

**Centre for West Asian Studies
School of International Studies**

Course		PhD
Course No	:	WA615N
Course title	:	West Asian Economies: Issues in Development
Course Type		Optional
Course teacher		Dr.Sameena Hameed
Credits	:	Two
Contact Hours		Two per week
Evaluation Method	:	Sessional work and Semester examination

Course Objectives: The course is designed to understand the economic, social and institutional changes in the West Asia and North Africa from perspective of development. Its critically gauges the policy, process and practice of development in region.

Course Content, Reading and Learning Outcomes

Unit 1: State and Economic Development

- a. Development verses Growth
- b. State-led model of development, Role of Institutions
- c. Industrialisation and challenges of economic diversification
- d. Neoliberal reforms and State capitalism

Readings

Ali, Mohamed Sami Ben (2016) Economic Development in Middle East and North Africa Challenges and Prospects (Springer). (chapter 1)

Mishref, Ashraf and Balushi, Yusuf A. (2017). Economic diversification in the gulf region Vol 1 & 2. Springer

Ulrichsen, Kristian C. (2016). The Gulf States In International Political Economy, Palgrave Macmillan ; Chapter 3

Learning outcome: Students would be able to comparatively assess the role of state and market in the development process of the region.

Unit 2: Resources and Development:

- a. Oil rents
- b. Impact of oil on regional development; remittances, aid and investments
- c. Human resources and drive to knowledge economy

Readings

Gray M. (2011), "A Theory of "Late Rentierism" in the Arab States of the Gulf", Occasional Paper, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Doha,

Herb, Michael (2014), *The Wages of Oil: Parliament and Economic Development in Kuwait and UAE*, Cornwell University Press

Luciani, Giacomo.(2017). Combining economic and political development: the experience of MENA. Brill

Learning Outcome 2: The students would be able to trace the sources of rent and resource base of the region.

Unit 3: Migration and Displacement

- a. State policies for migrant labour and refugees
- b. Challenges of Expatriate Labour and informal sector
- c. development challenges in conflict zones

Readings:

Lian, Kwen F., Hosoda, Naomi, & Ishii, Masako (2019). International labour migration in the Middle East and Asia: Issues of inclusion and exclusion. Springer Nature. (chapters 1& 2)

MacGinty, Roger and Williams, Andrew (2009), *Conflict and Development*, New York: Routledge.

Ulrichsen, Kristian C. (2016). The Gulf States In International Political Economy, Palgrave Macmillan ; Chapter 8

Learning outcome 3: Students would able to gauge multi-dimensional dependencies and vulnerabilities from migration and forced displacement.

Unit 4: Developmental Challenges

- a. Problems of unemployment, skill generation
- b. land degradation, environment and food security
- c. Multi-dimensional Poverty, social welfare policies, , economic disparities .
- d. Arab Spring-Economic roots and consequences

Readings

Arab Human development Reports

Ianchovochina, Elena. (2017). Eruptions of Popular Anger: economics of Arab Spring and its aftermath MENA Development Report ,World Bank

Luciani, Giacomo.(2017). Combining economic and political development: the experience of MENA. Brill; Chapters 5, 15

Wilson, Rodney (2022, 3rd ed) Economic Development in Middle East (Routledge)

Learning outcome 4: Students would be able identify development deficits and lags in the region and as well as inequality and exclusion.

Unit 5: West Asia in the World Economy

- a. Foreign investment, Aid and Debt problem of the region.
- b. Globalisation and its retreat
- c. Regional integration and Trade diversification

Readings

Ali, Mohamed Sami Ben (2016) *Economic Development in Middle East and North Africa Challenges and Prospects* (Springer). (chapter 7 and 10)

Oumazzanem, Tariq (2022) *Regional integration and Middle Eastern Africa: The Agadir Agreement and political economy of trade and Peace*, Springer; chapter 2 and 3

Ulrichsen, Kristian C (2016). *The Gulf States In International Political Economy*, Springer ; chapter 1, 5 and 7.

Learning outcome 5: Student would be able to comprehend the impact on development opportunities of the region from global and regional economic linkages.

Additional Readings

Alan, Richards and Waterbury, John. (2008). *A Political Economy of the Middle East, State:Class and Economic Development*. 3rd edition, Boulder Colorado: Westview

C. M.Henry and R. Springborg (2005), *Globalization and the Politics of Development in the Middle East*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

David Held and Kristian Ulrichsen (2013), *The Transformation of the Gulf: Politics, Economics and the Global Order*, New York: Routledge

Hasan Hakimian and Ziba Moshaver (2001), *The State and Global Change: The Political Economy of Transition in the Middle East and North Africa*, London: Curzon Press.

Hazem Beblawi and and Giacomo Luciani (1987), *The Rentier State: Nation, State and Integration in the Arab world*, London: Croom Helm.

Henri J. Barkey (1992), *The Politics of Economic Reform in the Middle East*, New York: St.Martins Press

Iliya Harik and Denis J. Sullivan (1992), *Privatization and Liberalization in the Middle East*; Indiana University Press.

Julia C. Devlin (2010), *Challenges of Economic Development in the Middle East and North Africa Region*, Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Ltd.

M. Todaro, and S. C. Smith (2011), *Economic Development*, (eleventh edition), London: Addison Wesley.

Niblock, Tim (2015). *Social and Economic Development in the Arab Gulf*. New York: Routledge.

Richard Javad Heydarian (2014), *How Capitalism failed the Arab world : The Economic Roots and Precarious Future of Middle East Uprisings* London

Roberto Aliboni (2014), *Arab Industrialisation and Economic Integration*, London: Redwood Burn Limited.

Common Data Sources:

ERF , Economic Trends in the MENA Region, (annual), The Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey, Cairo:

OPEC, Annual Statistical Bulletin, an electronic version of major oil database is available.

SESRIC - The *Statistical, Economic and Social* Research and Training Centre for *Islamic Countries*. www.sesrtcic.org/databases-index.php

World Bank, World Development Report, (contains useful development data for various regions including MENA); an electronic database of the World Bank's indicators is found in World Development Indicators (WDI), Washington D.C.

Some Useful Web sites on West Asia:

ERF (The site for Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey, Cairo.(Working Papers and Economic Trends)

MESA (Middle East Studies Association of North America

International Trade Centre Database, Geneva