Syllabus

THE ARAB STATE SYSTEM 1930-2014 - 38915

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

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 Arab state system includes all the Arab states - 22 - members of the Arab League. The course is based on the assumption that the Arab world is a regional sub-system, which has geographic, historical, cultural, linguistic and political connections, which affects its political behavior.

Course/Module aims:
An advanced course which aims at acquainting the students with the main historical and political processes in the modern Arab world since the collapse of the Ottoman Empire until the present.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
The student will learn to describe and analyze the major historical and political processes in the modern Arab world; he will learn to see the forest for the trees; to formulate his arguments in a clear way; to evaluate and compare between events and processes across the time; and begin to offer a critical view of the academic literature.

Attendance requirements(%):
100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: discussion

Course/Module Content:
1. The Regional System approach
2. The Arab State system
3. The origins of the Arab system
4. The Arab League
5. The 1948 War
6. The Baghdad pact and the hegemony question
7. The Suez episode
8. The United Arab Republic episode
9. The first Kuwaiti crisis - 1961
10. The Egyptian involvement in Yemen
11. The Arab tripartite talks - 1963
12. The Arab Common market
13. The emergence of the Palestinian entity
14. The road to the 1967 war
15. The consequences of the 1967 war
The road to the 1973 war
The rise of the PLO and the impact of the oil
The signing of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty
The Lebanese crisis
The Iran-Iraq war
The consequences of the Kuwaiti War - 1991
The Arab system after the Iraqi war - 2003
In the aftermath of the Arab Spring
Conclusion: Features of the Arab system

Required Reading:
1. תופעת המערך האזורית
2. מערך המדריד הערביות ומואפנות (שם ישועיים)
3. ראשית התגבשותה של המערך הבינו-ערבי
4. הקמת הליגה הערבית
5. מלחמת 1948 והמערך הבינו-ערבי


Jesse Ferris, Nasser's Gamble: How Intervention in Yemen Caused the Six-Day War

Kerr, The Arab Cold War, pp. 44-76.


17. عليّة أشيّع وشّاعت النفع لاحكما 1973


18. توقيع هدنة السلام بين إسرائيل ومصر

Sela, The Decline of the Arab-Israeli Conflict, pp. 189-213.

19. حرب لبنان 1975-1982

Sela, The Decline of the Arab-Israeli Conflict, pp. 175-188.

20. الحرب العراقية

Sela, The Decline of the Arab-Israeli Conflict, pp. 233-246.

21. الطلبة في المواجهة مع الاحتلال

Yezid Sayigh, "System Breakdown in the Middle East?" in M. Kramer (ed.), Middle Eastern Lectures, No. 2 (Tel Aviv: Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, 1997), pp. 57-68.

22. التعريفة اليونانية


23. المقدمة: ما هي المعركة العربية؟

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 70 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 30 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: