

## **Special Topics - Winter 2021**

**Dr. Kazziha**

**POLS 4030-01**

**Topic: Palestine on the Alter of Arab-Israeli Rapport**

### **Course Description:**

“An increasing number of Arab countries and ruling elites have become recently more concerned with their own domestic problems, rather than with Palestine or any other external issue. Consequently, political interest among some Arab states in the fate of the Palestinians has declined. In such a context ruling families and elites in some Arab Countries, namely the UAE, Bahrain, Sudan, and Morocco moved to establish cordial peace relations with Israel, under the auspices of the US patron. There is speculation that some other Arab countries may join in soon. The purpose of this seminar is to examine the nature of this new trend emerging in the region and to evaluate its impact on the future of Palestine and the Palestinians.”

**Dr. Kassem**

**POLS 4030-02**

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

### **Winter 2021: Semi-synchronous Course**

### **Course Description:**

This capstone course is intended for all majors. Since this course is intended for all majors, it will include both lectures and online interactive sessions. This allows for students not familiar with Egyptian politics to gain an understanding of the Egyptian political system. 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 30th of June.