Abbasid
abaya
ʿabd
ʿAbd al-ʿAziz
ʿAbd al-Hamid (in Arabic source; Abdülhamit in modern Turkish)
adab
Aden Protectorate
ahl al-ʿadl wa-l-tawhīd
ahl al-bayt
ahl al-ḥadīth
ʿAʾisha
akḥbār
Al Saʿud (family)
ʿAlawites
ʿAli
aliya (Hebrew)
Allah (Allāh in Arabic phrase)
amān (security, protection of life)
ʿAmili (as in Jabal ʿAmil)
amīr
Ammān
ancien régime
al-Andalus
aḥṣār
anti-Semitic
ʿaḥd (creedal issues)
ʿaql
Arabian peninsula
Arab renaissance
Yasir Arafat
arāk
archival
arms-sales (adj)
ʿashāʾ (prayer)
Ashkenazi(m)
ashraf (Prophet’s lineage)
ʿAshuraʾ
Asia Minor
Azerbaijan
Hafiz al-Asad (Syrian pres.)

Baalbek
Baburnama (autobiography of Emperor Babur)
Baʿth Party
Bahai (adj + n: s + pl)
baraka
bāṭil (invalid)
baʾya (oath, deal, agreement)
bazaar, bāzārī
tendouin (s + pl)
Bekaa Valley
Belarus
belles-lettres
bey
bidʿa / pl. bidaʿ (innovation)
Bilad al-Sham
black (people, studies, etc.)
black-marketeering (n)
Bosporus
businesspeople
by-product

Camp David Accords
caliphate
Capitulations (Ottoman)
casbah
Central Asia
20th century
chock-full
city-state
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Communist/ism (except apolitical)
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F

Faisal (Saudi king; otherwise Faysal)

faqīh / pl. fuqahā’
fātiha
fatwa
fellah / pl. fellahin
Fertile Crescent
fiqh
fīrmān (imperial edict)
firsthand
fitna
fītrī (innate)
follow-up
Free French (adj. + n)
Free Officers' coup
fuṣḥā

G

Gadhafi
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game-theoretical
Gaza Strip
Geniza (Cairo)
geopolitical
ghurfat al-tijāra (chamber of
commerce)
global North/South
GNP
grassroots
Great Power
Great Seljuqs
Great Terror (Stalin)
Greater Lebanon
Greater Syria
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E

East India (Company)
Eastern Bloc
effendi
effendiyya
embassy; e.g. Russian embassy
etatism
Gulf War (Persian)
the Gulf (Persian/Arabian understood)

H

Habash (approx. Ethiopia)
ḥadd
hadith
ḥadra (spiritual gathering)
hajj
hakim (ruler)
ḥakīm (wise)
halal
halfhearted
hammam
ḥaraka
hardheaded/hotheaded
ḥasan (fair/good—hadith)
Hashimite
Hidden Imam
hijab
Hijaz
ḥijra
ḥikma
ḥisba (enforcement of religious laws)
Hizbullah
Holy Land
houri
ḥudna (truce)
ḥudūd
Husayn (the Prophet's relative)
Hussein (Jordan & Iraq)

I

ʾibādāt (religious obligations)
ʾidd (ʾidd al-фи, ʾidd al-اًدِحَأ)
ʾidda (waiting period—legal)

Ifriqiya
iḥyāʾ (revival)
ijāza (diploma)
ijmāʿ (consensus)
ijtihād
ikhtilāf (disagreement)
ikhwān (brothers/brotherhood)
ilhām (inspiration)
Ilkhanid
ʾilm
imam(ate); imaret (Turkish)
IMF
import–export
infitāḥ
the International (USSR)
Internet
intifada
Iran–Iraq War
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Islam (İslām in Arabic phrase)
Islamic republic
Islamic Republic of Iran
Islamicate
Ismaʿili
isnād
istishhād

J

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Jamaʿa Islamiyya
Janissaries
Jewish state
jihad
jinni/ pl. jinn
jizya (poll tax)
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Kaʿba (al-rukn al-aswad)
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kaffiyeh
kalām
khaṭṭīb
khedive
Khomeini
khulʿ (female-prerogative divorce)
khutba
Kifaya movement
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makḥzan
maktab
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majlīs al-shūrā (consultive council)
Mamluk (Egyptian dynasty)
mamluk (slave/soldier)
Mandate (n/adj, British or French occupation after WWI)
manīq (logic)
maqāla
maqām (stage on the path)
Mashriq
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medina
Messiah; messianic
metropole
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Middle Eastern (adj)
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mīḥna (hardship)
mīhrah
millet (Turkish); milla/millat (Arabic)
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(la) mission civilisatrice
Mizrahi(m)
Mossadegh
Maʿalim fi al-Tariq (Milestones)
mudawwana (body of laws)
muezzin
mufti
Mughal
Muhammad
Muḥarram (1st month)
mujahidin
mukhtār (chosen one, leader)
mulla
murīd (disciple)
murshid (spiritual guide)
musāfirūn (travelers)
Muslim
Muʿtazila
mutakallimūn (kalām scholars)

nahḍa
nakba
-nama (suffix meaning book)
naql (tradition)
naqlan ʿan (transmitted by)
naṣib (fate)
Gamal Abdel Nasser
nation-state
neocolonial
Night Journey
nihzat-i banuwan (women’s movement—Persian)
al-niqābāt al-mihniyya (preferred)
(professional associations)
nonetile
nonnegotiable
Nowruz

occupied territories
Old City (Jerusalem)
ongoing
Orient/Oriental/orientalist/orientalism
Ottoman Empire

pan-Arabism
Pan-Islam(ic)
per se
Persian (language—not Farsi)
petite bourgeoisie
petro-dollar
Pharaonic
PhD (CMS 15.21)
PLO
policymaker/making
Porte (Sublime Porte)
postcolonial
postwar
Praetorian (adj)
preempt
preexisting
pro-government
the (Sublime) Porte
the Prophet (Muhammad)

