

COURSE DETAIL

DYNAMICS OF POSTCOLONIAL ARAB CITIES: PLACE AS MEMORY, EXPERIENCE AND PRACTICE

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Near East Studies History

UCEAP Course Number

134

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

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UCEAP Transcript Title

POSTCOL ARAB CITIES

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

Utilizing both academic research and literary/artistic expression, this course contributes towards gaining critical and dynamic analytical perspectives on urban transformations in the Arab region, especially in newly formed cities-turned-capitals like Amman and Kuwait. The course visits precolonial societies in the region, their precolonial interactions and modes of communal existence, and then considers the effects of colonialism, border-drawing, and postcolonial identity construction and its enduring effects in modern cities whose inhabitants go through various degrees of identity questioning, alienation, and conflict. The course also looks at the effects of authoritarianism, neoliberalism, commodification, and self-centered consumerism on urban transformations and malformations.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DHUM 25A46

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Host Institution Campus**Host Institution Faculty****Host Institution Degree**

Seminar

Host Institution Department

Humanities

Course Last Reviewed

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