

DEREE COLLEGE SYLLABUS FOR:												
HY 3026 MIDDLE EAST: POWER AND IDEOLOGY (Previously: Middle East: A Crossroad) (Updated Fall 2025)		UK LEVEL: 5 UK CREDITS:15 US CREDITS: 3/0/3										
PREREQUISITES:	None											
CATALOG DESCRIPTION:	The course is intended to provide an analysis of the regional politics of the Middle East since the Ottoman empire, and of their interaction with issues of international security, global resources, and great power politics.											
RATIONALE:	This course is vital in analyzing the phenomenon of political Islam by situating its emergence in the context of regional and international developments. It provides a historical understanding in the developments of Middle East politics											
LEARNING OUTCOMES:	As a result of taking this course, the student should be able to: 1. Examine the role of the pre-modern Empires in the region as well as the changes that the advent of Modernity brought in the region, focusing on Political Islam. 2. Assess the impact of European power politics and conflicts on the Middle East. 3. Consider various stakeholders in the politics of the region- from state to non-state actors, and public opinion. 4. Think conceptually, and understand how IR approaches and historical frameworks can help make sense of developments in Middle East											
METHOD OFTEACHING AND LEARNING:	In congruence with the teaching and learning strategy of the college, the following tools are used: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lectures, class discussions and some primary sources analysis.• Homework assignments.• Office hours held by the instructor to provide further assistance to students.• Use of the Blackboard site to further support communication, by posting lecture notes, assignment instruction, timely announcements, formative quizzes and online submission of assignments.											
ASSESSMENT:	Summative: <table><tr><td>1st assessment: Group project</td><td>10%</td></tr><tr><td>2nd assessment: Term Paper (2,500 words)</td><td>50%</td></tr><tr><td>Final assessment: (essay –type questions)</td><td>40%</td></tr></table> Formative: <table><tr><td>Active participation in seminars</td><td>0%</td></tr><tr><td>Annotated bibliography and draft paper</td><td>0%</td></tr></table> The 1 st summative assessment tests LO 3 The 2 nd summative assessment tests LOs 3, 4		1 st assessment: Group project	10%	2 nd assessment: Term Paper (2,500 words)	50%	Final assessment: (essay –type questions)	40%	Active participation in seminars	0%	Annotated bibliography and draft paper	0%
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	<p>The final summative assessment tests LOs 1, 3</p> <p>The formative assessments prepare students for the exams</p> <p><i>Students are required to resit failed assessments in this module.</i></p>
INDICATIVE READING:	<p>REQUIRED READING:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cleveland, William L. <i>A History of the Modern Middle East</i>, third edition, UK; US: Westview Press, 2004. 2. Gelvin James L., <i>The Modern Middle East: A History</i>, Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2005. 3. Gawaz Gerges, <i>The New Middle East: protest and revolution in the Arab world</i> (Cambridge University Press, 2013) <p>RECOMMENDED READING:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Daly, M. W., <i>The Cambridge history of Egypt: modern Egypt, from 1517 to the end of the 20th century</i>, Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 1998 2. Elton, Daniel, L., <i>The history of Iran</i>, Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2001. 3. Gelvin, James L, <i>The Israel-Palestine conflict: one hundred years of war</i>, Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005. 4. Halliday, Fred. <i>The Middle East in International Relations: Power, Politics & Ideology</i>, Cambridge; New York: Cambridge University Press, 2005. 5. Karabell, Zachary, <i>Peace be upon you: the story of Muslim, Christian, and Jewish coexistence</i>, New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2007. 6. Ma'oz, Moshe, Ginat, Joseph and Winckler, Onn Eds., 7. <i>Modern Syria: from Ottoman rule to pivotal role in the Middle East</i>, Brighton; Portland: Sussex Academic Press, c1999. 8. Roded, Ruth, <i>Women in Islam and the Middle East : a reader</i>, London ; New York : I.B. Tauris ; New York, NY : In the U.S. and Canada distributed by St. Martin's Press, 1999 9. Said, Zahlan, Rosemarie. <i>The making of the modern Gulf States: Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, and Oman</i>, Reading, Berkshire, U.K: Ithaca Press, 1998. 10. Shaw, Stanford J. (Stanford Jay), <i>History of the Ottoman Empire and modern Turkey</i>, Cambridge [England] ; New York, NY, USA : Cambridge University Press, 1976-1977 11. Taraboulsi, Fawwaz, <i>A history of modern Lebanon</i>, second edition, London: Pluto Press; New York: Distributed in the United States of America exclusively by Palgrave Macmillian, 2012. 12. Tripp, Charles, <i>A history of Iraq</i>, Cambridge; New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2002. 13. Chalcraft, John, <i>Popular Politics in the making of Modern Middle East</i> (CUP, 2016)
INDICATIVE MATERIAL: (e.g. audiovisual, digital material, etc.)	<p>REQUIRED MATERIAL: N/A</p> <p>RECOMMENDED MATERIAL: N/A</p>

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS:	Verbal skills using academic / professional English.
SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:	Msoffice; Blackboard CMS
WWW RESOURCES:	http://www.benaki.gr/index.asp?id=10107&lang=en http://www.menalib.de/ http://www.lib.umich.edu/ http://tcho.bodley.ox.ac.uk/ http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/ http://www.library.ex.ac.uk/internet/arabic.html http://www.uga.edu/islam/MESCenters.html
INDICATIVE CONTENT:	<p>PART I: INTRODUCTION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Rise & Spread of Islam. 2. The Late Medieval Middle East. 3. The Ottoman & Safavid Empires. <p>PART II: THE ADVENT OF MODERNITY</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Dawn of Modernity in the Middle East. 2. The Young Turks & Nationalism. 3. Iran & Constitutionalism. 4. The First World War & its Impact on the Middle East. <p>PART III: THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE: INTERWAR ERA TO THE END OF WWII</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authoritarian Reform in Turkey & Iran. 2. Arab nationalism and the struggle for Independence 3. Israel and the Palestinians <p>PART IV: INDEPENDENT MIDDLE EAST SINCE 1945</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The USA and the middle East. 2. Political Islam at the International Level 3. Political Islam at the Regional and Domestic Level 4. Democracy & Authoritarianism in Turkey & Iran. 5. Egypt under Nasser & the Radicalization of Arab Politics. 6. Egypt, Israel, Lebanon & the Palestinian National Movement. 7. The Consolidation of Authoritarian Rule in Syria & Iraq. 8. The Iranian Revolution & the Resurgence of Islam. <p>PART V: THE END OF THE COLD WAR & ITS CONSEQUENCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Non-state actors in the Middle East (PLO, Kurds, ISIS) 2. Non-state actors in the Middle East (PLO, Kurds, ISIS) 3. Intifada 1987-1991 4. The Gulf Crisis 1990-1 5. The Middle East in the post-Cold war period. 6. The political Economy of the Middle East 7. Interventions and proxy wars. The cases of Iraq (2003) and Syria (2011)