**STV 9360 The Arab Spring: A Challenge to Comparative and International Politics**

In the overview below of the course the syllabus is dispatched on the different lectures/seminars, both as regards the compulsory reading and the reference material. Some of the publications are relevant at several occasions so what you find below should only be seen as an indication. Further, more chapters than the ones referred to in Korany/El-Mahdi could also be a valuable input, for example for the seminar on Egypt. Regarding the four guest lectures the doctoral theses that will be discussed are on the reading list (Additional reading and references) and available with the exception of Chaymaa Hassabo's.

29 sept 2014 10.15-11.00
**Presentation of lecturers, participants, practical information about examination etc.**

29 Sept 2014 11.15-12.00
**Setting the stage: Challenges to comparative and international politics: nation, state, politics and intra-state/society relations in the MENA** (Introduction to the course theme)

Brynen, Rex (2012). *Beyond the Arab Spring: Authoritarianism & Democratization in the Arab World*. Boulder, Colo.: Lynne Rienner, 301 pp Chapter 1 and Part 1+Chapter 5


Gause, F. Gregory, III: "The Middle East Academic Community and the 'Winter of Arab Discontent': Why did we miss it?", in *Seismic Shifts: Understanding Change in the Middle East*. Washington D.C: Henry L. Stimson Center, 2011 or "Why Middle East Studies missed the Arab Spring", in *Foreign Affairs* 90, 4 (July-August 2011)

**Additional titles:**

Bayat, Asef, *Life as politics: how ordinary people change the Middle East*, Stanford University Press, Stanford, Calif., 2010


Maktabi, Rania: *The Politicisation of Demos in the Middle East: Citizenship between Membership and Participation in the State*, Oslo University Press, Oslo 2012

**Not in the Syllabus:**

Glen Rangwala: The Islamic State and the International Politics of Statehood in the Middle East, e-international relations

The Comparative Politics of State, Nation and Regime in the Middle East and North Africa

29 Sept 2014 13.15-15.00

**The State System of the Middle East: State and Nation Building**


**Additional titles:**


The Comparative Politics of State, Nation and Regime in the Middle East and North Africa

29 Sept 14.15-16.00

**Post-orientalist approaches and explanations to politics and state-society relations in Arab countries**
Bellin, Eva: "Reconsidering the Robustness of Authoritarianism in the Middle East: Lessons from the Arab Spring”, in Comparative Politics 44, 2 (January 2012) pp. 127-149, 22 p


Lust-Okar, Ellen, Structuring Conflict in the Arab World, Incumbents, Opponents and Institutions. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005, chapter 2 and 3, pp 36-96, 60 pages

Moore, Peter and Bassel F. Salloukh: "Struggles Under Authoritarianism: Regimes, States and Professional Associations in the Arab World”, in International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies 39, 1 (Feb 2007) pp 53-76, 23 pages

Additional titles:

Bellin, Eva: "The Robustness of Authoritarianism in the Middle East: Exceptionalism in Comparative Perspective, in Comparative Politics 36, 2 (January 2004), pp.139-157

Lerner, David, The passing of traditional society: Modernizing the Middle East, Glencoe, Ill., 1958

Not in the syllabus:

The Comparative Politics of State, Nation and Regime in the Middle East and North Africa


Sept 30 10.45-12.00 Emma Jørum: Beyond the Border: Syria's policy towards territories lost

The International Politics of the Middle East and North Africa

Sept 30, 2014 13.15-15.00

Globalization, geo-politics, demography and migration

Brynen, Rex (2012). Beyond the Arab Spring: Authoritarianism & Democratization in the Arab World. Boulder, Colo.: Lynne Rienner, 301 pp Chapter 12

Fargues, Philippe: "International Migration and the Nation State in Arab Countries”, in Middle East Law and Governance 5 (213), pp 5-35, 30 pages
Guazzzone, Laura & Pioppi, Daniela (eds.) (2009). *The Arab state and neo-liberal globalization: the restructuring of state power in the Middle East*. Reading: Ithaca: pp. 1-15, pp 325-350, 40 pages, plus three chapters covering one of the country cases (c:a 80 pages), in all 125 pages


**Additional titles:**


Fargues, Philippe: ”Emerging Demographic Patterns across the Mediterranean and their Implications for Migration through 2030”, The Migration Policy Institute, Nov 2008


**The International Politics of the Middle East and North Africa**

Sept 30, 2014 15.15-16.00

**Seminar**

*Linking the global/international and the national: Egypt and Syria*. Panel: Chaymaa Hassabo, Emma Jörum, Inga Brandell

**The International Politics of the Middle East and North Africa**

Oct 1st, 2014 9.15-10.30

**What can be explained by the rentier state paradigm?**

Brynen, Rex (2012). *Beyond the Arab Spring: Authoritarianism & Democratization in the Arab World*. Boulder, Colo.: Lynne Rienner, 301 pp Chapter 9

Chaudry, Kiren Aziz: Economic liberalisation and the lineages of the rentier state, in *Comparative Politics* vol 27, 1, (October 1994) pp 1-25, 25 page


Soliman, Samer: ”The political economy of Mubarak’s Fall”, in Korany, Baghat and Rabab
El-Mahdi Arab Spring in Egypt, American University in Cairo Press, 2014 (2012), pp 175-99, 24 pages

**Additional titles:**


The International Politics of the Middle East and North Africa

Oct 1st 2014

**Is there a Carbon Democracy? The Arab Spring and the Counter-offensive**


**Additional titles:**


Louër, Laurence & King, John, Shiism and politics in the Middle East, Hurst & Company, London, 2012


**Cases and Regional theories**

Oct 1st 13.15-14.30 Rania Maktabi: Citizenship and Demos in the Middle East

**Cases and Regional theories**

Oct 1st 14.30-16.00

**Elections, media and opinion polls: a way forward?**

Brynen, Rex (2012). Beyond the Arab Spring: Authoritarianism & Democratization in the Arab World. Boulder, Colo.: Lynne Rienner, 301 pp Chapter 7 and 11


**Cases and Regional theories**

Oct 2, 2014 9.15-10.30 Bruno Lefort: *A recited community: Student partisan groups in Plural Lebanon*

Construction of a Field of Knowledge: What is in it for Comparative and International Politics?

Oct 2, 2014 10.30-12.00

**Pre- and Post-orientalist Comparative Politics. Pre- and Post-national International Politics.**


**Additional titles:**

Bayat, Asef, *Life as politics: how ordinary people change the Middle East*, Stanford University Press, Stanford, Calif., 2010


Wrap-up and feedback

Oct 2 13.15-14.30 Planning the course essay

Oct 2 14-14.30 Pending questions and feedback