



Introduction to the Middle East

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Thursday 15:00 –17:00, Seminar Room 2, Badia Fiesolana

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The aim of the course is to provide non specialists with a general introduction of the Middle East in a comparative perspective, and to help researchers who are already working on the Middle East to discuss and share their own researches.

If you want to write a term paper for this seminar, please send a copy to the seminar's professor and the relevant secretary by 14 January 2011

Sessions:

- 1) What is the Middle East?
Geographical, historical and political approaches.
- 2) From “capitulations” to the colonial encounter.
- 3) The Ottoman legacy and Arab nationalism.
- 4) Arab nationalisms and pan-Arabism.
- 5) Islamism and pan-islamism: the Muslim Brothers.
- 6) The Israel-Palestinian conflict.
- 7) The years of radicalization 1967-2001.
- 8) Is there a “geo-strategy” of the Middle East? The impact of the Iranian Islamic revolution and of the US military intervention in Iraq.
2 courses.
- 9) Democratization and civil society: wishful thinking?

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