Syllabus

HISTORY OF MODERN EGYPT - 38352

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HU Credits:  4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: islamic & middle east stud.

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:
The course will examine major turning points in the history of modern Egypt from the 19th century onward. Discussion will focus on political, social and cultural issues that illuminate the transformations taking place in the Nile Valley in the wake of the encounter with modernity and its challenges.

Course/Module aims:
1. Examining Egypt's political history: as part of the Ottoman Empire; as an autonomous unit ruled by Muhammad Ali Pasha and his successors, as a part of the British Empire, as a society in national struggle; and as an independent state - under abd al-Nasir, Sadat and Mubarak - and following the Arab Spring.
2. Examining its different revolution: The Urabi revolt, 1919 revolution, the Free Officers Revolution and 2011 Revolution.
3. Examining its economic history: its dependence on cotton during the early decades of the nineteenth century, going through the influx of tourists and consumer goods, Arab socialism, infitah and economic neo-liberalism.
4. Exploring Egypt's foreign relations - with the Ottoman Empire, Great Britain, Sudan, Yemen and Israel.
5. Studying its social history: the different classes in different periods, the slave trade and its abolition, the rise of the middle class, the outcomes of Arab socialism and the the infitah, and the social roots of the Arab Spring.
6. Examining the history of political Islam - from Hasan al-Bana, going through Sayyid Qutb and to the present day.
7. Examining the role of the media in Egypt's history: from the written press, to the radio and cinema - to the internet and especially Facebook.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
Examine the interrelations between the political, the economic and the social in the modern history of the Middle East.

Attendance requirements(%):
90%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Active participation in class in analyzing texts based on reading assignments.

Course/Module Content:
1. Nineteenth Century Egypt
2. Cultural Transformations at the Turn of the Century
3. National Transformations at the beginning of the twentieth Century
4. The Rise of Abd al-Nasser
5. Sadat's Era
6. Mubarak and beyond

Required Reading:


Additional Reading Material:
none.

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 85 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 15 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:
none