



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

The International Struggle over the Persian Gulf from 1973 to the first Gulf War. - 58488

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: International Relations

Academic year: 0

Semester: 2nd Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

In January 1991, the US launched a military campaign against Iraq after the latter invaded Kuwait in early August 1990. In this course, we will mainly follow Soviet involvement in this war but also investigate the policies of other actors participating in this crisis such as Israel, Britain, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and the US. .

First and foremost, we would describe the war as part of the struggle for control of oil resources in the Middle East.

Course/Module aims:

Understand the causes of the war and its consequences.

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

Know the history of struggles over the Persian Gulf region from 1973 to 1991

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

- . The War of Attrition, the Yom Kippur War and the Oil Shock:
2. The Kurds as an instrument for foreign intervention in Iraq's affairs:
3. In the USSR, the oil and the Gulf:
4. From Lebanon to Libya: Soviet withdrawal in the Middle East:
5. The Iran-Iraq War:
6. Gorbachev Middle East Policy:
7. New world order?
8. How did the crisis begin:
9. The diplomatic process until the Helsinki summit:

10. *Israel, Iraq and the USSR:*

11. *Saudi Arabia, USSR Persian Gulf Region*

12. *France and Italy's position on the Persian Gulf crisis:*

13. *The Barking Dog: Iran and the Crisis in the Gulf:*

14. *Primakov and Blangov campaigns: "The Soviet Union cannot have a double foreign policy"*

15. *Oil's role in the Gulf crisis:*

16. *Britain and the Persian Gulf crisis:*

17. *The US and the crisis in the Persian Gulf:*

18. *The military campaign:*

Required Reading:

See in the Syllabus

Additional Reading Material:

Grading Scheme:

Essay / Project / Final Assignment / Home Exam / Referat 50 %

Mid-terms exams 50 %

Additional information: