



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
MIR-515DE	Eastern Mediterranean History and Politics	10
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
None	Politics and Governance	Fall/Spring
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Core	Eastern Mediterranean Studies	English
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
1 st Cycle	Prof. Hubert Faustmann	1 st
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Corequisites
Distance Learning	N/A	None

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Introduce and examine the historical, political, social and economic developments that have shaped and are shaping the countries of the Eastern Mediterranean from the end of the Ottoman Period to the present day
- To provide students with a thorough understanding of the key events and developments that have shaped the modern and contemporary history of the Eastern Mediterranean as a region
- To critically assess the various past and present conflicts in the region but also models of cooperation in particular in the context of recent hydrocarbon findings
- To assess the impact of the Arab Spring on the societies and states in the region
- To analyse and discuss the foreign policies of the countries of the region
- To understand the policies of external players like the US, the Soviet Union/Russia, China and the European Union in the Eastern Mediterranean

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the historical, political, social and economic developments that have shaped and are shaping the countries of the Eastern Mediterranean

2. Critically assess the modern and contemporary history of the Eastern Mediterranean
3. Understand the contribution and impact of past events on the current situation in the various countries of the region and their relations
4. Critically assess the changing agendas and policies of the external players in the main developments in the region since the late 19th Century.
5. Use IT skills (word processing, Internet and e-mail) as study and communication tools.
6. Give written and oral presentations on Eastern Mediterranean History and Politics and be able to organize the available time and cope with deadlines;
7. Communicate in English language both orally and in written form at (near) native level.
8. Have the learning skills to allow them to continue education in a self-directed manner and to work on an academic level within the intended professional field.
9. Make efficient use of libraries, bibliographical material and academic research.

Course Content:**Part I**

Introduction/Key Features of the History and Politics of the Eastern Mediterranean

Modern History and Contemporary Politics of Greece

Modern History and Contemporary Politics of Turkey

Modern History and Contemporary Politics of Cyprus

Modern History and Contemporary Politics of Syria

Modern History and Contemporary Politics of Lebanon

Part II

Modern History and Contemporary Politics of Israel

Modern History and Politics of the Palestinians

Modern History and Politics of Egypt

Modern History and Politics of Libya

Geopolitics and Energy in the East Med.: Israel, Greece, Cyprus/Turkey, Egypt

Great Power Geopolitics and Energy in the East Med: US, Russia/China, European Union

Final Exam

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Power Point and oral presentations, tutorials, essay assignments, forums and chats

Assessment Methods:

Essay Assignment
Two Essays from the Weekly Discussion Topics
Five Comments on Power Point Presentations
Final examination

Required Textbooks / Readings:

This course has no single textbook but a list of readings available on the weekly study guide

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:**General/Cross Topic:**

Hinnebusch, R. & Gani, J.K. (ed) (2019) *The Routledge Handbook to the Middle East and North African State and States System*. Routledge, 2019.

Holland, R. & Markides, D. (2008) *The British and the Hellenes: Struggles for Mastery in the Eastern Mediterranean 1850-1960*. Oxford University Press. [28 September 2021].
<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/nicosia/detail.action?docID=422454>.

Hourani, A. & Ruthven, M. (2010) *A History of the Arab People*. New Edition, Cambridge.

Lewis, B (2002) *What Went Wrong?: Western Impact and Middle Eastern Response*. Oxford University Press USA - OSO, Cary. Available from: ProQuest Ebook Central. [28 September 2021]. <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/nicosia/detail.action?docID=279494#>.

Lewis, B. (1995) *The Middle East. A Brief History of the Last 2.000 Years*. Scribner.

Litsas, S. N., & Tziampiris, A. (2019) *The New Eastern Mediterranean: Theory, Politics and States in a Volatile Era*, Springer, Cham, Switzerland. [28 September 2021].
<https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=ip,sso&db=nlebk&AN=1831073&site=eds-live>

Malley, R. (2019) *The Unwanted Wars. Why the Middle East is More Combustible Than Ever*. Foreign Affairs, Vol. 98, No. 6, pp. 38-46. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/middle-east/2019-10-02/unwanted-wars>.

Milton-Edwards, B. (2019) *Contemporary Politics in the Middle East*. 4th edition, Polity.

Patai, R. (2007) *The Arab Mind*. Revised Edition, Recovery Resource Press.

Rogan, E. (2016) *The Fall of the Ottomans*. Penguin.

