

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

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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

A history of the Arab peoples - Albert Hourani, 2013

Book | Optional

Orientalism - Edward W. Said, 2014

Book | Optional

State, power and politics in the making of the modern Middle East - Roger Owen, 2004

Book | Optional

Over-stating the Arab state: politics and society in the Middle East - Nazih N. M. Ayubi, 2009, ©1995

Book | Optional

Tormented births - Iṣām Khafājī, 2004

Book | Optional

Week 2- Oil-- A Blessing or a Curse? (6 items)

Contemporary politics in the Middle East - Beverley Milton-Edwards, 2018

Book | Recommended | Chapter 3- A Very Political Economy

International relations of the Middle East - 2016

Book | Essential | Chapter 5- Oil and political economy in the international relations of the Middle East (G. Luciani)

A political economy of the Middle East - Melani Claire Cammett, Ishac Diwan, Alan Richards, Alan Richards, 2015

Book | Essential | Chapter 6- Water and Food Security

The transformation of Saudi Arabia's rentier state and 'the international' - Baumann, Hannes, 2019-12-01

Article | Essential

The Rentier State in the Arab World - Hazem Beblawi, 1987

Article | Optional

Carbon democracy - Timothy Mitchell, 2009-08

Article | Optional

Week 3- Islam and Politics (4 items)

Contemporary politics in the Middle East - Beverley Milton-Edwards, 2018

Book | Essential | Chapter 5- Past, Present and Future Politics: Islam

The Oxford handbook of Islam and politics - 2016

Book | Essential | Ch. 20- Islam and Politics in the Middle East (Moataz A. Fattah)

Jihad and death: the global appeal of Islamic State - Olivier Roy, Cynthia Schoch, 2017

Book | Essential | Chapter 3- The Jihadi Imaginary

Sectarianism as Counter-Revolution: Saudi Responses to the Arab Spring - Madawi

Al-Rasheed, 2011-12

[Article](#) | **Essential****Week 4- The Arab Spring: Democracy Denied, or Postponed?** (7 items)

Contemporary politics in the Middle East - Beverley Milton-Edwards, 2018[Book](#) | **Essential** | Chapter 6- The Ephemerals of Democracy in the Middle East

The Arab uprisings: transforming and challenging state power - 2015[Book](#) | **Essential** | Chapter 8- Arab States, Regime Change and Social ContestationCompared: The Cases of Egypt and Syria (Nadine Sika)

Revolution Without Revolutionaries - Asef Bayat, 2017[Book](#) | **Essential** | Chapter 1- Revolutions of Wrong Times

Revolutionary Weakness in Gramscian Perspective: the Arab Middle East and North Africa since 2011 - John Chalcraft, 2021-01-02[Article](#) | **Essential**

Middle East authoritarianisms - Steven Heydemann, Reinoud Leenders, 2012[Book](#) | **Optional**

Contextualizing the Arab Revolts: The Politics behind Three Decades of Neoliberalism in the Arab World - Koenraad Bogaert, 2013-09-02[Article](#) | **Optional**

Change and Continuity after the Arab Uprising: The Consequences of State Formation in Arab North African States - Raymond Hinnebusch, 2015-01-02[Article](#) | **Optional**

Week 5- The Middle East in the World (3 items)

Contemporary politics in the Middle East - Beverley Milton-Edwards, 2018[Book](#) | **Essential** | Chapter 9- Them and Us: the United States, EU and Russia in the Middle East

International relations of the Middle East - 2016[Book](#) | **Essential** | 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)

Migration crisis in the EU: developing a framework for analysis of national security and defence strategies - João Estevens, 2018-12[Article](#) | **Essential**