

POLS 2590 – Politics of the Middle East and North Africa

Fall 2021

MWF 1:10-2:00 pm, McGannon Hall 260

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Office Hours: Mondays 11-12

like those you might find in a newspaper article in a broader context.
Explain the background of the event in question, identify the key players and their preferences,
and predict what we might expect to happen next.

relevant reading, and they cannot be

consider the source and the perspective of that source when interpreting new information. Also remember to check whether you are reading news or analysis.

Academic Integrity:

I take academic integrity very seriously. I intend to make the guidelines for each assignment clear. If you are not sure what is allowed on an assignment, you should contact me for clarification. Unless I specify otherwise, assignments should be completed on your own with no input from anyone else. Any violation of academic integrity will result in an automatic F in the class.

Module 1: Colonialism and the Origins of the Modern Middle East

Wednesday 8/25 Making of the Modern Middle East

Al Jazeera: Sykes-Picot a Century On <http://interactive.aljazeera.com/aje/2016/sykes-picot-100-years>

Friday 9/10 The Iranian Revolution
Kinzer, Stephen.
Wiley 2008. Pages 1-16

iddle East Terror.

Monday 9/13 Popular Islam
Abdo, Geneive (2000), *No God but God: Egypt and the Triumph of Islam*. Chapter 1, p. 3-18.

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Wednesday 9/15 The Muslim Brotherhood
Freer, Courtney

Friday 9/17 *Student Presentations*

Module 4: Protest and Revolution

Monday 9/20 How Dictators Rule

Comparative

Political Studies

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Wednesday 9/24
In class: collective action activity

Friday 9/24
Steinert-Threlkeld, Zachary (2017), Spontaneous Collective Action

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Module 5: The Arab Spring

Monday 9/27

Wednesday 9/29
Campante and Chor (2012), Why was the Arab World Poised for Revolution? Schooling, Economic Opportunities, and the Arab Spring.

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Module 6: Israel and Palestine

Friday 10/1 NO CLASS (APSA)

Monday 10/4 Jewish Immigration to Palestine
Anti-

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Friday 10/22 MIDTERM EXAM

Module 7: Petro-Politics

Monday 10/25 Cartels and Natural Resource Production

Vander Zanden, Jenny (2020), What is OPEC? <https://www.breakthroughfuel.com/blog/what-is-opec-overview>

Danielsen, Albert, OPEC. <https://www.britannica.com/topic/OPEC>

In class: OPEC simulation

Wednesday 10/27 TBD

Friday 10/29 NO CLASS (Fall Break)

Monday 11/1 Migrant Labor in the Persian Gulf

Gardner, Andrew

Wednesday 11/17 The 2003 US Invasion of Iraq

Friday 11/19 Ethno-Federalism I
Wimmer, Andreas