Course Description

This class will explore Middle Eastern religions, Middle Eastern politics and the relationships between them. As all three are immensely complicated and extensive subjects, we will devote our attention to the diversity of interfaces between religion and politics in the region. We will explore religions themselves, we will consider the politicization and representation of their relationships, and we will discuss trends and developments in regional politics as shaped by and shaping public religion.

Course Goals

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We will consider the roles of both religiosity and politics in the very make-up of the Middle East and hope to emerge with a better understanding of their mutual effects on each other.

Grading

100% final exam

Lecturer Office Hours

I am available for meetings as required. You can contact me on Whatsapp at my phone number - 0544649500 or at my gmail address - origoldberg@gmail.com

Reading List

Most of our reading and watching (quite a few talks, lectures and clips) will be carried out together in class. The reading list will be compiled “in motion”.