

COURSE DETAIL

IRAN IN THE WORLD: POLITICS, SOCIETY, PRAXIS

Country

Norway

Host Institution

University of Oslo

Program(s)

University of Oslo

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Near East Studies

UCEAP Course Number

103

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

IRAN IN THE WORLD

UCEAP Quarter Units

8.00

UCEAP Semester Units

5.30

Course Description

This course directly addresses the complex nature of the politics and society of contemporary Iran to gain an oversight of its dynamic, internal dimensions, and how they link with the country's regional and extra-regional relations. Covering a range of approaches from politics, sociology, comparative politics, visual arts, and anthropology, the course addresses the evolving positions of modern Iran through weekly thematic discussions on its dynamics pertaining to politics, economy, identity, culture, religion, and security. Engaging interdisciplinary scholarship, readings highlight the tensions between state and civil society and the influence and involvement of regional politics and global networks, starting with the Qajar dynasty in the 19th century to its present status as an Islamic Republic. Iran is framed as a vibrant country with rich and interrelated historical, political, cultural, and religious contexts. The course examines the rise of the Pahlavi dynasty in 1925; the nationalization of oil by nationalist reformer Mossadeq; the development of the heterogeneous opposition movement against the Pahlavi regime; the occurrence of the “Islamic Revolution” of 1979; and finally, Iran's almost forty-year long transformation into a post-revolutionary political system and regional power. The course addresses themes highlighting the institutional structure of the state, focusing on the role of Western and regional powers in its formation and economic development. Discussions focus on the 1979 Revolution's impact on state, society, and political ideas and the ways in which scholars have sought to understand and interpret modern Iranian history. The course recommends students have taken a Middle East area studies course, or a history or political science course, in order to have relevant background for the course.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

MØNA2505

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Host Institution Campus

Humanities

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Culture Studies and Oriental Languages

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