Qaboos (sultan of Oman)
Qaddafi (Muammar el) (Libyan pres.)
qadi
al-Qaʿida
qānūn
qaṣida
Qasimi
al-qawmiyya al-ʿarabiyya (Arab nationalism)
qibla
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Qizilbash
quasi-state
Quʾran(ic)
raison d’être
Ras al-Khaimah
ra’y (subject opinion—law)
reexamine
rentier state
Renaissance (European renaissance)
Republican
republican Turkey
revisit
rial
ribā (interest)
riwāya (novel)
Royalist
the Reconquest (of Spain)

S

Safavids
ṣadaqa
ṣahāba (companions)
ṣahīḥ (correct, sound—hadith)
ṣahwa (awakening—rare)
Salafi (religious/political movement)
salafī
salat (ṣalāa in transliterated phrases)
salnames (Ottoman state registers)
Sanaa
sanad (moral support)
sanjak
Sasanian
sayyid (sāda)
secondhand
security zone (Israel)
self-interest
Seljuq
shaʾb

Shafiʿi
shah, but Shah when referring to Reza Pahlavi
shahāda
Shahnama (Book of Kings)
sharīf / pl. ashrāf
shārīḥ (commentary)
shariʿa
shawarma
shaykh (preferred)
shaykh al-Islam (Turkish—sheikh ül-Islam)
Shebʿa farms
Shīʿi (n + adj); Shīʿī Islam (not Shiʿism); Shīʿa (adherents)
shiʿr (poetry)
[sic] (CMS 7.56)
silsila (chain of ancestry, register)
al-sīra (Muhammad bio)
siyāsa
Sinai Peninsula
Six Day War
smallholder (n)
socioeconomic/sociopolitical
South Lebanon
Southwest Asia
state capitalism
state feminism
State of Israel
status quo
sub-Saharan
subcontinent (India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, etc.)
successors (to the Prophet)
Sudan (not the Sudan)
Sufi(sm)
sufūr
Süleiman (the Magnificent)
sultan
sunna/Sunni  
suq  
sura  
suyurgyal (Persian term for land tenure)  

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\(\text{\textasciitilde}abaqa\) (class)  
\(\text{\textasciitilde}\text{b}i\text{\textasciitilde}\text{\textasciitilde}\text{\textasciitilde}n\) (successors)  
\(\text{\textasciitilde}dhkara\) (deed)  
\(\text{\textasciitilde}h\text{\textasciitilde}ra\) (ritual purity)  
\(\text{\textasciitilde}hr\text{\textasciitilde}r\) (Ottoman registers; document, record)  
\(\text{\textasciitilde}j\text{\textasciitilde}d\text{\textasciitilde}d\) (innovation, renewal)  
\(\text{\textasciitilde}\text{\textasciitilde}r\) (excommunication)  
\(\text{\textasciitilde}l\text{\textasciitilde}q\) (male prerogative divorce)  
\(\text{Tanzimat}\) (Ottoman reform, 1839-76)  
\(\text{\textasciitilde}q\text{\textasciitilde}d\text{\textasciitilde}d\) (imitation)  
\(\text{\textasciitilde}r\text{\textasciitilde}qa\) (Sufi order)  
\(\text{\textasciitilde}aw\text{\textasciitilde}w\text{\textasciitilde}f\) (mysticism)  
Tehran  
\(\text{\textasciitilde}zk\text{\textasciitilde}r\text{\textasciitilde}r\text{\textasciitilde}\text{\textasciitilde}i\text{\textasciitilde}\text{\textasciitilde}\text{\textasciitilde}r\text{\textasciitilde}\text{\textasciitilde}s\text{\textasciitilde}\text{\textasciitilde}m\text{\textasciitilde}\text{\textasciitilde}r\) (Ottoman id)  
Third World  
Timurid  
top-down (adj)  
trade-off  
Transjordan  
tsarist Russia  
Turcoman (not Turkman)  
Twelver  
twelfth imam  
twin-pillar policy (Nixon era)  

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vali; wālī (Arabic, more common)  
vizier; wazīr (Arabic)  

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Wafd Party  
Wahhabism; Wahhabi  
wahy (inspiration, revelation)  
wālī / pl. awliyā\(\text{\textasciitilde}\)  
waq\(\text{\textasciitilde}\) / pl. awqā\(\text{\textasciitilde}\); vak\(\text{\textasciitilde}\) (Turkish)  
wat\(\text{\textasciitilde}\)an; vatan (Turkish)  
wahā (revelation)  
wayla (disaster)  
website  
Western world  
Westernized  
white (people)  
wilāya (Turkish vilayet)  
worldview  
wujahā\(\text{\textasciitilde}\)  

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ultranational
tanker war
Tobacco Protest (Iran)
Turkish War of Independence
ʿUrabi revolt
war on terror
World War I, II
Yom Kippur War
[1973 war, October war]
Young Turk Revolution [1908 revolution]

zakat
zāwiya
zināʾ
Zionist lobby

WARS & TURMOIL

1919 revolution
9/11
Afghan War
Cold War
Constitutional Revolution (Iran, Turkey)
Crusades (13th, 14th, 15th C)
Great Syrian Revolution (1920s)
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Iraq War
Islamic or Iranian Revolution
[1979 revolution]
Israeli War of Independence
[1948 war]
Lebanese War [1982 war]
Peasant Revolt of 1919 [1919 revolt]
Persian Gulf War [Gulf War]
Reconquest [of Spain]
Six Day War [1967 war]
Suez Crisis/Suez War