

HIS/ 140: Modern Middle East (1919-2000)

1. Brief Description:

Middle East is one of the most important regions of the world. Its importance lies not just because of its strategic location but also due to its economic potential and the character of its politics. The interest, rather interference, of great powers in the region has made it a hub of international politics. This course deals with the developments in the modern Middle East.

2. Aims and Objectives:

After studying this course the students will be able to :

- Develop a background for understanding the dynamics of internal politics of important states of Middle East.
- Understand the foreign relations of different states in the Middle East with other powers of the region and with the great powers.
- Comprehend the political and socio-economic character of the region.

3. Contents:

- ❖ World interests in the Middle East.
- ❖ Great Powers Rivalry in the Middle East.
- ❖ The Middle East First World War and the Peace Conferences.
- ❖ Modern Turkey under Kamal Ata Turk.
- ❖ The Kamalist Revolution and Reforms of Mustafa Kamal Pasha.
- ❖ Ata Turk's domestic and foreign policy.
- ❖ Turkey under Ismat Inonu.
- ❖ Iran under Raza Shah.
- ❖ Reforms of Raza Shah Pahlavi.
- ❖ Raza Shah's Domestic and foreign policy.
- ❖ Iran and the great powers.
- ❖ Turkey, Egypt and Iran during the 2nd World War.
- ❖ Western imperialism in Iran
- ❖ Nationalism and the nationalization of oil in Iran
- ❖ Rise of Ibn-e-Saud as the King of Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ Discovery of oil in Saudi Kingdom.
- ❖ Ibn-e-Saud: His character and achievements.
- ❖ Rise of Faisal in Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ King Faisal's domestic and foreign policy.
- ❖ The Arab League.
- ❖ The Palestine problem.
- ❖ Struggle for independence and the Rise of nationalism in Egypt (1924-1936).
- ❖ The Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936.
- ❖ The Revolution of 1952.
- ❖ Western imperialism and the Construction of Aswan Dam.
- ❖ Egypt under Gamal Abdul Nasir.
- ❖ The nationalization of Suez Canal.
- ❖ United Arab Republic (UAR).
- ❖ Gamal Abdul Nasir's New Egypt; his domestic and foreign policy.

❖ Unity and diversity in the Middle Eastern Politics.

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