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COURSE OVERVIEW

This course offers a systematic approach to the study of Middle Eastern Politics. It includes wide range of topics, includint of formation and consolidation of authoritarian rule in contemporary Middle Eastern states, election and party systems, the political economy of the region, the political impact of oil, the prospect of democracy, role of religion, and recent developments soln as the Arab Spring. The class offers an overview of current Middle Eastern politics and seeks to provide a caused approach to lay out the empirical evidence regarding the politics of the regionOs individualuntries.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course, students are expected to be able to;

- -! Understand the modern Middle Eastern politics by determining the historical, social, political, cultural factors
- -! Understand the region and the politics of individual countries in the region based on theoretical and empirical evidence
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- 2.! Stephen Kinzer. (2008/All the ShahÕs Men, 2endition Wiley
 - o! Additional materials will be posted on Moodle by the lecturer

ROLES/COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Grading Components: Grading is based on the following course components;

15 points Final exam 15 points Mid-term 15 points Analytical paper

Assignments:

- 1.! Map Quiz Student will be asked about the countries, the important geographical shapes, and the regions in the Middle East.
- 2.! Opinion (Summary) PapæEach student will summarize Stephen KinzerlÕtshe ShahÕs Menwith his/her opinions (3 pages).
- 3.! Country ReportEach student needs to select a country from the regidranalyze its domestic politics, economic system and its relations with other regional states and its importance for the regionEach student is required to write a short paper (3 pages).

PART I. OVERVIEW

Week One: Introduction to Middle Eastern Politics Monday (August 20):

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Week Six: Political Participation, Public Opinion and Actors in the Middle East

Monday (September 24: Nadeer Hashemi (2013)slam and Democracy in

the OxfordHandbook of Islam and Politics.

Wednesday September 26: Lust, chapter 6

Friday (September 28: Lust, chapter 6(continued)

Week Seven: Conflict and War in the Middle Eat

Monday (October 1): Kinzer

Wednesday(October 3): Lust, chapter 7

REVIEW QUIZ

Friday (October 5): Fall Holiday

Week Eight: Social and Political Movements in the Middle East and the Arab Spring

Monday (October 8): Mardi Gras- Holiday

Wednesday October 10: REVIEW

OPINION (SUMMARY) PAPER DUE

Friday (October 12): Rached Ghannouichi (2016) From Political Islam

to MuslimDemocracy. Foreign Affairs.

Part 2. COUNTRY CASES

Week Ten: North Africa

Monday (October 22): Lust, chaptef 9 (Morocco)

Wednesday October 24): Lust, chapte (Algeria)

Friday (October 26): Lust, chapte24 (Tunisia)

Week Eleven: North Africa

Monday (October 29): Lust, chapter 17 (Libya)

Wednesday October 29: Lust, chapter 10/Egypt)

Friday (November 2: Lust, chapter 22 (Sudan

Week Twelve: Levant

Monday (November 5: Lust, chapter 14 (Jordan)

Wednesday (November 7): Lust, chapter 13 chapter 7 Israel)

Friday (November 9: Lust, chapter 2& chapter 7(Palestinian Authority

Week Thirteen: Levant

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