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The Middle East and the World: A Middle-Eastern View on International Relations (SPME206)

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Mon-Wed: 2:30pm - 5:30pm

45 Academic Hours, 3 Academic Credits

Course Description

What has made the Middle East so attractive to the world over the last century? This course will address this from a regional, Middle Eastern point of view. Taking a regional, rather than state centered perspective; we will attempt to diagnose the common denominators and rules behind nationalism and ethnicity, domestic politics and foreign policy in the Middle East and North Africa.

Course Requirements

At the end of the course, students can chose between a final exam and a short paper on a subject of their choice, subject to my approval. No previous experience or knowledge is necessary and the course is open to every student with interest in the modern Middle East.

Course Outline

1..Defining the Middle East

- Karl Yambert (ed.) *The Contemporary Middle East*. Boulder:Westview, 2006. pp.1-7. **ME9(08) Y19**
- Ian R. Manners and Barbara Mckean Parmenter, "The Middle East: A Geographic Preface" in: Deborah J. Gerner and Jillian Schwedler (eds) *Understanding the Contemporary Middle East*. Boulder and London: Lynne Rienner, 2004. pp.5-33. **ME9 S412**

2.The Strategic Importance of the Middle East: Oil and Resources

- Wilfred Thesiger, *Arabian Sands*. London: Penguin, 1964. pp.262-280. **Main Library DS 208 T48 1960**

- Mary Ann Tetreault, “The Political economy of Middle East Oil” in; *Understanding*, pp.249-273. **ME9 S412**

3.Religions

- John L.Esposito, Muhammad Muqtedar Khan and J. Schwedler, “Religion and Politics in the Middle East” in; *Understanding*, pp. 363-387. **ME9 S412**

The Arabs: The Rise and Fall of Pan Arabism

- Arthur Goldschmidt and Lawrence Davidson, “The Roots of Arab Bitterness”, in: *The Contemporary Middle East*, pp.27-41. **ME9(08) Y19**
- Albert Hourani, *A History of the Arab Peoples*, Oxford:OUP, 1991. Chapter 25. **ME9 H841**

4.Minority Groups

- Colbert Held “Peoples and Cultures of the Middle East” in: *The Contemporary Middle East*, pp.7-27. **ME9(08) Y19**

5.Subregions

The Arabian Peninsula (Saudi Arabia , Yemen)

- David E. Long, “The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia”, in: *The Contemporary Middle East*, pp.185-199. **ME9(08) Y19**

Iraq and Iran

- Phebe Marr, “The Land and People of Modern Iraq”, in: *The Contemporary Middle East*, pp.119-131. **ME9(08) Y19**
- Thabit Abdullah, *Dictatorship, Imperialism and Chaos:Iraq since 1989*, London ; Zed Books, 2006. pp.88-122. **956.7 A136**
- Anthony Shadid, “The Iranian Revolution and the Rebirth of Political Islam”, in: *The Contemporary Middle East*, pp.143-159. **ME9(08) Y19 2**

3The Persian Gulf

- Shibley Telhami , “The Role of the Persian Gulf Region”, in: *The Contemporary Middle East*, pp.171-185. **ME9(08) Y19**

Egypt

- Arthur Goldschmidt Jr, “Egypt under Mubarak”, in: *The Contemporary Middle East*, pp.211-221. **ME9(08) Y19**

6.Poor and Over Populated Countries vs Wealthy and Under Populated Countries

- Valentine M. Moghadam, “Population Growth, Urbanization and the Challenges of Unemployment”, in: *Understanding*, pp.273-299. **ME9 S412**

7.Regional Conflicts

The Israeli –Palestinian Conflict

- Simona Sharoni and Mohammed Abu-Nimer, “The Israeli –Palestinian Conflict”, in: *Understanding*, pp. 169-211. **ME9 S412**
- William L. Cleveland, “Israeli-Palestinian Relations since the Gulf War”, in: *The Contemporary Middle East*, pp. 75-93. **ME9(08) Y19**