

Naval Postgraduate School
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Political Economy of the Middle East

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COURSE OUTLINE

Course Theme:

The Political Economy of the Middle East examines various aspects of economic growth and development in the region. The focus of the class will be on the economic causes of the Arab Spring and strategies for providing stability and growth throughout the region.

Class Objectives: Gain a better understanding of the conditions and prospects of the region's economies, and the challenges they face, both internally and in a changing global environment.

Text:

Mellani Cammett, Ishac Diwan, Alan Richards and John Waterbury, **A Political Economy of the Middle East**, fourth edition, (Bolder, Co., Westview Press, 2015)

Supplemental Texts (on Sakai)

Robert Looney ed., **Handbook of Oil Politics** (London: Routledge, 2012)

Robert Looney, **Handbook of Transitions to Energy and Climate Security** (London, Routledge, 2017)

Robert Looney ed., **Handbook of Emerging Economies** (London: Routledge, 2014). (Copy on Sakai) – Chapters on Israel, Turkey, Egypt, Iran and Saudi Arabia.

Ishac Diwan and Ahmed Galal, **The Middle East Economies in Time of Transition** (New York: Palgrave Press, 2016).

Key Readings

Check the class website for additional readings each week.

Assignments

The readings for each topic are on the class website. For each class, please check the class website under "readings for next class" for additional papers for discussion. All the papers and references that we will need for the course are on the class website. I will indicate which readings are on Sakai.

Lectures

Introduction/Course Overview (April 3/5).

Cammett et al., Chapter 1

Economic Performance and Social Outcomes/Models of Long-term Growth (April 10/12).

Cammett et.al., Chapter 2

Political Regimes in the Middle East/Sources of Data and Leading Indices (April 17/19)

Cammett et. Al., Chapter 3

Demographic Change/Theories of Development (April 24, 26).

Cammett et al., Chapters 4, 5, and 6

State Led Development (May 1, 3)

Cammett et al., Chapter 7

Case study Turkish economy (web readings)

Case study Omani economy (web readings)

Structural Adjustment and Rise of Crony Capitalism (May 8, 10)

Cammett et al., chapter 8

Case study Iranian Economy (web readings)

Case study Egyptian Economy (web readings)

Effects of Oil on Development (May 15, 17)

Cammett et al., Chapter 9

Case Study Saudi Arabian Economy (web readings)

Case Study Iraqi Economy (web readings)

War Conflict and the Military in the Middle East (May 22, 24)

Cammett er al., Chapter 10

Case Study Jordanian Economy (web readings)

Case Study Syrian Economy (web readings)

Social Mobilization/Islam (May 31, June 5)

Cammett et al., Chapters 11, 12

Case Study Moroccan Economy (web readings)

Case Study Algerian Economy (web readings)

Regional and Global Economic Integration (June 7, 12)

Cammett et al. 13,

Case Study GCC (web readings)

Course Grade

- (1) Class participation 25% Especially the discussion of the assigned chapters in our textbook, The Political Economy of the Middle East**
- (2) Project, Class Presentation 75% (18-20 page research project and class presentation (15 minutes) – spread out over the last four weeks**