



Politics of Development in Egypt

Year:	
Catalog Number:	
Teacher(s):	
Language:	English
Blackboard:	No
EC:	5
Level:	300
Period:	Semester 1 & 2
Hours of study:	104 hrs
Lectures:	24 hrs
Practical work:	12 hrs
Tutoring:	hrs
Examination:	hrs
Other:	hrs
Elective choice:	Yes/No
Contractonderwijs:	Yes/No
Exchange:	Yes/No
Study abroad:	Yes/No
Evening course:	Yes/No
A la carte:	Yes/No
Honours class:	Yes/No

Admission requirements

This course is available for second and third year Bachelor students from the Humanities and Social Sciences. Please note: this course takes place in Cairo, Egypt.

Description

This course's focus lies on the interplay between current postcolonial development politics and their historical ties and historicities, centering on Timothy Mitchell's groundbreaking work "Colonizing Egypt" and excerpts of "Rule of Experts". In "Colonizing Egypt", Mitchell unfolds how the British colonial power operated simultaneously through the use of cultural representations and force. The texts will be cross-read with contemporary examples and broader discussions deriving from critical development studies, tied to concrete developmental projects and politics on the ground. Discussions will touch upon the notion of the "foreigner complex", the construction of foreign aid as gift, and the interdependencies which stem from these intricacies



Course objectives

At the end of this course, students will

- be able to frame developmental politics in view of geopolitics and the global economy;
- be familiar with the politics of development in contemporary Egypt;
- be able to identify socio-economic challenges the region faces;
- have developed their skills in exploring a limited topic according to academically sound methods;
- have developed skills in presenting their own academic analyses orally and in written form.

Mode of instruction

Weekly seminar of 2 hours per week.. The seminar will endeavor to involve local experts from various local universities and institutions, such the American University in Cairo, and CLUSTER, Cairo Lab for Urban Studies.

Course load

The total course load for the course is 140 hours (5 EC x 28 hrs), broken down as follows:

- Attendance in weekly lectures and seminars: $12 \times 2 = 24$ hrs
- Time for reading/studying compulsory literature = 52 hrs
- Time for preparing assignments: 12 hrs
- Research and writing of paper: 52 hrs

Assessment method

The final grade is made up of:

- Participation 10%
- Oral presentation 30%
- Final paper/oral exam (tba) 60%

Blackboard: N/A

Literature

Timothy Mitchell, *Colonizing Egypt* (1991).

David Sims, *Egypt's Desert Dreams* (2015)

A list of further readings will be made available at the beginning of the semester.

Registration

To register and for further information, please contact NVIC (info@nvic.leidenuniv.nl).



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Registration studeren à la carte and contractonderwijs

N/A

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Remarks

Is part of	Programme type	Semester	Block
The Arab World Today: a semester abroad in Middle East Studies	Semester abroad, Bachelor	1 & 2	