

DEPARTMENT OF WEST ASIAN AND NORTH AFRICAN STUDIES
ALIGARH MUSLIM UNIVERSITY, ALIGARH
2020-21

Max. Marks	100
Sessional	30 Marks
End Semester	70 Marks
Credits	04

M.A (International & West Asian Studies)
II Semester (CBCS)

Course No. **WAM-2001** : **INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND WEST ASIA**

Objective of this Course: This course will examine the transnational journeys of migrants and refugees and provide an interdisciplinary perspective for understanding the diverse causes, consequences and contexts of contemporary international immigration. Migration and forced migration become one of the salient features of west Asia due to various reasons. In modern days west Asia constitutes the biggest internally displaced persons (IDP) and forced migration and also land of immigrated persons. From Palestinian forced migration to Palestinian refugee, from Iraq to Yemen and Syria a series of forced migration shows that west Asia is moving.

UNIT-1

Understanding Concept and theories

- 1.1 Migration/ Forced Migration/Diaspora and Refugee
- 1.2 Sociological theory of Migration
- 1.3 Political and Economic theory of Migration
- 1.4 International Law and Convention on Migration and Refugee

UNIT-2

Understanding West Asian Migration and refugee

- 2.1 Inter & intra Migration in West Asia
- 2.2 Palestinian labor migration in Israel
- 2.2 Refugee crisis in West Asia: Palestine and Syria
- 2.3 Refugees in international Relation

UNIT-3

Indian Migration and Diaspora in West Asia

- 3.1 Remittances and Migration Diplomacy
- 3.2 Indians in Gulf Countries Problem and Prospect
- 3.3 Migration Policies of Gulf Countries and Citizenship right
- 3.4 India's Welfare scheme/Plan to Gulf Migrant

References:

1. Leila Farsakh (2005) Palestinian Labour Migration to Israel Labour, land and occupation Routledge U.S.A and Canada. **Chapter 1& 2**
2. S. irudaya rajan prem saxena ed (2019) India's Low-Skilled Migration to the Middle East: Policies, Politics and Challenges Palgrave Macmillan Singapore P Ltd. **Chapter 1, 2, 6 & 16**
3. Lian Kwen Fee et al (2019) International Labor Migration in the Middle East and Asia Issues of Inclusion and Exclusion Springer Nature Singapore Pte Ltd. **Chapter 1& 2**
4. Harald Bauder(2006) labor movement oxford university press
5. Chinmay Tumbe() India Moving: A History of Migration, Penguin
6. Caroline B edt (2014) Migration Theory talking across, Chapter 4 A Sociological Theory of International Migration by David Scott Fitz Gerald.
7. M. S. A. Rao (1981) Some aspects of sociology of migration sociological, bulletin **vol. 30, no. 1, march 1981**
8. Clifford j. Jansen (1970) Readings in the sociology of migration ,pergamon press oxford · London

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Course No. **WAM-2002: POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY OF WEST ASIA AND NORTH AFRICA**

Objectives: Main objectives of this course are to make students capable of knowing and understanding the geography and geopolitics of West Asia and North Africa. The course will cover nature and scope of political geography including various geopolitical thinkers and different geopolitical schools of thought. The course will familiarize the students with the location and strategic significance of waterways of West Asia as well as territorial disputes that is often related to possession of natural resources.

1. Nature and Scope of Political Geography

- 1.1. Origin of Political Geography: Nature and Scope
- 1.2. Geopolitical Thinkers: Mahan, Mackinder, Spykman
- 1.3. Geopolitical Schools of Thought: the political Landscape School; the Political Ecology School; the Organismic School
- 1.4. Political Region or Area: Location; The Core Area; Boundaries; Buffer zones

2. Strategic Significance of Water Ways

- 2.1 Geopolitical Significance of Water Ways: Mediterranean Sea; Red Sea and Persian Gulf
- 2.2 Geo-political Significance of Suez Canal
- 2.3 The Strategic Importance of the Bab Al-Mandab Strait
- 2.4 The Strategic Importance of the Strait of Hormuz

3. Disputes over Resources

- 3.2 Disputes over water Resources: Tigris-Euphrates; and Jordan River
 - 3.3 Disputes over Oil resources
 - 3.3 Disputes over Gas resources
 - 3.4 Disputes in Arabian Peninsula: Bahrain and Qatar (Hawar Islands and Zubarah District): UAE and Iran (Greater and Lesser Tumb Islands)
- ***After having gone through the contents in the syllabus, the students will be in a position to understand the issues pertaining to the subject.***

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. Pearcy, Etzel and Russell H. Fifield. ***Political Geography***. New York: Thomas Y Crowell Company, 1950.
2. Anderson, Ewan W. ***The Middle East: Geography and Geopolitics***. London and New York: Routledge, 2000.
3. Blacksell, Mark. ***Political Geography***. London and New York: Routledge, 2006.
4. Bergman, Edward F. ***Modern Political Geography***. New York: WM C Brown Company Publishers, 1975.
5. Mahmood, Fazal. ***Geo-political History of Suez Canal***. Aligarh: Centre of West Asian Studies, 1986.
6. Peter Beaumont, et.al. ***Middle East : A Geographical Study***. John Wiley & Sons, London, 1986.
7. EUROPA. ***Middle East and North Africa*** . London: Routledge. Various Years.
8. Fisher, W.B. ***Middle East : A Physical, Social and Regional Geography***.London: Methuen & Co LTD, 1971.
9. C.Held, Colbert. ***Middle East Patterns: Places, Peoples and Politics***. London: Westview Press, 1992

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Course No. **WAM-2006 : West Asia and North Africa in World Affairs**

Objectives: This paper will introduce students to the history and politics of the region in the wider context of 20th Century international relations. The recording of the boundaries of the region and the political landscape by extra-regional powers is the key component of this course.

