



Course Syllabus

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

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 late 19th century/early 20th century 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:

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

- Critically assess the modern and contemporary history of the Eastern Mediterranean
- Understand the contribution and impact of past events on the current situation in the various countries of the region and their relations
- Critically assess the changing agendas and policies of the external players in the main developments in the region since the late 19th Century.
- Use IT skills (word processing, Internet and e-mail) as study and communication tools.
- Give written and oral presentations on Eastern Mediterranean History and Politics and be able to organize the available time and cope with deadlines;
- Communicate in English language both orally and in written form at (near) native level.
- 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.
- Make efficient use of libraries, bibliographical material and academic research.

Course Content:

Introduction

The History of the Eastern Mediterranean from Antiquity to the End of the Ottoman Empire

Modern History and Politics of Turkey

Modern History and Politics of Greece

Modern History and Politics of Cyprus

Modern History and Politics of Syria

Modern History and Politics of Lebanon

Modern History and Politics of Israel

Modern History and Politics of the Palestinians

Modern History and Politics of Egypt

Modern History and Politics of Libya

The Arab-Israeli Dispute since the end of the First World War

Greek-Turkish-Cypriot Relations since the First World War

The Civil War in Syria

The New Geopolitics of the Eastern Mediterranean

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, Student Presentations, Question and Answers, Discussions and Assignments, Audio-visual material.

Assessment Methods:

Final Examination
Mid-Term Essay
Presentations
Participation

Required Textbooks / Readings:

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

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Beaton, Roderick (2019) Greece: Biography of a Modern Nation (Allen Lane)

Clogg, Richard (2014): A Concise History of Greece. Third Edition (Cambridge)

Feroz, Ahmad (1993), The Making of Modern Turkey (Routledge)

Ker-Lindsay, James/Faustmann, Hubert (eds) (2009): The Government and Politics of Cyprus (Peter Lang)

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

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

Lewis, Bernard (2002): What Went Wrong: Western Impact and Middle Eastern Response (Oxford University Press)

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

Hourani, Albert/Ruthven, Malise (2010): A History of the Arab People. New Edition (Cambridge)

Raphael Patai. Raphael (2007): The Arab Mind, Revised Edition (Recovery Resource Press)

Rogan, Eugene (2016): The Fall of the Ottomans (Penguin)

Rogan, Eugene (2018): The Arabs. A History (Penguin)

Tziarras, Zenonas (ed) (2019): The New Geopolitics of the Eastern Mediterranean: Trilateral Partnerships and Regional Security, PRIO/FES-Report, 3/2019

Zürcher, Erik Jan (1997): Turkey: A Modern History. Revised Edition (I.B. Tauris)