Middle Eastern History Reading List:
History MA Comprehensive Oral Examination

Abbreviated instructions (full instructions here): Students not writing a thesis must present themselves for examination in three subfields. Students will take three subfield examinations (written, three hours each) within a one-week period, followed by a one-hour oral examination with the Graduate Advisory Committee. For the subfield of Middle Eastern History, students will be expected to synthesize the arguments and evidence of at least fifteen of the following books and articles. Students interested in this subfield should contact Professor Yousefi for guidance. Call numbers at the end of each entry are for copies at the Meriam Library. Books without call numbers have been ordered by the library, but should be requested via Interlibrary Services.

Basics (choose five – consult Professor Yousefi for the order in which the titles in this section may be studied)


Focused (choose five – alternatives of comparable importance and length may be suggested)


**Historiography (choose two primary and three secondary)**


