CODE: **ΒΣ0630-1**

TITLE : **Politics of the Modern Middle East**

TYPE : **ELECTIVE**

CYCLE: **1ST**

YEAR OF STUDY: **4TH, 4 hours/week**

SEMESTER: **Spring**

ECTS: **5**

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LEARNING OUTCOMES:

MODE OF DELIVERY: **Face to Face**

PREREQUISITES:**-**

## CONTENT: The aim of this course is to provide an introduction to Middle Eastern Politics by examining an array of issues concerning the people and states of the region, such as: the question of modernization; political participation and the “deficit of democracy” in the Middle East; the Arab Spring; the Arab-Israeli conflict; the question of Political Islam; minority issues; efforts of regional co-operation and cases of regional competition; Russian and American policies in the region.

Recommended readings/tools/ resources:

* Hourani A., *The Modern Middle East: a reader* DS63.K86
* Munson H., *Islam and revolution in the Middle East* BP63.A4N426
* Olson R., *The Kurdish nationalist movement in the 1990s: its impact on Turkey and the Middle East*  DR603K87
* Shlam A., *The Cold War and the Middle East* DS63.1.C57
* Shapland G., *Rivers of discord: international water disputes in the Middle East* IX4150.S53(or Sofer A., *Rivers of fire: the conflict over water in the Middle East* HD1698.M535S6413)
* Hunter S., *The future of Islam and the West: clash of civilizations or peaceful coexistence* DS65.5.E8H86
* Carkoglu A., *The political economy of regional cooperation in the Middle East*  HC415.15.C37
* Haliday F., *Islam and the myth of confrontation: religion and politics in the Middle East*  DS63.H282
* Issawi C.P., *The Middle East economy: decline and recovery. Selected essays* HC415.15.I848
* Norton A., *Civil Society in the Middle East* JC336.C57
* Richards Alan, Waterbury John, *A Political Economy of the Middle East. State Class and Economic Development* HC415.15 R53
* Lesch D., *The Middle East and the United States: a historical and political reassessment* DS63.205M43
* Owen R., *State, power and politics in the making of the modern Middle East*  DS63.094
* Joffe E., *North Africa: nation, state and region* DT185.N6

Teaching Methods: **Seminar**

Assessment: **Based on a submission-presentation of a paper**

Language: **English**