

COURSE DETAIL

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

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 Course Details

<https://www.pem.cam.ac.uk/international-programmes/pembroke-cambridge-summer-pr...>

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Arts and Humanities

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Course Last Reviewed

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