

NMP11001 *Empire, Colonialism and Globalisation in the Middle East and North Africa*

Module type	Optional (approved module: MPhil in The Middle East in a Global Context)
Term / hours	Michaelmas / 22
ECTS	10
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Delivery	Online only

Module description

This module surveys the key processes, events and personalities that have shaped the societies, states and economies of the region since the fall of the Ottoman Empire. It provides an essential viewpoint for all those interested in gaining a more profound understanding of a region that remains at the centre of many of the foreign policy issues of our time. It surveys both classical and trailblazing scholarship on the politics of the Middle East and North Africa. It combines systematic approaches to big questions with solid knowledge of events and developments in individual countries. At the junction of three continents, the region is home to various rich cultures in various stages of political and socio-economic development. As the home to the world's primary energy resources, it is also of utmost geostrategic importance. This module is planned to help contextualise various interpretative frameworks for approaching regional politics in general and for understanding the Middle East and North Africa in particular. It familiarises students with a variety of useful sources ranging from movies to specialised academic articles. By doing so, it encourages them to analytically reevaluate the notions of territoriality, authority and citizenship.

Assessment

The module is assessed through a 2,000-4,000-word essay.

Indicative bibliography

Barr, James, *A Line in the Sand: Britain, France and the Struggle for the Mastery of the Middle East*, paperback ed. (London: Simon & Schuster, 2012).

Cronin, Stephanie, *Armies and State-Building in the Modern Middle East: Politics, Nationalism and Military Reform* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2014).

Feldman, Ilana, *Governing Gaza: Bureaucracy, Authority, and the Work of Rule, 1917–1967* (London: Duke University Press, 2008).

Heller, Joseph, *The Birth of Israel, 1945–1949: Ben-Gurion and His Critics* (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2000).

Khalidi, Rashid, *The Iron Cage: The Story of the Palestinian Struggle for Statehood* (Oxford: Oneworld Publications, 2007).

Said, Edward, *Orientalism: Western Conceptions of the Orient* (London: Penguin Books, 1995).

Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

- LO1 Engage critically with the key discussions and questions in the study of the Middle Eastern History.
- LO2 Engage critically with the history of the diplomatic, intellectual, and social dynamics which shaped the relationship between Europe and the Middle East and North Africa.
- LO3 Describe and assess the complexities of European-Middle Eastern relations as they developed in different national and confessional contexts in the twentieth century.
- LO4 Describe and assess the methods of imperial and cultural history.
- LO5 Demonstrate methodological skills in primary source interrogation and critical thinking concerning European-Middle Eastern relations.