Rogan, E. (2018) *The Arabs. A History*. Penguin.

Schwedler, J. (ed.) (2019) *Understanding the Contemporary Middle East*. Lynne Rienner Publishers, Boulder, CO. Available from: ProQuest Ebook Central. [28 September 2021]. <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/nicosia/detail.action?docID=6191480#>.

Tziampiris, A./Foteini, A. (2021) *The New Eastern Mediterranean Transformed: Emerging Issues and New Actors*, Springer
<https://web.p.ebscohost.com/ehost/ebookviewer/ebook/bmxlYmtfXzI5NTMxMTJfX0FO0?sid=5232991d-5b89-4445-b5f5-bdd59420e19c@redis&vid=2&format=EB&rid=2>

Yambert, K. (ed.) (2013) *The Contemporary Middle East*. 3rd edition, Westview Press.

Greece

Beaton, R. (2019) *Greece: Biography of a Modern Nation*. Allen Lane.

Clogg, R. (2014) *A Concise History of Greece*. Third Edition (Cambridge)

Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation Athens (n.d.) *Political Parties of Greece, A Map of Political Landscape*. <https://athens.fes.de/projekte/political-parties-of-greece>

Kalyvas, S. (2015) *Modern Greece. What Everyone Needs to Know*. Oxford University Press, 2015. [28 September 2021].
<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/nicosia/detail.action?docID=5746884>.

Turkey

Adar, S. & Seufer, G. (2021) *Turkey's Presidential System after Two and a Half Years*. SWP Research Paper 2, (April 2021). https://www.swp-berlin.org/publications/products/research_papers/2021RP02_Turkey_Presidential_System.pdf

Feroz, A. (1993) *The Making of Modern Turkey*. Routledge. [28 September 2021].
<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/nicosia/detail.action?docID=166674>.

Finkel, A. (2012) *Turkey: What Everyone Needs to Know®*. Oxford University Press, Incorporated, New York. Available from: ProQuest Ebook Central. [28 September 2021].
<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/nicosia/detail.action?docID=886532>

Lewis, B. (2002) *The Emergence of Modern Turkey*. 3rd Edition, Oxford University Press.

Saribay, A. (2016) *Political Parties the Political System and Turkey*. Insight Turkey, Vol. 18/No.4, pp- 93-108. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/26300454>.

Zürcher, E.J. (2017) *Turkey: A Modern History*. I. B. Tauris & Company, Limited, London. Available from: ProQuest Ebook Central. [28 September 2021].
<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/nicosia/detail.action?docID=5340611>

Series of Articles on Turkey on the Eve of 2023 elections:

<https://www.mei.edu/publications/turkish-views-crisis-and-opportunities-turkey-2023>

Cyprus

Ker-Lindsay, J. & Faustmann, H. (eds) (2009) *The Government and Politics of Cyprus*. Peter Lang.

Richter, H.A. (2010) *A Concise History of Modern Cyprus, 1878-2009*. Franz Phillip Rutzen, 2010.

FES Newsletter, <https://cyprus.fes.de/newsletter> (monthly update about current developments)

Syria

Khatip, Lena (2022), Syria: The Political Economy of the Security Sector Governance <https://www.ispionline.it/it/pubblicazione/syria-political-economy-security-sector-governance-35929>

Lesch, D.W. (2019) *Syria: A Modern History*. Polity.

Shoup, JAI. (2018) *The History of Syria*. ABC-CLIO, LLC, Santa Barbara. Available from: ProQuest Ebook Central. [28 September 2021].

<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/nicosia/detail.action?docID=5541181#>.

Lebanon

Arakji, Dina, (2022) Lebanon: New Challenges to the Delivery of Security Assistance, <https://www.ispionline.it/it/pubblicazione/lebanon-new-challenges-delivery-security-assistance-35928>

Hirst, D. (2010) *Beware of Small States. Lebanon, Battleground of the Middle East*. Faber and Faber.

Traboulsi, F. (2007) *History of Modern Lebanon*. Pluto Press, London. Available from: ProQuest Ebook Central. [28 September 2021].

<https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/nicosia/detail.action?docID=3386375#>.

Salloukh, B. F., Barakat, R., Al-Habbal, J. S., Khattab, L. W., & Mikaelian, S. (2015) *The Politics of Sectarianism in Postwar Lebanon*. Pluto Press. <https://doi.org/10.2307/j.ctt183p3d5>.

