

The Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures announces the following new undergraduate course by visiting professor Dr. Samar Attar during the Second 8-week Session in Spring 2012.

ARABS' PERCEPTION OF EUROPEANS IN MODERN ARABIC LITERATURE

NELC-N 204

Course Registration Number: 34520



Spring Semester 2012; Second 8-week Session

Instructor: Samar Attar
2:30-5:00pm Tuesday/Thursday
Goodbody Hall 333

The colonial experience has shaped the Arabs' perception of Westerners and the West in general. Generations of Arab intellectuals are still engaged in critical re-evaluations of the intercultural discourse between East and West. Using Frantz Fanon's *Les Damnés de la Terre*, or *The Wretched of the Earth*, first published in 1961, as a frame of reference, we will explore the psychological effect of colonization on the psyche of the colonized, and examine the notion of representation along with the discovery of Self and Other in a variety of modern Arabic texts. Furthermore, we will consider Fanon's theories on the brutal practices of colonialism, and the possible pitfalls of autocratic regimes that follow the colonial era. Discussions of the contemporary Arab spring uprisings will be included.

Readings will include some of the works of Arab writers, such as Taha Husayn and Yahya Haqqi from Egypt, Al-Tayeb Salih from Sudan, Kanafani, Khalifah, Tuqan and Habibi from Palestine/Israel, and possibly others as well.

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