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**Course Title: Regional Governance and Political Economy in
the Middle East**

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Course Introduction

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Lecture Topics:

- (1) Regional governance
 - Policies of “Divide & Rule” and “Double Standard”
 - Neo-liberal economic policies
 - Effects of “War on Terrorism”
 - Political turmoil in 2011

- (2) Oil and economy
 - The historical role of OPEC
 - Oil crises and wars
 - External interest and the interference in the region
 - Oil-dependent economy and a change to diversification

- (3) Islamic Financial Market
 - Historical background
 - An impact on the global financial market
 - Structural characteristics

References

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- ◆ Citino, Nathan J. *From Arab Nationalism to OPEC*. Indiana University Press, 2002
- ◆ Henry, Clement M and Robert Springborg, *Globalization and the Politics of Development in the Middle East*, Cambridge University Press, 2002.
- ◆ Richard, Alan and John Waterbury, *Political Economy of the Middle East*, Westview, 2007.

Assessment

Regular attendance and active participation in class	30%
Term Paper	70%