

# COURSE DETAIL

## SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND COLLECTIVE ACTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

**Country**

United Kingdom - Scotland

**Host Institution**

University of Edinburgh

**Program(s)**

University of Edinburgh

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Political Science Near East Studies

**UCEAP Course Number**

117

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

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**UCEAP Transcript Title**

SOC MOVMTS MID EAST

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

8.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

5.30

## **Course Description**

The course examines the role of contentious politics in the politics and international relations of the Middle East. It explores how movements of people challenge, reinforce, and create new centers of authority in the region. Students assess the literature on contentious politics and use examples from the Middle East to engage with broader debates. Themes covered include social movements and geopolitics; globalization and regionalization; the sociopolitical role of intellectuals; religion and gender-based mobilization; sectarianism; and the notion of public (and counter-public) spheres. Students examine a range of case studies, such as Arab anti-colonial movements and their legacies; trajectories of Palestinian and Kurdish struggles for statehood; the Israeli settler movement; the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement; secular and Islamic feminist movements in Egypt and Iran; popular uprisings in Egypt from 2011 to 2013; and sectarian mobilizations in Iraq and Syria.

## **Language(s) of Instruction**

English

## **Host Institution Course Number**

PLIT10128

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## **Host Institution Course Details**

### **Host Institution Campus**

Edinburgh

### **Host Institution Faculty**

### **Host Institution Degree**

### **Host Institution Department**

Politics

## **Course Last Reviewed**

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