

# **Islamic Revivalism in West Asia**

Compulsory Course  
for  
M.A. (International Relations- West Asian Studies)  
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Semester IV  
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## **Course Description**

The main objective of the course is to examine the creation of political Islam as a set of beliefs and ideas, made a comparative narrative of different models of Islamic State, explore the strategies used by Islamist movements to Islamise a state as well as state strategies to prevent the same, to explore the relationship between Islam and West. It further encourage students to focus on ideas as well as intellectuals, religious and political ideology of leaders like IbnTaymiyya, Abdul Wahab, Afghani, Abdu, Rida, al-Banna, Qutb, Maududi, Khomeini, Turabi, Faraj, Azzam and Zawaheri.

### **Unit I. Revivalism**

- Definition of revivalism
- History of Political Islam
- Theoretical Perspective on Studying Political Islam
- Intellectual origins of Political Islam
- Relationship with the colonialism, theology, nationalism, democracy, liberalism

### **Unit II. The origins of Modern Islamist Movements**

- Origins and Dimensions of Islamic Movements in the Muslim world
- Islamic Movements in WANA: Wahabism, Hezbollah of Lebanon, Hizb-utTahrir, Islamic Action Front of Jordan, The FethullahGulen Movement of Turkey, Muslim Brotherhood, etc.

- Islamic Movements in South Asia, Jama'at-e Islami, TablighiJammat, Salafi Movement, Barelvi Movements etc.
- Islamic Movements in and South East Asia, Prosperous Justice Party of Indonesia, Pan Malaysian Islamic Party etc.

### **Unit. III. Islamists Revival and Reform**

- InbTaymiyya, Jamalusddin Afghani, Hasan al Banna, Sayyid Qutub, Sayyid Abul AlaMawdudu, Ali Shariati, and FazlurRahman
- Muhammad Abduh, TahaHussainetc
- State Formation and the Making of Islamism – Saudi Arabia
- State Formation and the Making of Islamism – Iran

### **Unit IV. Islam and West**

- Islam in Europe
- Western view of Islamic Fundamentalism
- Islam in West before and after 9/11.
- Islam and Refugee Crisis

### **Reading List**

1. Mansoor.Moaddel and Kamran Talattof (eds.), (1999) Contemporary Debates in Islam, St.Martin's Press,
2. Qutub.Sayyid, Milestones, (1990), American Trust Publications,
3. Kepel. Gilles, (2005) The Roots of Radical IslamSaqi publication.
4. Jeffrey.Haynes, (2005), Religion and International Relations after '9/11, Research Gate
5. Haugbolle, Sune. (2012), Reflections on Ideology After the Arab Spring, Jadaliyya

### **Method of Instruction:**

Lectures and tutorial will be held on a weekly basis. Questions, discussion and debate during classes will be strongly encouraged. Students are expected to keep informed of the current events in the West Asian region.

**Method of Assessment:**

A mid-term exam would consist of essay questions based upon the topics covered up to that point. It will be of 25 marks and student must answer two questions out of 4 of 12.5 marks each. The final exam conducted according to a schedule at the end of the semester will be of 75 marks. In the final exam, students must answer 5 out of 10 questions.