COURSE DETAIL

EMPIRES, NATIONS, AND REVOLUTIONS: HISTORY OF THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST

Country
United Kingdom - England

Host Institution
University of Cambridge, Pembroke College

Program(s)
Summer in Cambridge

UCEAP Course Level
Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Near East Studies History

UCEAP Course Number
110

UCEAP Course Suffix
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UCEAP Official Title
EMPIRES, NATIONS, AND REVOLUTIONS: HISTORY OF THE MODERN MIDDLE EAST

UCEAP Transcript Title
HIST/MOD MID EAST

UCEAP Quarter Units
5.00

UCEAP Semester Units
3.30

Course Description

In 1800, two empires dominated the region of the Middle East: the Ottoman and Qajar Empires. Today, there are seventeen nation-states in the Middle East. How and why did this happen? This course serves as an introduction to the history of the modern Middle East with an emphasis on developing an understanding of how the region we call the Middle East came to take its current shape. Students explore the encounter with European modernity and subsequent European imperialism, modernisation efforts, responses to colonialism, the rise of new ideologies such as nationalism, and the role of religion in politics and political discourse. The course focuses on the Arab provinces of the Ottoman Empire, Iran, Turkey, and the Middle East in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty
Arts and Humanities

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

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