

ECTS Syllabus

Course Title	Middle East History and Politics				
Course Code	PGT-204				
Course Type	Elective				
Level	1 st Cycle				
Year / Semester	2 nd Year				
Teacher's Name	Hubert Faustmann				
ECTS	6	Lectures / week	12	Laboratories / week	N/A
Course Purpose and Objectives	The main objectives of the course are to: 1. Introduce and examine the political, social and economic developments that have shaped and are shaping the history and modern politics of the Middle East 2. Introduce and examine key events that have shaped modern Middle Eastern history 3. Follow the domestic transformations and foreign policies of the most important Middle Eastern countries from the end of Ottoman Rule/the end of the Great war to the present day 4. Examine the politics of the contemporary Middle East				
Learning Outcomes	After completion of the course students are expected to be able to: 1. A comprehensive understanding of important themes and debates in politics of the Middle East, including war and peace, ideological movements and democratisation, social media and globalisation 2. A critical understanding of a broad historical knowledge of the formation of the state system in the Middle East 3. An understanding of the political development of several countries in the Middle East 4. An exploration of the basic political context under which the resurgence of political Islam took place and the basic ideas of Islamist movements 5. An insight into causes of conflict in the Middle East and the role of the key international actors (state/non-state) in Middle East conflict resolution or peace-building 6. Participate in debates, present critical, comprehend arguments and evaluate complex issues both orally and in written form pertaining to the modern history and politics of the Middle East				

	7. Conduct research according to analytical frameworks relating to the area of Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies with a minimal amount of assistance 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. Communicate in English language both orally and in written form at (near) native level. 10. Use IT skills (AI, word processing, Internet, e-mail) as study and communication tools. 11. Locate, analyze, synthesize, and effectively use sources of libraries, bibliographical material and academic research 12. Make efficient use of libraries, bibliographical material and academic research.		
Prerequisites	None	Required	N/A
Course Content	Weekly Schedule Part I 1. Course Introduction Introduction into the History and Politics of the Middle East (pp.1-18) 2. Colonial Rule until the end of World War I and its Aftermath (pp.20-35) Colonial Rule: Interwar Years, Sunset Empire and Case Studies (pp. 35-50) 3. Nationalism: Birth of Arab Nationalism, New Identities and the First Revolt (pp. 52-67) Nationalism: State Power, Unification Nationalism, Case Studies (pp.68-85) 4. A Very Political Economy: Regional Wealth, Sheikdoms and Petro Power (pp.88-103) A Very Political Economy: Rentier Futures, Labour Mobility, Case Studies (pp.103-120) 5. Conflict and Lack of Peace: Arab-Israeli, Arab vs. Arab (pp.121-136) Conflict and Lack of Peace: Arab-Iran, Sectarian Polics, Case Studies (pp. 136-150) 6. Islam and Politics until the Arab Spring (pp. 157-172) Islam and Politics: Arab Spring and Autumn, Case Studies (pp. 172-185) Part II: 7. Democracy in the Middle East: Clash of Civilisations, Liberalisation, Socio-economic factors, Civil Society (pp.187-200) Democracy in the Middle East: Islamism, Arab Spring, Case Studies (pp. 200-213) 8. The Invisible Women: Nationalist Movements, Identity, Subjugation (pp. 215-230) The Invisible Women: Feminism, Case Studies (pp. 230-240) 9. Ethnicity and Minority: State, Ethnicity and Minority Status (pp.242-253) Ethnicity and Minority: Modernity, Ethno-national and Religious Conflicts, Conflict Management, Case Studies (pp.253-268)		

	10. Great Power Politics in the Middle East: National Interest, Relations and Rivalries: US and Europe (pp.269-283) Great Power Politics in the Middle East: Russia, China and Case Studies (pp.283-289, additional reading on China) 11. Arab Spring and Era of Uncertainty: Causes, Role of Youth, Extremism (pp.294-302) Arab Spring and Era of Uncertainty: Course of Events, Authoritarian Resilience Aftermath, Case Studies (pp.302-316) 12. Important Developments since 2019 Conclusions 13. Final Exam																																			
Teaching Methodology	Lectures, Student Presentations, Question and Answers, Discussions and Assignments																																			
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	Eugene Rogan	The Arabs. A History	Penguin	2017	9780141989556	
	Jillian Schwedler	Understanding the Contemporary Middle East, 5th Edition	Lynn Rienner	2020	978-0-141-98654-8	
	Karl Yambert (ed.)	The Contemporary Middle East, 3rd Edition	Westview Press	2013	978-0-8133-4839-1	
Assessment	Final Examination Mid-Term Project Two Presentations Participation					
Language	English					