

COURSE DETAIL

POLITICAL ISLAM IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Leiden University College

Program(s)

Leiden University College

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Political Science Near East Studies International Studies

UCEAP Course Number

140

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

POLITICAL ISLAM IN THE MIDDLE EAST

UCEAP Transcript Title

POL ISLAM MID EAST

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course enables students to understand major strands of contemporary political Islam, their historical background, similarities and differences, present significance at the regional, national and subnational levels, and likely future directions. The course begins with a discussion of conceptual and theoretical issues in the study of political Islam, before briefly examining the history of Muslim politics up to the nineteenth century and the rise of modern Islamism. More recent versions of Islamism are approached through country-based case studies organized into three broad types: Islamists competing for power through democratic and pseudo-democratic mobilization; Islamism in self-proclaimed “Islamic states”; and Islamic national liberation movements in weak and quasi-states. The course then moves away from country-based case studies to focus on the transnational jihadist movement, before concluding with discussion of possible future directions Muslim politics in the region might take. Prerequisite for this course is an intermediate level international studies or political science course.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

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Host Institution Campus

LUC The Hague- Level 3

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

World Politics

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