

## **Special Topics offered in Spring 2018**

**POLS 4030-01**

**Dr. Kassem**

**Topic: Seminar: Media Depictions of Contemporary Egyptian Politics**

This course offers an in-depth analysis of the nature and dynamics of modern Egyptian politics. In order to familiarize students with post-1952 Egypt, assessments of Egyptian politics will be made through movie depictions of each regime. Once the trends and general imprints of each era are established, this course will then focus on the major issues and themes confronting and shaping as a republic and eventually leading to Egypt's post 2011 political arena. Such themes will include but are not limited to the following: The fall of Mubarak regime, the rise of the second republic, and the subsequent parliamentary and presidential elections. This second part of this course will analyze the patterns civil participation, the role of the military, as well as the role of Muslim Brotherhood and their fall from power after the 30<sup>th</sup> of June.

**POLS 5140-01**

**Dr. Salem**

**Topic: Egypt and the UN Women's Rights Convention**

By virtue of ratifying the *Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women* (hereinafter: 'CEDAW' / 'Women's Convention'), Egypt is internationally obliged to eliminate gender discrimination in its domestic legislation. Yet, women in Egypt face various forms of discrimination. This may legally be justified through Sharia-based reservations, which many Muslim-majority countries enter to human rights treaties to evade an obligation of implementation where Human Rights run counter to Sharia. This course aims to examine the compatibility of Sharia-based reservations with international law and identifies discrepancies between Sharia and domestic law in order to determine rights Egyptian women are entitled to according to Sharia, and yet denied under Egyptian law. Moreover, the course will analyze Egypt's implementation efforts in the non-reserved areas of law. To this end, Egypt's 2014 Constitution and four areas of statutory law will be examined as case studies, namely, female genital mutilation; human trafficking; nationality; and labor law.

**POLS 5140-02**

**Dr. McMahon**

**Topic: Reading Capital V. 1**

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