

Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies (CNMS)  
Economics of the Middle East Research Group  
**NMS2: Introduction to the Economies of the Middle East**  
WS 2018/2019

**Instructor Information:**

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**Summary:**

This course is intended as an introduction to basic economic systems and concepts followed by a comprehensive overview of the economies of the region. The goal is to provide students with a solid basis and understanding of the economies of the region and equip them to analyze these in an objective critical manner.

**Aims of the Lecture:**

1. Introduce basic economic concepts and systems that are found in the region.
2. Provide an in-depth analysis of representative economies of the region.
3. Encourage critical thinking and objective analysis for MENA-Economy-related topics to expand horizons and encourage/motivate topics for further research.

**Learning Objectives:**

1. The course is designed to equip students with the necessary tools that would allow them to think and analyze economic problems witnessed in the MENA region in a systematic theory based approach.
2. After attending the course, participants should be able to make educated comments on ongoing economic discussions in the region.

**Readings:**

1. A Political Economy of the Middle East (Fourth Edition) – Cammett, M., Diwan, I., Richards, A., and Waterbury, J.
2. Economic and Trade Policies in the Arab World – Elkhafif, M. A. T., Taghdisi-Rad, S., and Elagraa M.
3. The Middle East (Thirteenth Edition) – Edited by Ellen Lust.
4. The Middle East and North Africa 2015 (Sixty-First Edition) – Routledge – Europa Regional Surveys of the World

**Performance Evaluation:**

- **100% of the Grade depends on your performance in the final written exam (60 minutes).**
- **For Bachelor Students**, the exam is divided between **Economics of the Middle East** (30 minutes) and **Politics of the Middle East** – taught by the Politics department – (30 minutes).
- You are responsible for exam registration: Consult with your examination office or online information.

**Timeline:**

Date	Lecture
16.10.2018	1- Introduction
23.10	Lecture Cancelled (No Lecture)
30.10	2- What is an Economy? How do we measure it? (Part 1)
06.11	3- What is an Economy? How do we measure it? (Part 2)
13.11	4- Economic Systems & Structural Reform Programs of the World Bank
20.11	Reading Week (No Lecture)
27.11	5- The Middle East (Regional View)
04.12	6- The Middle East (Maghreb): Morocco
11.12	7- The Middle East (Near East): Egypt
18.12	8- The Middle East (GCC): United Arab Emirates
Christmas Break	
15.01.2019	9- The Middle East (Extended Middle East): Iran
22.01	10- The Middle East (Extended Middle East): Israel
29.01	11- Review Lecture
05.02	Lecture Cancelled (No Lecture)
12.02	Exam (1st Try): Hörsaalgebäude, Biegenstraße 14, Room +1/0020, 14:00 – 15:00
18.03	Exam (2nd Try): CNMS Hörsaal, Deutschhausstraße 12, Room 00A26, 10:00 – 11:00