

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Politics in the Arab World - Ideologies Regimes and Institutions - 56142

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: political science

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course deals with basic issues derived from the concept of “politics” in the Arab sphere, and it focuses on the manifestations of this concept on political and social organization. The discussion will be on two parallel levels, the theoretical and the historical. In relation to the first level, the course will explore central theories and concepts that played pivotal roles in conceptualizing “politics” and it will focus on their influence on and contribution to the formation of the institutions of the modern Arab states. On the historical level, the course will explore central events and turning points in the modern history of the Arab world. The aim is to provide the students with tools to understand and analyze the politics of the modern Arab world.

Course/Module aims:

analyze the politics of the modern Arab world.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

The course will enable students to understand and analyze central events in the modern history of the Arab world.

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

Selected subjects:
“Politics” and “Political” in Arab-Islamic context

The medieval doctrine, “governance in accordance with philosophy” (siyāsa madaniyya) and its modern evolution

The medieval doctrine “governance in accordance with religious law” (siyāsa shar‘iyya), and its modern evolution

Nation-states in the Arab world

Islamic reformism and the revival of siyāsa sharʿiyya

The idea of progress and the revival of siyāsa madaniyya

The foundation of the Turkish republic

Political Islam

Pan-Arab Nationalism

Arab Liberalism

Decolonization: Egypt, Syria, North Africa and the Gulf

The Arab league

Republicanism and revolution after WWII

The war of 1967: Intellectual history

The crisis of the Arab left after 1967

The rise of the Gulf states

The doctrine, siyāsa sharʿiyya and the liberal challenge

The Arab spring

Required Reading:

selected bibliography:

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Meijer, Roel. *The Quest for Modernity: Secular Liberal and Left-Wing Political Thought in Egypt, 1945-1958*. London: Routledge, 2002.

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Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 70 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 10 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 20 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: