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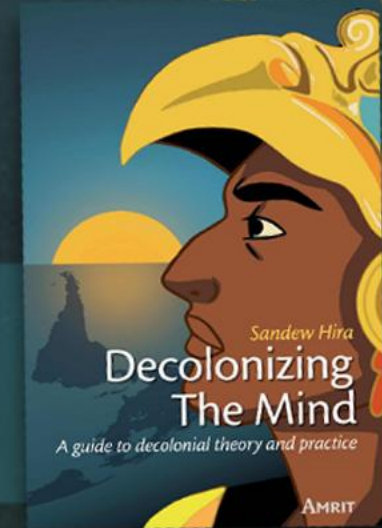
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The role of Turkiye



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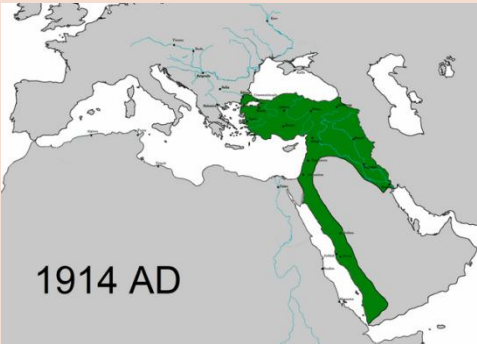
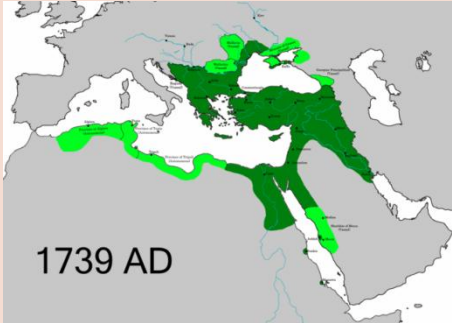
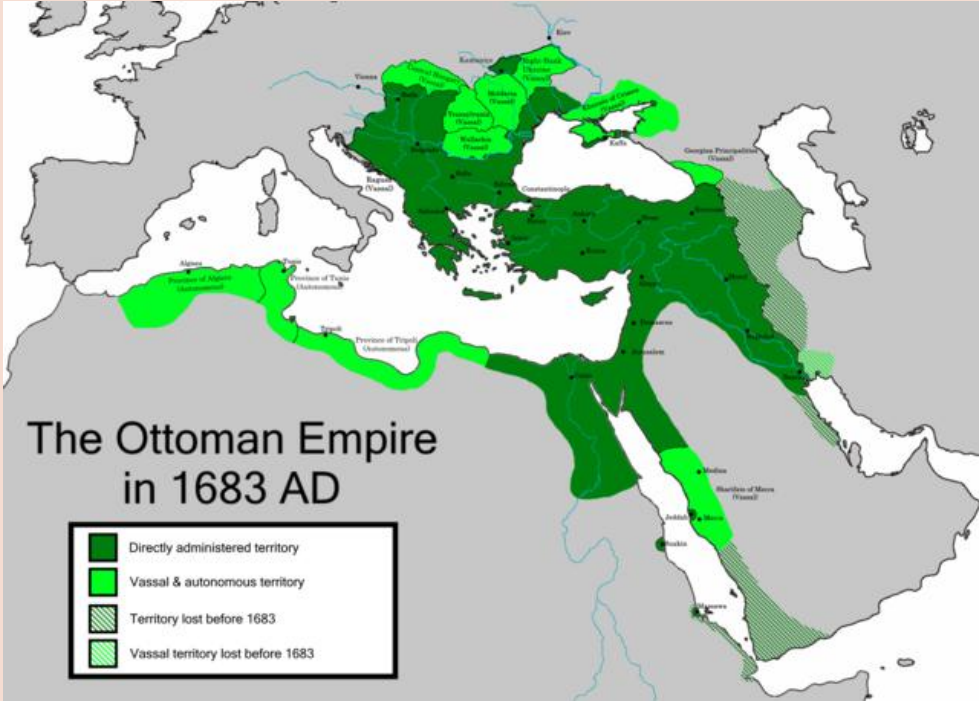
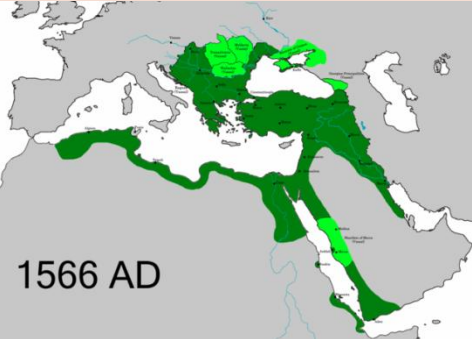
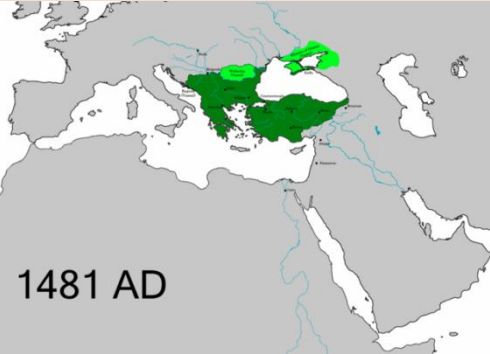
- ❑ Understanding the history of Türkiye
- ❑ The relationship between Türkiye and the US
- ❑ The relationship between Türkiye and Iran

Ottoman empire

- ❑ Founded by Osman (1258-1323) in Anatolia
- ❑ Sultanate lasted until 3 March 1924:
Republic of Turkiye
- ❑ Palestine was part of Ottoman empire



Ottoman empire geography



British empire: 35 square km
Ottoman empire: 5 square km

Turning a Muslim empire into a secular republic

- ❑ Kemal Ataturk (1881-1938): Turkiye - modern secular state
- ❑ Social reforms: banning fezzes and turbans for men, discouraging veils or headscarves



The Islamic response

- ❑ Egypt, the Muslim Brotherhood, founded in 1928
- ❑ Türkiye, the Justice and Development Party (AKP), founded in 2001, came to power in 2012 with a sweeping two-thirds majority in parliament.

The Sunni/Shi'a divide

- ❑ Erdogan or Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud: leader of the Sunni Muslim world?
- ❑ Is Iran the biggest enemy or Israel?
- ❑ What about Palestine?

Abraham accords

- ❑ The Abraham Accords Peace Agreement: bilateral agreements on Arab–Israeli normalization signed between Israel and the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain on August 13, 2020
- ❑ Erdogan condemned the accords and expressed his support for the Palestinians

Erdogan speech on October 28

□ The question of the crusades

- In 1917 the British launched an attack against the Ottomans and captured Palestine. On entering the city of Jerusalem British general Edmund Allenby declared: *“The wars of the Crusades are now complete.”*
- Speech Erdogan October 28, 2023: *Is this a war of the Cross and the Crescent.*

□ Other points in his speech

- We declare Israel a war criminal
- Hamas is not a terrorist organization, it is a liberation group, mujahideen waging a battle to protect its lands and people
- We are such a great nation and state that our strength, our problem, our struggle is not only limited to our borders
- We are on the side of the oppressed. From now on, we will continue on our path with the motto that we may suddenly knock on your door one night.

Relations with USA

- ❑ Turkiye is part of NATO
- ❑ There is a US military base in Turkiye. Used during the first Gulf War and to launch air strikes on Afghanistan
- ❑ Increasingly antagonism between Turkiye and USA
 - ❑ 2016: Failed military coup against Erdogan. Erdogan accuses Fethullah Gülen living in Pennsylvania USA: support from CIA
 - ❑ Now Israel war in Palestine

Relations with Iran

- ❑ The lingering Sunni/Shi'a divide.
- ❑ Now: openly visit from Minister Iran To Turkiye to discuss war
- ❑ Turkiye: two-state solution
- ❑ Iran: one-state solution
- ❑ Where to go from here?

The ongoing war

- ❑ The norther front in Israel is in full swing
- ❑ 2021 war May 10-21: rocket attacks not invasion. Israel: 13 killed, 5 civilians. Palestine: 260 people killed, 66 children and 40 women.
- ❑ 2023 war: 9.000 killed in Gaza, 1.400 in occupied Palestine
- ❑ Since Gaza attack: Israel 345 soldiers killed
- ❑ Hamas: in past 48 hours 24 enemy vehicles and tanks were destroyed

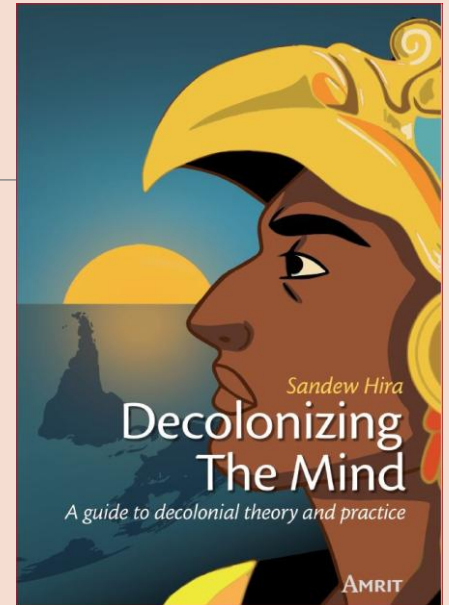
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- ❑ Russia and the fight against terrorism
- ❑ Russia and the multipolar world
- ❑ Russia and the two state solution
- ❑ Russian and Hamas



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