Georgetown University
U.S. Policy in the Middle East:
Politics, Strategy and Ethics
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Course Outline

Sept. 3: INTRODUCTION

PART ONE: Ethics and International Relations

Sept. 10: Ethics and International Politics
Sept. 17: Ethics and Foreign Policy

PART TWO: The Middle East in the International System

Sept. 24: The Middle East: Superpowers, Stakes and the System

PART THREE: The Middle East as a Region

Oct. 1: The Actors and the Issues
Oct. 8: Israel: Its Position, Perspective and Policies
Oct. 15: Arab States (I): Regional Relationships
Oct. 22: Arab States (II): Particular Policies
Oct. 29: The Palestinians: Prospects and Policies
Nov. 5: The Gulf: Systemic and Regional Significance
Nov. 12: Lebanon: A Microcosm of the Region

PART FOUR: U.S. Policy in the Middle East

Nov. 19: U.S. Policy (I): Review and Assessment
Nov. 26: U.S. Policy (II): Prospects and Possibilities
Dec. 3: CONCLUSION
Reading List


2. J. C. Murray, We Hold These Truths (Sheed & Ward: 1960) ch. 12, p. 275-294.


Oct. 8: 1. N. Safran, Israel, cited, p. 222-316.


Nov. 12:


Nov. 19:


Nov. 26:


Course Requirements:

1. Attendance at seminar with readings prepared each week.

2. Op-ed article on an aspect of U.S. policy in the Mid-East (750 words); due: Oct. 22 (20 pts.).


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