Religious aspects
Arabs	Islamic law -- Sources
Egypt -- History -- To 332 B.C.	Islamic sociology
Iran-Iraq War 1980-1988	Islamic theology
Iraq War, 2003	Islamic women
Islam	Islamism
Islam -- 20th century	Middle East -- Antiquities
Islam -- 21st century	Middle East -- Armed forces
Islam -- Africa	Middle East -- Civilization -- To 622
Islam -- Africa -- History	Middle East -- Description and travel
Islam -- Africa, Sub-Saharan -- History	Middle East -- Economic conditions
Islam -- Controversial literature	Middle East -- Foreign relations
Islam -- Doctrines	Middle East -- Historiography
Islam -- History	Middle East -- History
Islam and communism	Middle East -- Politics and government
Islam and culture	Middle East -- Relations
Islam and economics	Middle East -- Relations -- United States
Islam and justice	Middle East -- Religion
Islam and politics	Middle East -- Social conditions
Islam and politics -- Middle East	Middle East -- Social life and customs
Islam and state	Middle East -- Strategic aspects
Islam and terrorism	Middle East peace process
Islam and world politics	Middle Eastern peace process
Islamic international law	Mid-East peace process
Islamic law	Muslim Women
Islamic law -- Arabia, Southern -- History	Muslims
Islamic law -- Early works to 1800	Persian Gulf
Islamic law -- History	Persian Gulf War, 1991
Islamic law -- Interpretation and construction	Qaida (Organization)
Islamic law -- Islamic countries	Terrorism -- Middle East.

JOURNAL ARTICLES: Finding articles in Journals through the databases

The following Databases index journal and magazine articles on the Middle East and Islam:

EBSCO Host Academic Search Premier	History and Life
Ethnic News Watch	Humanities Abstracts
Lexis Nexis Academic	Social Science Abstracts
JSTOR	Worldwide Political Science Abstracts
Historical Abstracts	

ELECTRONIC JOURNALS:

We have on-line access to thousands of journals, magazines and other serials, including:

<i>Africa & the Middle East Telecom</i>	<i>Journal of the American Oriental Society</i>
<i>Alif: Journal of Comparative Poetics</i>	<i>Medieval Encounters: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim culture in confluence</i>
<i>AME Info Middle East Business Information</i>	<i>MERIP Middle East Report</i>
<i>American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences</i>	<i>MERIP Reports</i>
<i>American Journal of Semitic Languages and Literatures</i>	<i>Middle East & Africa Financial Alert</i>
<i>Arabic and Middle Eastern literatures</i>	<i>Middle East (London)</i>
<i>British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies</i>	<i>Middle East Economic Digest</i>
<i>Bulletin of the School of Oriental Studies, University of London</i>	<i>Middle East Intelligence Bulletin</i>
<i>Business Middle East</i>	<i>Middle East Monitor</i>
<i>Handbook of the Middle East</i>	<i>Middle East Policy</i>
<i>Hebraica</i>	<i>Middle East Quarterly</i>
<i>International Journal of Middle East Studies</i>	<i>Middle East Report</i>
<i>International Journal of Middle East Studies</i>	<i>Middle East Review of International Affairs</i>
<i>Islam & Christian Muslim Relations</i>	<i>Middle East Women's Studies Review</i>
<i>Islamic Horizons</i>	<i>Middle Eastern Literatures</i>
<i>Islamic Law and Society</i>	<i>Middle Eastern Studies</i>
<i>Journal of Arabic and Islamic Studies</i>	<i>Muslim World (Hartford)</i>
<i>Journal of Islamic Law</i>	<i>Pakistan Forum</i>
<i>Journal of Islamic Law & Culture</i>	<i>UCLA Journal of Islamic and Near Eastern Law</i>
<i>Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs</i>	<i>Washington report on Middle East Affairs</i>
<i>Journal of Near Eastern Studies</i>	<i>Welt des Islams</i>
<i>Journal of Palestine Studies</i>	

NEWSOURCES: English Language News Sources From And About The Middle East

DATABASES:

Indexes and full text links to newspaper articles on Islam and the Middle East:

EBSCO Host Academic Search Premier
Ethnic NewsWatch
Lexis-Nexis
New York Times Historical Index

NEWSPAPERS IN JOHN JAY LIBRARY:

We subscribe to the following newspapers:

Muslim Journal (Chicago) This newspaper covers American Muslim related issues.
Current year is on reserve, older issues are on microfilm. **AN1 .M8**

New York Times: Current week is at the Reference Desk, current 3 months are on reserve; older issues are available on microfilm and through *Lexis-Nexis* and the *New York Times Historical File*. **Microfilm: AN1 .N4**

Wall Street Journal: Current six months are on Reserve; older issues are available on microfilm
Microfilm: AN1 .W3

ON-LINE NEWS SOURCES:

These English language news networks cover the Middle East:

Al-Jazeera Stories presented on this website are often quoted in the American press.

