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Munich-Berlin Middle East Summer School

Politics, Economies, and Societies
of a Changing Middle East

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Objectives

During the 2020 Munich - Berlin Middle East Summer School, the students will be provided with a broad understanding of the key political, economic, and societal developments in the contemporary Middle East as a region and its main countries and political players. The students are also taught in specific topics of cross-country and current concern.

The courses are provided by academics and practitioners with long-standing experience in the Middle East. It is further aimed to give the opportunity to engage in a dialogue with students from the region in focus.

In addition to the academic part, the Summer School also includes visits to German public and private institutions and organizations related to the Middle East. It also offers a rich cultural program with sightseeing, visits to museums, traditional Munich beer gardens, the capital of Berlin, a trip to the city of Nuremberg, and much more.

Content

The Middle East is one of the most exciting as well as most critical world regions in terms of global politics, world economics and social and cultural affairs. In this respect, the 2020 Munich-Berlin Middle East Summer School aims at providing students with a broad understanding of the key political, economic, and societal developments in the contemporary Middle East and of the region's interdependencies and interactions with major countries and regions around the globe.

In the seminars, students will be taught by academics and practitioners with long-standing experience in the Middle East in an interactive way. The program also aims at engaging them in a dialogue with students from the region in focus.

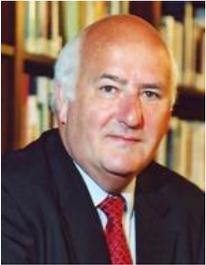
Course Outline

The sessions cover the following modules:

- Introduction and Overview of Societal, Political, Historical and Economic Developments of the Middle East as a Region
- Conceptual Analysis of Selected Main Countries and Players in the Region
- Analysis of the Role of External Global Players
- Introduction into Islam, Christianity, and Judaism – the Roles of Religion and Identity
- Introduction into Media Industries in the Arab World
- Discovery and Reflection of Economic, Social and Cultural Dynamics
- Discussion of Topics of Current Concern
- An Interactive Debate

Academic Hosts

Patronage



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Coordinating Institutions

- The Center for Applied Policy Research (C.A.P.)
- The Institute of Near and Middle Eastern Studies (INMO)
- Middle East and International Affairs Research Group (MEIA Research)

Course Requirements

Target group

- The program targets both **advanced students** and **young professionals** from various backgrounds.
- Applicants should have a general interest in international politics, economics, and societal developments and be willing to participate in an interdisciplinary and intercultural learning process. In-depth knowledge of Middle Eastern affairs is not required, but general knowledge on historical and geographical basics of the region is recommended.
- Preparation and in-class participation, especially in the discussions with lecturers and experts, is essential for the success in the course and plays an important role in grading.
- Lectures, presentations and written assignments are to be held in English. Knowledge of German is not required.

Interductory Literature:

Fawcett, L. (2013) Introduction: The Middle East and International Relations, in: L. Fawcett (Ed.) *International Relations of the Middle East*, pp. 1-5 (Oxford: Oxford University Press).

Korany, B. (2013) The Middle East since the Cold War: Initiating the Fifth Wave of Democratization?, in: *ibid.*, pp. 77-100.

Mandaville, P. (2013) Islam and International Relations in the Middle East: From Umma to Nation State, in: *ibid*, pp. 167-184.

Norton, A. R. (2013) The Puzzle of Political Reform in the Middle East, in: *ibid*, pp. 127-147

Further readings to be announced online:

http://www.meia-misu.de/en/content/MEIA_Download

Credits

The Academic Board of the LMU Munich defines the requirements and contact hours* for successful completion of the courses as follows:

- regular attendance (6 lessons max. absence)
- preparation for and active participation in seminars
- attendance and contribution to lectures
- participation in and contribution to class excursions
- self-study and homework assignments
- written assignments
- presentations

Contact Hours*: 60 contact/class hours* worth up to 6 ECTS credits

* One contact/class hour comprises 45 minutes.

Credit Transfer

Most international colleges and universities accept credits from the MISU LMU. However, each institution has its own policy regarding credit acceptance from other institutions. We strongly recommend that students consult their academic adviser and/or professor to receive credit transfer approval before applying to the MISU Summer Academy. Students who would like to transfer credits to their home universities should print out all documents contact the professor or study abroad adviser and ask for credit and grade approval.

European Credit Transfer system (ECTS) and ECTS Credits

The ECTS was developed in order to provide common procedures that may guarantee academic recognition for studies abroad. ECTS credits are based on the workload students need in order to achieve expected learning outcomes. The ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) is a standard for comparing the academic level and performance of students in Higher Education across the European Union.

Students will be awarded 1 ECTS credit for 30 hours of work, including attending classes, self-study, examinations and essays. The following chart provides grading information:

Grading

Grading Scale

Grades are defined by the Academic Board according to the general grading system of the LMU. Please note that extra credit is not available for this course. Passing grades are 1,00 to 4,00.

< 1,00 = exceptional

1,00 – 1,50 = very good (sehr gut)

1,51 – 2,50 = good (gut)

2,51 – 3,50 = satisfactory (befriedigend)

3,51 – 4,00 = sufficient (ausreichend)

4,00 deficient (mangelhaft)

NG - Not graded

No course certificate was awarded, because the student has chosen to audit the course without any essay.

