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## United States of America and the Arab World

### Class Description

This is not a course in current events, although I highly recommend the practice of daily newspaper reading. Rather the purpose of the course is to provide the graduate student with background and conceptual tools for understanding of U.S Arab relations and the making of American foreign policy and its impact on the Arab States. Background components of American foreign policy, the changing American role, in the Arab World and contemporary challenges to American foreign policy in the area. Conceptual tools and analytical framework will be utilized.

The format of the course will be a seminar with weekly papers to be presented by students.

Reading will be assigned on weekly basis.

Texts that will be used in the class are as follows:

Arab Politics, The search for legitimacy, Yale University Press, Michael C. Hudson

The United States in the Middle East, Interests and Obstacles, Indian University Press, Seth P. Tillman

Saudi Arabia, Foreign Policy, Security and oil, The Brooking Institution, William B. Quandt.

A Compassionate Peace, A future for the Middle East, Hill and Wang. New York, A report prepared for the American friends service committee.

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**The Foreign Policies of Arab States**, West view Press / AUCP, Bahgat Korany and Ali E. Hillal Dessouki.

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**Conflict and Violence in Lebanon**: Confrontation in the Middle East, Center for International Affairs , Harvard University , Walid Khalidi.

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**The West Bank**, Foundation for Middle East Peace Washington D.C, William Claiborne and Edward Cody.

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**Water in the Middle East conflict or cooperation?**, Published in cooperation with the Middle East Research Institute, University of Pennsylvania, Edited by Thomas Naff and Ruth C. Matson.

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**Jordan in the 1967 War**, Cambridge Middle East Library, Samir A. Mutawi.

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**The United States and the Arab World**, Harvard University Press, William R. Polk

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**Alternative Approaches to the Arab- Israeli Conflict: A Comparative Analysis of the principal actors**, Organized jointly by the Georgetown University center for contemporary Arab studies and the Al-Ahram center for political and strategic studies, Michael C. Hudson.

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**Palestine Peace not Apartheid**, Simon & Schuster, Jimmy Carter.

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**Taking Sides, America's Secret Relations with a Militant Israel**, William Marrow and Company, Inc. , Stephen Green.

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**The Politics of Islamic Revivalism, Diversity and Unity**, Indiana University Press,  
Shireen T. Hinter.

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**The Arab World**, Harvard University Press, William R. Polk.

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**The Arabs in History**, Harper Torchbooks, Harper & Row, Publisher, Bernard  
Lewis.

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**The Arab Predicament**, Arab Political Thought and Practice, Cambridge University  
Press, Fouad Ajami.

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**The Politics of Social Changes in the Middle East and North Africa**, Princeton  
University Press, Manfred Halpern.

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**The Arab Cold War**, Oxford University Press, Malcolm H. Kerr.

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**The Middle East since Camp Davis**, Westview Press/ Boulder and London, Robert  
O. Freedman.

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**American Diplomatic Relations with the Middle East**, The Scarecrow Press,  
Thomas A. Bryson.

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**Covering Islam**, Pantheon Books New York, Edward W. Said.

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**The Struggle for the Middle East**, The soviet Union in the Mediterranean, The  
Macmillan, Walter Liqueur.

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