

COURSE DETAIL

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN MIDDLE EAST

Country

Japan

Host Institution

Waseda University

Program(s)

Waseda University

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Near East Studies Economics

UCEAP Course Number

148

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN MIDDLE EAST

UCEAP Transcript Title

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UCEAP Quarter Units

3.00

UCEAP Semester Units

2.00

Course Description

This course examines the approaches and policies adopted by Middle Eastern countries in the pursuit of economic and social development, and the theories developed by scholars to explain the region's political economies and its problems with development. The course includes details on the historical trajectories of Middle Eastern economies and political systems, from the post-independence state-led period, through the impacts of the 1970s oil boom, attempts at economic liberalization, the impacts of globalization and technological change, and the aftermath of the post-2011 Arab uprisings. Using case studies from the Arab world as well as Israel and Iran, the course introduces key theories of political economy as they have been applied to the Middle East including: modernization theory, dependency theory, rentier state theory, liberalism and neoliberalism, and Islamic economic ideas. Economic development in the region has been tortuous and uneven, hobbled as much by non-economic factors as by economic ones.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

ARSI28ZL

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