

## INTRODUCTION TO WEST ASIA

**Method of Teaching:** Lectures and discussions

**Course Teachers:** Faculty Members (Each Teacher will be allotted a two-week time as per unit).

**Duration:** First Semester PhD Course

**Objective:** This one semester compulsory course aims at building a comprehensive understating of West Asia covering the History, Politics, Economics, Society and culture to the fist semester PhD students of the Center.

### **Unit 1 Modern History of West Asia**

*Dr. Rafiullah Azmi*

1. A Perspective on Approaches to History & Terms
2. Region's Encounters with the West in the Modern Era
3. West Asia in the Post world War 1<sup>st</sup> Period
4. Emergence of Ideologies: (Arabs, Turkish, Iranian and Jewish Nationalism), Pan-Islamism
5. Disputes, Conflicts and Wars: Arab-Israel Wars, Gulf Wars

### **Unit 2 Politics in the Arab World**

*Dr. Shahid Jamal Ansari*

1. Arab Nationalism
2. Arab Socialism
3. Political Islam
4. Legitimacy

### **Unit 3 Arab Israeli Conflicts**

*Dr. Sujata A Cheema*

1. The Palestine Mandate, 1920-1948
2. From War to War, 1949-73,
3. Flicker of Peace: Camp David I
4. The Decade of Conflict, 1980s
5. The Gulf Crisis, Pressures for Peace, Oslo Accords, Road Map, and Core issue talks

### **Unit 4 Economics of West Asia**

*Dr. Javed Ahmad Khan*

1. Main Features of West Asian Economies
2. Gulf Energy Resources: Demand and Supply Scenarios
3. Regional Economic Integration and India-West Asia Relations

## **Unit 5**

### **Religion, Society and Culture of West Asia**

*Dr.H. A Nazmi*

1. Approaches to Religion: Tradition Vs. Modernity,
2. Relationship Between Religion and Culture
3. Introduction to Religion and Religious Traditions in West Asia, Judaism, Christianity and Islam
4. Society, Language, Custom, Ethnicity and Tradition

## Suggested Readings:

### History of West Asia

### Politics of the Arab World

1. Ansari, Shahid Jamal, *Arab Political Through in the Twentieth Century*, New Delhi: Cosmos Books, 2007.
2. Bill, James A. & Leiden, Carl, *Politics in the Middle East*, New York: Harper Collins, 1990.
3. Dawish, Adeed, *Arab Nationalism in the Twentieth Century*, Princeton & Oxford: Princeton University press, 2003.
4. Dietl, Gulshan (ed.), *Democracy and Democratization in the Gulf*, Delhi: Shirpa Publications, 2010.
5. Hudson, Michael C., *Arab Politics: The Search for Legitimacy*, New Haven: Yale University Press, 1977.
6. *Middle East and North Africa*, Europa Publication, London & New York: Routledge, 2010.

### Arab Israeli Conflicts

1. Bickerton, Ian and Carla Klausner, *A Concise History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict* (Prentice Hall, Fourth Edition, 2002)
2. Chomsky, Noam, *The Fateful Triangle: The United States, Israel, and the Palestinians* (Boston, Ma.: South End Press, 1983)
3. Cohen, Michael J., *Palestine and the Great Powers, 1945-1948* (Princeton University Press, 1982)
4. Frisch, Hillel, *Countdown to Statehood: Palestinian State Formation in the West Bank and Gaza* (Albany, N.Y.: State University of New York Press, 1998)
5. Flapan, Simha, *The Birth of Israel: Myths and Realities* (London: Croom Helm, 1987)
6. Fromkin, David, *A Peace to End All Peace: Creating the Modern Middle East, 1914-1922* (New York, N.Y.: Henry Holt, 1989)
7. Galnoor, Itzhak, *The Partition of Palestine: Decision Crossroads in the Zionist Movement* (Albany, N.Y.: State University of New York Press, 1995)
8. Gilbert, Martin. *The Routledge Atlas of the Arab-Israeli Conflict* (7<sup>th</sup> ed.) (New York: Routledge, 2002)

### Economics of West Asia

1. *Middle East and North Africa*, Europa Publication, (2010 Edition)
2. Hazem Beblawi, giacomo Luciani, *The Rentier State*, Routledge, UK, 1987, 240pp.
3. Marcus Noland, Howard Pack, *The Arab economies in a changing world*, Peterson Institute, 2007, 350pp.
4. Anthony H. Cordesman, *Energy Development in Middle East*, Westport: Praeger, 2004, 274pp.
5. *Annual Reports*, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India

### Society and Culture of West Asia

## Books

1. Gilsenan, Michael, Recognizing Islam: Religion and Society in the Modern Middle East, New York University Press, 2005)
2. Juan R , Colonialism and Revolution in the Middle East: Social and Cultural Origins of Egypt's 'Urabi.(Cairo: American University Press)
3. Alam, Anwar, Religion and State : Egypt, Iran and Saudi Arabia. (Gyan sagar Publications, Delhi 1998)
4. Haim Gerber, The Social Origins of the Modern Middle East
5. Al-Farsy Fouad, Modernity and Tradition: The Saudi Equation (Kegan Paul International, London, 1990)
6. Niblock Tim, State, Society and Economy in Saudi Arabia (Croom Helm, London, 1982).
7. Schwartz Stephen, The Two Faces of Islam: the House of Saud from Tradition to Modernity (2003).
8. Arjomand Said Amir, Shadow of God and the Hidden Imam, Religion, Political Order and Social Change in Shiite Iran from the Beginning to 1980 (University of Chicago Press, 1984)
9. Katouzian Homa, Iranian History and Politics: The Dialectic of State and Society (Routledge Curzon, London, 2003).
10. Keddie Nikki R. and Matthee Rudi, eds., Iran and the Surrounding World: Interactions in Culture and Cultural Politics (University of Washington Press, Seattle, 2002).