PNG - Passed, No grade

An ungraded course certificate was awarded because of no essay was presented.

LMU Grade	Description	Grade ECTS	US	US	Percentage
1.0	excellent	A	A+	4,0	100 – 97
1.0	very good	A	A	3,9	96 – 93
1.3	very good	A	A-	3,7	92 – 90
1.7	good	B	B+	3,5	89 – 87
2.0		B	B	3,3	86 – 83
2.3		B	B-	3,0	82 – 80
2.7	satisfactory	C	C+	2,7	79 – 77
3.0		C	C	2,3	76 – 73
3.3		D	C-	2,0	72 – 70
3.7	sufficient	E	D+	1,3	69 – 67
4.0		E	D	1,0	66 – 60
> 4.0	insufficient	F	E	0,0	59 – 0
NG	not graded	F		0,0	0

Grading Procedure

65% = Written Essay/ Seminary Work

35% = Active participation in class (incl. debate session and essay topic presentation) and soft skills

Transcripts

Every student will receive an official transcript after the successful completion of all program requirements. The transcript will show the course name and contact hours, 6 the number of acquired credits as well as the achieved grades.

Fees & Payment

Registration fee:	Early Bird € 100,00 (apply until February 1 st) € 80,00 for LMU students
	Regular € 100,00 (until April 1 st) € 150,00 for LMU students
Tuition: (LMU students do not have to pay the tuition fee)	€ 700,00
Housing/Transfer/Program Berlin:	€ 220,00 (€80/€70/€70)
Housing fee Munich:	€ 430,00 (single apartment, August 2.-22.)

- The tuition covers the academic program as well as visits to institutions.
- Extra-curricular activities noted in the schedule are also covered by the tuition.
- Public transport tickets are also not included in the tuition.
- Meals will not be provided. Lunch will be available at the University for approximately € 3 – € 7 per meal.

Deadlines for payments:

- **Early bird payment deadline:** immediately after receiving the e-mail with the admission letter (PDF), February 7, 2020 at the very latest.
- **Regular registration fee payment deadline:** immediately after receiving the e-mail with the admission letter (PDF), April 10, 2020 at the very latest.
- **Tuition and housing fee payment deadline:** May 15, 2020

Important note: Your place in the program is only secured if you transfer the registration fee or the full amount to our account via money-wire transfer on time. Make sure that your bank will not deduct additional costs for the transfer. All bank fees have to be paid by you. Please ask the bank in your home country for assistance.

Please include your full name and the abbreviation of the program (MEIA) on the money-wire transfer payment. Your name has to be clearly identifiable.

Fees & Payment

Cancellation

Cancellation before the registration closing:

The registration fee is not refundable. All other deposits will be fully refunded.

Cancellation after registration closing:

The registration fee is not refundable. If accommodation was booked, the deposit for the rent may not be refunded.

Cancellation 4 weeks before commencement of the course:

The registration fee is not refundable. If accommodation was booked, the deposit for the rent will not be refunded and 50% of the course deposit fees will not be refunded.

Cancellation 3 days before commencement of the course:

The registration fee is not refundable. If an accommodation was booked, the deposit for the rent will not be refunded and 80% of the deposit for the course fees will not be refunded. For more information, please check our general terms and conditions.

Accommodation

Arrival

- August 2, 2020 (Check-in 02:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

Departure

- August 22, 2020 (Check-out 10:00 am at the latest)

Student Residence

The participants will reside in one of the student residences in Munich. The student housing facility is located approximately a few subway stations away from the classroom and city center.

About the rooms:

- Each student will have their own private apartment, which is fully furnished and has its own small kitchen and bathroom (toilet + shower).
- The rooms are equipped with bedding (sheets and blankets) which can be washed at one of the laundry rooms in the building.
- Kitchen utensils (cutlery, cups, plate and pots) and towels will **not** be provided. We ask you to acquire these items according to your own personal needs.
- During their stay, each student is responsible to clean their room by themselves.
- Internet access is available via Ethernet (LAN) cable. The cable is not provided. Please bring our own.
- Please note that the rooms are tailored to students' needs and financial means. Therefore, please do not expect luxurious facilities.
- Students with health impairment are kindly asked to inform us in the application process.

Board

During your stay, you will be responsible to provide your own meals. You should count on spending approximately 15,00 € per day on food. During the week lunch can be purchased at one of the university's canteens for 3,00 - 7,00 €.

Registration

The selection of participants will be done continuously. The registration takes place on the 'first come, first serve'- principle, given that the application meets the requirements of the program.

In the interest of maintaining the program's high standards, the number of participants will be limited to 20. Application is based on a first come first served basis and in order to determine the professional as well as the personal qualification.

The online registration has been running since November 1, 2019.

http://www.meia-misu.de/en/content/meia_registration

Application materials for the MEIA program:

- Curriculum vitae (CV): you may use the Euro Pass format if you do not have your own form: <http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu>
- Statement of motivation: Applicants should write a short statement of no more than one typed page in English as to why they wish to take part in the summer program.

Deadlines for the registration:

- **Early bird application deadline:** February 1, 2020, 11:59 am CEST (noon)
- **Regular application deadline:** April 1, 2020, 11:59 am CEST (noon)

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