Israel/Palestine

Arieli, S. (2021) *The Truman Institute Atlas of the Jewish-Arab Conflict*. Jerusalem: Hebrew University of Jerusalem, The Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace. <https://www.shaularieli.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Eng-Atlas-4.1.21-2pages.pdf>.

Bröning, M. (2013) *Political Parties in Palestine. Leadership and Thought*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.

Gordis, D. (2017) *Israel: A Concise History of a Nation Reborn*. Paperback edition, Harper Collins.

Hassan, Z., Levy, D., Keir, H., & Muasher, M. (2021) *Breaking the Israel-Palestine Status Quo*. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. <https://carnegieendowment.org/2021/04/19/breaking-israel-palestine-status-quo-pub-84167>

Krämer, G. (2008) *A History of Palestine: From the Ottoman Conquest until the Creation of the State of Israel*. C.H. Beck.

Migdal, JS. (1980) *Palestinian Society and Politics*. Princeton University Press, Princeton. Available from: ProQuest Ebook Central. [28 September 2021]. <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/nicosia/detail.action?docID=3030478&query=Palestinian+Society+and+Politics#>

Waxman, D. (2019) *The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: What Everyone Needs to Know®*. Oxford University Press, Incorporated, Oxford. Available from: ProQuest Ebook Central. [28 September 2021]. <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/nicosia/detail.action?docID=5738713#>.

Egypt

Halawa, Hafsa, (2022), Egypt's "New Capital: Reshaping the Future to Erase the Past, ISPI Report; <https://www.ispionline.it/it/pubblicazione/egypts-new-capital-reshaping-future-erase-past-36390>

Perry, GE. (2015) *The History of Egypt*. 2nd Edition, ABC-CLIO, LLC, Westport. Available from: ProQuest Ebook Central. [28 September 2021]. <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/nicosia/detail.action?docID=4188090#>.

Rutherford, BK, & Sowers, J. (2018) *Modern Egypt: What Everyone Needs to Know®*. Oxford University Press USA - OSO, Oxford. Available from: ProQuest Ebook Central. [28 September 2021]. <https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/nicosia/detail.action?docID=5504424&query=Modern+Egypt.+What+Everyone+Needs+to+Know#>.

Libya

Badi, Emadeddin, Maggi, Roberta (2022), Politics of Predation: Trends and Obstacles to Development in Libya <https://www.ispionline.it/it/pubblicazione/politics-predation-trends-and-obstacles-development-libya-35926>

Cole, P., McQuinn, B. (2015) *The Libyan Revolution and Its Aftermath*. Oxford University Press, Oxford. [28 September 2021]. <https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=ip,sso&db=nlebk&AN=939816&site=eds-live>.

Laessing, U. (2020) *Understanding Libya Since Gaddafi*. Hurst, London. [28 September 2021].
<https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=ip,sso&db=nlebk&AN=2640434&site=eds-live>.

Oyeniya, B. A. (2019) *The History of Libya*. The Greenwood Histories of the Modern Nations, Greenwood, Santa Barbara, California, [28 September 2021].
<https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=ip,sso&db=nlebk&AN=2037104&site=eds-live>

Eastern Mediterranean Geopolitics and Energy

Litsas, S. N., & Tziampiris, A. (2019) *The New Eastern Mediterranean: Theory, Politics and States in a Volatile Era*, Springer, Cham, Switzerland. [28 September 2021].
<https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=ip,sso&db=nlebk&AN=1831073&site=eds-live>.

Talbot, Valerie (ed), (2021) *The Scramble for the Eastern Mediterranean. Energy and Geopolitics*, ISPI, <https://www.ispionline.it/it/publicazione/scramble-eastern-mediterranean-energy-and-geopolitics-31250>.

Tziampiris, A. & Foteini, A. (2021) *The New Eastern Mediterranean Transformed: Emerging Issues and New Actors*, Springer
<https://web.p.ebscohost.com/ehost/ebookviewer/ebook/bmxlYmtfXzI5NTMxMTJfX0FO0?sid=5232991d-5b89-4445-b5f5-bdd59420e19c@redis&vid=2&format=EB&rid=2>

Tziarras, Z. (ed) (2019) *The New Geopolitics of the Eastern Mediterranean: Trilateral Partnerships and Regional Security*. PRIO/FES-Report, 3/2019.
<https://www.prio.org/Publications/Publication/?x=11329>.