COURSE DETAIL

NARRATING EGYPT: NARRATING PALESTINE
Country Egypt
Host Institution American University in Cairo
Program(s) The American University in Cairo
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History
UCEAP Course Number 134
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title NARRATING EGYPT: NARRATING PALESTINE
UCEAP Transcript Title NARRATING PALESTINE
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

The general idea of “narrating” is to detect “history” through various expressions by those who lived it, interacted with it, and “narrated” it through various vehicles: literature, music, poetry, the cinema, visual arts, photography, chronicles and memoirs, customs and habits, etc. “History” here is traced not as a narrative of the grand struggle for political power, or a succession of past events within a singular or mainstream narrative of it that suppresses variations in perspectives, but as a set of experienced realities and processes that conditioned “LIFE”--viz. the plurality of different lives--in different ways and at different times. Documentaries, films, literature, music, live narratives, historical anecdotes, etc. are all seen as possible forms of narratives. It is through the freely-flowing combination of all of those and other sources that the course exposes an assortment of voices, perspectives, and representations: by travelers, novelists, poets and colloquial poets, singers and composers, film directors, journalists, historians, statesmen and politicians, and of “ordinary people” as well as activists. All of these sources define the broad framework of the seminar and the potential opportunities it opens up. This course is run in the spirit of a Cultural Salon: in a free-flow style of discussion, seeking contribution from all of its participants, in the form each finds most conducive to expressing themselves, while all get engaged in a collective exploration, and are all bound by a collective commitment and understanding rather than a preconceived agenda or menu of requirements.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
HIST 4290

Host Institution Course Title
SELECTED TOPICS IN MODERN EGYPTIAN HISTORY: NARRATING EGYPT: NARRATING PALESTINE

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Host Institution Campus

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History

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