

INDIA ARAB CULTURAL CENTRE
Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

M. A International Studies Arab-Islamic Culture

Course Title: State and Society in the Arab World
Duration: One Semester
Credit: 4 credit/100 marks
Level of Teaching: Post-Graduate
Method of Instruction: Lectures, Discussions
Mode of Evaluation: Assignment and End-Semester Examination

Unit One: History and Society

Brief History of Social formation
Social Systems and Stratification
Social Modernization
Post-Liberalization Social Changes
The Role of Islam as a Factor of Legitimacy
Religious and ethnic diversities

Unit Two: Approaches to the Understanding of Society

Neo-Patriarchy
Arab Marxism
Rentierism
Arab Subaltern Studies
Post-Islamism
Post-Secularism

Unit Three: State-Society Relations

Evolution of the Arab States
Typology of Governments
Nature of State and State Apparatuses
Political Reform and Democratization
Islamic Movements

Unit Four: Society in Transition

The Role of Tradition
The Impact of the West
Globalization
Labour and Labour Migration

Schedule of Examination & Grading:

Midterm Exam	25 %
Final exam	75 %

Selected Readings

- Al-Naqib, Khaldoun Hasan, *Society and State in the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula: A Different Perspective* (London: Routledge, 1990)
- Ayubi, Nazih N., *Overstating the Arab State* (London: IB Tauris, 1995)
- Asad, Talal, *Genealogies of Religion: Discipline and Reasons of Power in Christianity and Islam* (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1993).
- Barakat, Halim, *The Arab World: Society, Culture, and State* (Berkeley, University of California Press, 1993)
- Bayat, Asef (ed.), *Post-Islamism: The Many Faces of Political Islam* (Oxford University Press, 2013)
- Farsoun, Samih K. , *Arab Society: Continuity and Change* (London: Taylor & Francis, 2013)
- Halliday, Fred, *Arabia Without Sultans* (London: Saqi Books, 1974)
- Hopkins, Nicholas, S., *Ibrahim, Saad Eddin, Arab Society: Class, Gender, Power, and Development* (Cairo: The American University in Cairo Press, 2006)
- Hourani, Albert, *A History of Arab Peoples*, (New York: Werner Books, 1992).
- Hourani, Albert, *Arabic Thought in the Liberal Age 1798-1939* (Cambridge, Cambridge University press, 1983).
- Khalaf, Samir, *Arab Society and Culture: An Essential Reader* (London: Saqi, 2009)
- Learner, Daniel, *The Passing of Traditional Society Modernizing the Middle East* (Free Press, 1958)
- Sharabi, Hisham, *Neopatriarchy: A Theory of Distorted Change in Arab Society* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1988)
- Subaida, Zami, *Beyond Islam: A New Understanding of the Middle East* (London: IB Tauris, 2011)
- Owen, Roger, *State, Power and Politics in the Making of the Modern Middle East* (London: Routledge, 1992).