<http://english.aljazeera.net/english/>

al-Arabiya The second largest independent Middle Eastern news source.

<http://www.alarabiya.net/english.aspx>

World News Network Middle East Links, including many English language links to local news.

<http://www.wnmid east.com/>

Middle East Media Research Institute English translations selected Middle Eastern newspapers.

<http://www.memri.org/>

ON-LINE NEWSPAPERS:

See also www.world-newspapers.com.

A selection of newspapers published in English from Middle East:

The Middle East Times, weekly, from Egypt

www.metimes.com/

The Jerusalem Post:

<http://www.jpost.com/>

Gulf Daily News

www.gulf-daily-news.com/

Kuwait: *The Kuwait Times*

<http://www.kuwaittimes.net/today/index.php>

Bahrain

Bahrain Tribune:

www.bahraintribune.com/

Jordan: *The Jordan Times*

<http://www.jordantimes.com/mon/index.htm>

Egypt

Cairo Times

<http://www.cairotimes.com/>

Lebanon: *The Daily Star*

<http://www.dailystar.com.lb/home.asp>

Iraq: *Iraq Today* (requires registration)

<http://www.iraq-today.com/>

Oman

Oman Daily Observer

<http://www.omanobserver.com/>

Israel:

Ha'aretz:

<http://www.haaretzdaily.com/>

Palestine

Bethlehem News

<http://www.bethlehemnews.com/>

Syria:
Syria Times
<http://www.teshreen.com/syriatimes/index.htm>

Turkey:
Turkish Daily News
<http://www.turkishdailynews.com/>

Saudia Arabia:
Arab News:
<http://www.arabnews.com/>

ONLINE RESOURCES AND WEBSITES

Because the Middle East and Islam are subjects that invoke passionate political and social opinions, finding an unbiased website can be very difficult. The websites below are considered good places to find reliable information, and provide many links to more information.

GENERAL websites:

Encyclopedia of the Orient

A comprehensive, searchable on-line resource on the Middle East and North Africa.

<http://i-cias.com/e.o/index.htm>

Country Studies, CIA World Fact Books

This site includes up to date factual information on all Middle Eastern and Muslim countries.

lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html

ISLAM websites:

The Virtual Hajj

This site explains the Hajj (pilgrimage to Mecca) with an illustrated description of the experience.

<http://www.princeton.edu/~humcomp/vhajj.html>

Electronic version of The Holy Qur'an,

Searchable text of the Koran. Translated by M.H. Shakir and published by Tahrike Tarsile texts.

<http://www.hti.umich.edu/k/koran/>

ISLAMIC LAW websites:

Islamic and Middle Eastern Law Materials on the Net

This site is maintained by The Center for Islamic and Middle Eastern Law, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

<http://www.soas.ac.uk/Centres/IslamicLaw/Materials.html>

Islamic Family Law site

Hosted by Emory University Law School, this site offers a global perspective of the application of *Sharia* to all aspects of family life.

<http://www.law.emory.edu/IFL/>

OTHER Islam and Middle East Web Resources:

Near Eastern, Islamic & Arabic Studies: Selected Internet Resources

From the Near Eastern Section, Yale University Libraries.

<http://www.library.yale.edu/neareast/neareastern.html>

Middle East Studies Resources:

From the Middle East Department, Columbia University Libraries

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/mideast/cuvlm/index.html>

Resources for Studying Islam and the Diverse Perspectives of Muslims

A list maintained by Alan Godlas at University of Georgia.

<http://www.uga.edu/islam/>

MENIC the Middle East Network Information Center

<http://menic.utexas.edu/menic.html>

History in the News: The Middle East

Links to sites covering history in the Middle East from the History dept. at SUNY Albany.

<http://www.albany.edu/history/middle-east/>

RESOURCES OUTSIDE JOHN JAY COLLEGE AND CUNY
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NYPL Humanities and Social Science Library: The Asian and Middle Eastern Division

Open to all, this non-circulating collection has research level resources on a variety of Middle Eastern topics.

<http://www.nypl.org/research/chss/ort/ort.html>

NYPL Local Branch Libraries

The LEO catalog is available on-line and allows you to request most materials to be sent to your home branch. There are many popular and scholarly books, videos and DVDs on the Middle East and Islam available to borrow. Links are provided to the catalogs and locations of Queens Borough and Brooklyn Public Libraries Branches.

<http://www.nypl.org/branch/>

African and Middle East Division, Library of Congress

Including many web resources created by this division and other US government agencies.

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/amed/>

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