Comparative Politics of the Middle East (Academic Year 2021/22)

Reading list for the comparative politics of the Middle East module in the International Politics MSc.

32 items

General Reading and Reference Texts (4 items)
The module will use "Contemporary Politics in the Middle East" by Beverley Milton-Edwards (4th Ed.) for general background, with specific chapters assigned for relevant weeks as part of the required readings. In addition, "International Relations of the Middle East" (ed. Fawcett, 2016) and "A Political Economy of the Middle East" are recommended for general background in the specific areas of IR and political economy. Again, specific chapters of these works are assigned for relevant weeks. The other works referenced in this section are recommended for students seeking additional background, but are not required reading for the module. Required readings can be found in the section of the reading list relating to each week's class, alongside additional recommended readings for those wishing to deepen their knowledge, or who intend to write a final paper on a given week's subject area.

Contemporary politics in the Middle East - Beverley Milton-Edwards, 2018
[Book] | Recommended

International relations of the Middle East - 2016
[Book] | Recommended

A political economy of the Middle East - Melani Claire Cammett, Ishac Diwan, Alan Richards, Alan Richards, 2015
[Book] | Recommended

A history of the modern Middle East - William L. Cleveland, Martin P. Bunton, 2018
[Book] | Optional

Week 1- Understanding the MENA region: history; geography; destiny? (8 items)

Contemporary politics in the Middle East - Beverley Milton-Edwards, 2018
[Book] | Essential | Chapter 1- Colonial Rule: Shaping the Destiny of a Region; Chapter 2- Nationalism: the Quest for Identity and Power

The Ottoman Empire, 1700-1922 - Donald Quataert, 2005
[Book] | Essential | Chapter 4- The nineteenth century; Chapter 10- Legacies of the Ottoman Empire

Toward a Historical Sociology of State Formation in the Middle East - Raymond Hinnebusch, 2010-09
[Article] | Essential | Write your first position paper on this journal article
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<th><strong>A history of the Arab peoples</strong> - Albert Hourani, 2013</th>
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<td><strong>Orientalism</strong> - Edward W. Said, 2014</td>
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<td><strong>State, power and politics in the making of the modern Middle East</strong> - Roger Owen, 2004</td>
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<td><strong>Over-stating the Arab state: politics and society in the Middle East</strong> - Nazih N. M. Ayubi, 2009, ©1995</td>
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<td><strong>Tormented births</strong> - Iṣām Khafājī, 2004</td>
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**Week 2- Oil-- A Blessing or a Curse? (6 items)**

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<td>Chapter 5- Oil and political economy in the international relations of the Middle East (G. Luciani)</td>
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<td>Chapter 6- Water and Food Security</td>
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<td><strong>The transformation of Saudi Arabia’s rentier state and ‘the international’</strong> - Baumann, Hannes, 2019-12-01</td>
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<td><strong>The Rentier State in the Arab World</strong> - Hazem Beblawi, 1987</td>
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<td><strong>Carbon democracy</strong> - Timothy Mitchell, 2009-08</td>
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**Week 3- Islam and Politics (4 items)**

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<td><strong>The Oxford handbook of Islam and politics</strong> - 2016</td>
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<td>Ch. 20- Islam and Politics in the Middle East (Moataz A. Fattah)</td>
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<td><strong>Jihad and death: the global appeal of Islamic State</strong> - Olivier Roy, Cynthia Schoch, 2017</td>
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### Week 4- The Arab Spring: Democracy Denied, or Postponed? (7 items)

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<td>Chapter 8- Arab States, Regime Change and Social Contestation Compared: The Cases of Egypt and Syria (Nadine Sika)</td>
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<td>Revolution Without Revolutionaries</td>
<td>Asef Bayat</td>
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<td>Chapter 1- Revolutions of Wrong Times</td>
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<td>Revolutionary Weakness in Gramscian Perspective: the Arab Middle East and North Africa since 2011</td>
<td>John Chalcraft</td>
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<td>Middle East authoritarianisms</td>
<td>Steven Heydemann, Reinoud Leenders</td>
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<td>Contextualizing the Arab Revolts: The Politics behind Three Decades of Neoliberalism in the Arab World</td>
<td>Koenraad Bogaert</td>
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### Week 5- The Middle East in the World (3 items)

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<td>Chapter 4- The Middle East since the Cold War: the Multi-Layered (In)security Dilemma (Bahgat Korany); Chapter 9- Alliances and Regionalism in the Middle East (L. Fawcett)</td>
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<td>Migration crisis in the EU: developing a framework for analysis of national security and defence strategies</td>
<td>João Estevens</td>
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