Islamic Economics and Finance in West Asia

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Course Description

This course is available to students studying MA Area Studies programme.

This course aims to focus on the development of Islamic Economics and Finance as an emerging academic and financial system especially in the Arab Islamic world. This covers both the theoretical as well as the practical aspects and also the critique of other prevailing economic systems, capitalism and socialism in the post colonial Arab world. The Paper further aims in to highlight the institutional development in this emerging area as well as the expansion of Islamic financial market in the Arab Gulf region.

Course Content:

Unit-1

History of the Arab Economies: the Twentieth Century

- 1. Post colonial oils Income era
- 2. Arab discontent with Illusive Development in West Asia
- 3. Emergence of Islamic Economic and Finance

Unit-2

Development in Islamic Economics and Finance since the Middle of 20th Century

- 1. Theoretical Writings: Main Issues
- 2. Islamic Critique of Capitalism and Socialism
- 3. Nature of Debate on Islamic Economics and Finance

Unit-3

Islamic Banking and Finance in Theory and Practices

- 1. Equity and Debt Based Islamic Financing
- 2. interest Free Financial Institution Experiments
- 3. Expansion of Islamic financial Market

Unit-4

Institutional Development in Islamic Economic and Finance

- 1. Islamic Development Bank (IDB),
- 2. Accounting and Auditing Organization of Islamic Financial Institutions (AAOIFI),
- 3. International Islamic Financial Market (IIFM)

Reading List

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