

Descriptif d'enseignement / *Course descriptions*

Etudiants internationaux uniquement / Only international students

Semestre 1

Titre du cours - *Course title*

War and Peace in the Middle East

Type de cours : Cours magistral

Langue du cours/Language of instruction : English

Enseignant(s) – *Professor(s)*

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Résumé du cours – Objectifs - *Course description – Targets*

At a time of heightened tensions and instability in the Middle East, understanding the dynamic of history and the logic of contemporary political process appear more complex to decipher and analyze beyond ready-made and often inaccurate schemes of interpretation. From the 1916 Sikes-Picot Accords and the transformations of post-WWI Middle East to the Israeli-Arab wars and subsequent peace processes initiatives, this course will cover extensively the crises and transformations that have singled out the Middle East in contemporary international relations.

As students of international relations, we will engage in a review of War & Peace in the Middle East through the lenses of diplomatic practice and crisis management processes. The course will also focus on media representations and the role of social networks in construction of perceptions and misperceptions. Discourses, Media coverage and public diplomacy will be used to better understand the interests and positions of the various actors, local and global, involved in the region's conflicts.

This course will provide students with the necessary tools and knowledge to understand the dynamics of contemporary politics in the Middle East. Through case studies presentations, students will get the opportunity to become familiar with diplomatic, political and media strategies at the heart of ongoing events.

Evaluation - *Assessment*

- Oral participation in class based on readings and material distributed in advance.

- 'Watching the Middle East' (Collective work by group of 4-5 students, 30min, oral presentation and written final report):

Students will be asked to make a presentation based on a movie or documentary selected in advance. The group will provide a thorough analysis of the movie (context, point of view, aim, perspectives, etc.) and explain how it sheds light on the logics of War and Peace in the Middle East.

Besides suggested and required readings, students will be invited to make extensive use of multimedia resources. Useful websites, movies and selected interviews will be presented to the class. Students will be invited to actively share their opinion and personal experience in class.

Assignment 1: A case-study presentation in class will amount for 50% of the final grade.

Assignment 2: A written final report on the subject of the case-study will be uploaded on the Course Dropbox by the end of the semester. The report will amount for 50% of the final grade.

Plan – Séances - *Course outline*

Session 1:

General Introduction.

War, Peace & Instability in the Middle East

Work assignments, bibliography

Session 2: Israeli – Arab Wars

Watch: Censored Voices

Session 3: The role of intelligence

Watch: The Gatekeepers

Session 4: Camp David 1978 & the Israeli Arab Peace Process

Watch: Israel & The Arabs

Session 5: The road to Oslo: The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process

Watch: The Price of Oslo, Part I

Watch: The Price of Oslo, Part II

Session 6: Making Peace? Understanding the other

Watch: Conflict zone

Session 8: The role of the Civil Society

Watch: L'Accord

Session 7: The Middle East: a case for Multilateral cooperation (Quartet, the EU)

Watch: Elusive Peace (Excerpt)

Session 9: Regional Perspectives

Arab Spring, Da'esh and the War in Syria

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