

NMP11032 *East and West*

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

Module description

This module surveys the interconnecting histories of Europe, America and the Middle East and North Africa from the nineteenth century to the present day. It is designed to provide a nuanced historical understanding of the political, intellectual and cultural changes that have taken place in the area since Napoleon's invasion of Egypt. The module is divided into two interrelated parts. First it analyses the European encroachment and how this experience has shaped the Middle East and North Africa as we understand them today. The effect of the Western expansion upon socio-cultural development of the region is examined through a variety of materials: historical documents, essays, travelogues, literature and film. In the second part, the focus shifts to the rising interest of the US in the Middle East and North Africa since the end of the Cold War. The military, economic, and political power that the US exercises in the area is unprecedented. Yet sixty years ago, America's might was irrelevant for the people of the region. What happened? What made the Middle East a priority for the US politics? How has American involvement in the region developed over time? What forces, influences, and interests shape American and European foreign policy toward the Middle East and North Africa today?

Assessment

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

Indicative bibliography

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Learning outcomes

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

- LO1 Critically analyse European encroachments in the Middle East and North Africa.
- LO2 Explain how this experience of encroachment has shaped the Middle East and North Africa today.
- LO3 Identify and explain the importance of the cultural and political structures that have created current realities and conflict in the Middle East and North Africa.
- LO4 Explain and critically explore the effect of the Western expansion upon socio-cultural development of the region through a variety of materials: historical documents, essays, travelogues, literature and film.
- LO5 Interrogate the interest of the US in the Middle East and North Africa since the end of the Cold War.

- LO6 Critically assess the military, economic, and political power that the US exercises in various regions.
- LO7 Debate and analyse the conditions and circumstances that made the Middle East and North Africa a priority for US politics.
- LO8 Outline how American involvement in the region developed over time.
- LO9 Investigate and interrogate the forces, influences, and interests that shape American and European foreign policy toward the Middle East and North Africa today.