

COURSE DETAIL

POLITICAL ISLAM

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

King's College London

Program(s)

King's College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Religious Studies Political Science

UCEAP Course Number

125

UCEAP Course Suffix

N

UCEAP Official Title

POLITICAL ISLAM

UCEAP Transcript Title

POLITICAL ISLAM

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

Course Description

The course introduces students to historical and contemporary debates concerning the nature and characteristics of 'political Islam'. By examining key Islamic thinkers, movements and currents, the course aims to provide intellectual and analytical tools to make better sense of this complex and multifaceted phenomenon, drawing on a variety of disciplines (history, anthropology, sociology, religious studies, international relations) while grounded in a political science approach. The course is divided into three parts. An introductory section devoted to Islamic thinkers, conceptual frameworks and Islamist states. A second section dealing with Islamist movements – charting the evolution of Islamic liberation groups (Hamas and Hizbullah), revolutionary trajectories (Iran) and resistance movements (Islamic movement inside Israel). A third and final section will focus on internal dynamics and global challenges – exploring Islam and democracy, transnational jihadism, sectarian division and the legacy of the Arab Spring. The course rejects simplistic readings of political Islam but instead seeks to provide a dynamic and complex examination of Islamic thinkers, concepts and movements through discursive frames of ideology; state power, democracy, geo-politics and local socio-political realities.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

6SSPP317

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POLITICAL ISLAM

Host Institution Campus

King's College London

Host Institution Faculty**Host Institution Degree**

bachelors

Host Institution Department

Politics

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