

3.1 Regional Studies: Middle East

Course Code: MAPS 568 (1)

Credit Hours: 3

Teaching Hours: 48

This course provides basic information about the state of the Middle East countries: history, society, economy and politics. Besides, it helps to understand regional cooperation among the Middle East countries and their relations with the big powers of the world. It also includes relations between Nepal and the Middle East countries, particularly the remittance based economic relation.

Objectives:

1. To make students familiar with national, regional and international affairs of the Middle East countries
2. To impart analytical knowledge to understand the growing role of regionalism and regional organizations of the Middle East in the present globalized world.
3. To provide knowledge about Nepal's economic interests in the Middle East

Units:

Class Hours

I. Introduction: Country Profile of Middle East Countries

12

1. Geopolitics
2. History
3. Society
4. Economy

II. Politics of Middle East

10

1. Monarchical states
2. Republic states
3. Religion (Islam) in politics and Rise of Fundamentalism
4. Democracy movements

III. Regional Forum/Cooperation

10

1. The Arab League
2. OPEC

IV. Middle East and External Actors

12

1. UN
2. USA
3. Russia
4. European countries
5. China and India
6. Arab-Israel War

V. Middle East and Nepal

4

1. Diplomatic Relation
2. Economic Relations: Market (Labour) and Remittance, Aid, Trade and Investment

Core Readings:

- Anderson, Roy et al. 1990. *Politics and Change in the Middle East: Sources of Conflict and Accommodation*. Englewood Cliffs: N.J. Prentice Hall.
- Barzilai, Gad. 1996. *Wars, Internal Conflicts and Political Order*. New York: State University of New York Press.
- Efrat, Moshe (ed.). 1991. *Super Powers and Client States in the Middle East*. London: Routledge
- Held, Colbert C. 2000. *Middle East Patterns: Places, Peoples, and Politics*. New York: Westview Press.
- Louise, Fawcett. 2005. *International Relations of the Middle East*. New York: Oxford University Press, New York, 2005

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- Anderson, Ewan W. and William Bayne Fisher. 2000. *The Middle East: Geography and Geopolitics*. London: Routledge.
- Barzilai, Gad et al. 1993. *The Gulf Crisis and its Global Aftermath*. London: Routledge.
- Goldschmidt, Arthur Jr. 1999. *A Concise History of the Middle East*. New York: Westview Press.
- Lucian, Gliacormo (ed. 1990). *The Arab States*. London: Rutledge.
- Owan, Roger. 1992. *State Power and Politics in the Making of the Modern Middle East*. London: Rutledge.