1. Mandate in West Asia

- 1.1 British Mandate in Palestine
- 1.2 UN and the Partition of Palestine
- 1.3 The First Arab Israeli War
- 1.4 French Mandate in Lebanon

2. The Palestine National Movement

- 2.1 PLO : Genesis and Evolution
- 2.2 The Palestinian – Jordanian Conflict
- 2.3 The Palestinian Resistance in Lebanon
- 2.4 Palestinian Uprising in West Bank & Gaza: First Intifada

3. Geopolitics of Energy Resources

- 3.1 Oil and Strategic Significance of the Gulf
- 3.2 Energy Resources in the Mediterranean Basin
- 3.3 Oil Crisis of 1973
- 3.4 National Gas in the Persian Gulf

- ***After having gone through the contents in the syllabus, the students will be in a position to understand the issues pertaining to the subject.***

SUGGESTED READINGS :

1. Roy A. Anderson & John C. Wagner, **Politics and change in the Middle East.**
2. Mohd. Ayoob, **The Middle East in world Politics**
3. Michael C. Hudson, **Arab Politics – The Search for Legitimacy**
4. David Long, **The Persian Gulf – An Introduction to its People, Politics & Economy.**
5. Bernard Lewis, **The Middle East and North Africa.**
6. M.S. Agwani, **Politics in the Gulf**
7. Tim Niblock, **Iraq – The Contemporary State**
8. Tim, Niblock, **Social and Economic Development in the Arab Gulf**
9. Ghassam, Salame, **The Foundations of the Arab State**
10. Majid Khadduri, **Political Trends in the Arab World**
11. Abid A. Marayati, **The Middle East : Its Govt. & Politics**
12. Maurice Harari, **Govt. and Politics of the Middle East**
13. Abdul D. & William Hartman, **Beyond Coercion – The Durability of the Arab State.**
14. Helena Cobban, **The PLO : People, Power and Politics**
15. Ziad Abu Amr. **Islamic Fundamentalism in West Bank & Gaza**
16. Jawaid Iqbal, **The Lebanese Civil**

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II SEMESTER (CBCS)
Course No. WAM-2004: West Asian Economies and Global Context

Objective: This course deals with the development issues of West Asia region in Global Context. It tries to explain growth and development issues of the region in detail. The emphases lies in placing West Asian issues in Global Context.

1. Growth and Development: Problems and Policies

- 1.1 Developmental Issues (Oil Exporting and Non-oil Exporting Countries)
- 1.2 Economic Growth, Diversification and Structural Transformation
- 1.3 Oil and Development
- 1.4 Human Development Scenario in West Asia

2. Regional Economic Cooperation

- 2.1 Rationale and Importance of Regional Economic Cooperation
- 2.2 OPEC and Arab League
- 2.3 GCC: Formation, Functioning and Current Scenario
- 2.4 Intra-regional Trade in West Asia

3. Globalization and West Asian Economies

- 3.1 Globalization: Benefits and Drawbacks
- 3.2 Global Economy and West Asia
- 3.3 Shifting Pattern of Arab Trade
- 3.4 Migrant Labour in West Asia

- ***After having gone through the contents in the syllabus, the students will be in a position to understand the issues pertaining to the subject.***

BOOKS RECOMMENDED:

1. Rodney Wilson (2012), Economic Development in the Middle East, Routledge.
2. Mustapha Rouis, Steven R. Tabor (2013), Regional Economic Integration in the Middle East and North Africa- *Beyond Trade Reform*, World Bank.
Available at <https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/20566>
3. Daniela Marotta (2012) Natural Resource Abundance, Growth, and Diversification in the Middle East and North Africa: The Effects of Natural Resources and the Role of Policies, World Bank.
Available at <https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/20576>
4. Marcus Noland & Howard Pack (2007), The Arab Economies in a Changing World, Peter G. Peterson Institute for International Economics
5. Julia C. Devlin (2010), Challenges of Economic Development in the Middle East and North Africa Region, World Scientific Publishing Ltd

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Course No. WAM-2005: Research Methodology-II

The objective of this course is to build upon the grounding of the subject of research and methodology that was done in the previous semester. The course has been designed with the purpose that students get the required training to prepare them to take the task of research.

Unit – I : Survey and Data Collection

- 1.1 Survey Techniques and its Relevance
- 1.2. Measurement and Scaling in Social Sciences
- 1.3. Projective Techniques
- 1.4. Case Study method

Unit –II : Processing and Analysis of Data

- 2.1. Editing, Coding, Classification and Tabulation
- 2.2. Importance of Statistics in Research
- 2.3. Concept, Formation and Types of Hypothesis
- 2.4. Pilot Study

Unit –III : Project Designing & Report

- 3.1. Writing a Project Proposal
- 3.2. Project Appraisal
- 3.3. The bibliography and referencing Styles
- 3.4. Steps in Writing the Research Report

- ***After having gone through the above contents in the syllabus, the students shall be in a position to deal with the issues related with the subject.***

BOOKS RECOMMENDED:

1. Kothari, C.R and Garg, Gaurav : **Research Methodology: Methods & Techniques**
2. Verma R.K. & Verma Gopal : **Research Methodology**
3. Sadhu & Singh : **Research Methodology in Social Sciences**
4. Nagar, A.L : **Basic Statistics**
5. Good & Hart : **Research Methodology**

