The American University in Cairo

Political Science 414-01
Egyptian Foreign Policy
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Sunday and Wednesday 2:00-3:20

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Course Description

This course is designed to cover major issues related to Egypt's foreign policy. These include the determinants of Egypt’s foreign policy, the domestic, regional and international settings, patterns of foreign policy decision making, relations with major international actors, and involvement in ongoing regional conflicts. The course is essentially an extensive case study. However, different theoretical approaches will be applied and tested towards exploring alternative explanations for Egypt’s foreign policy. The comparative method will be extensively applied to help clarify the subject matter. Learning about past Egyptian foreign policy is instrumental to shed light on the likely directions of Egypt's foreign policy in the post Mubarak's era.

Course Requirements and Student Evaluation

Attendance and Participation: According to the AUC’s policy, attendance is integral part of the learning process. Missing more than the equivalent of three weeks of class meetings without acceptable excuses puts the student at the risk of penalty. However, the AUC’s policy does not reward students just for attendance. Active attendance, on the other hand is highly encouraged. Students who actively take part in in class activities and discussions can win a maximum of 15% of the total grade.

Reaction Papers: Each student should submit six reaction papers to the assigned readings. A student will submit a reaction paper to the assigned readings of each other week, which makes a total of six reaction papers during the duration of the semester. This exercise will begin with readings of week no. 3. Reaction papers should be submitted in class on due date. Each day of delay will cost a deduction of 0.5% of the total
grade. Late reaction papers are not accepted beyond the due date of the following reaction paper. Each reaction paper is worth 3% of the total grade. Additional 2% will be granted as a bonus for students who submit the six reaction papers on time. A total of 20% of the total grade is assigned to this exercise.

**Midterm Exams:** One midterm exam will be administered as scheduled. All exams in this class are **open-book exams**. Students will be required to answer 2 essay questions out of a larger list of questions. The midterm exam is worth 20% of the total grade.

**Final Exam:** A comprehensive final **open-book** exam of two questions will be administered during the finals' week. The final exam is worth 25% of the total grade.

**Term Paper:** Students are expected to turn in one term paper of 3,000-3,500 words. The term paper is worth 20% of the total grade.

**Points in this class are distributed as the following**

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**Topics and Readings**

1. **Week of September 4**
   Introduction

2. **Week of September 18**
   **The Historical Legacy**
   1. Steven Cook, *The struggle for Egypt from Nasser to Tahrir Square*, 2012, ch. 1 & 2. (online)

3. Week of September 25
The Domestic Environment
3. Louis Cantori, Egypt, in Robert Freedman (ed.), The Middle East Enters the 21st Century, pp. 229-246 (Reserve)
4. Imad Harb, The Egyptian military in politics: Disengagement or accommodation, The Middle East Journal (Spring 2003), pp. 269-290 (Blackboard)

4. Week of week of October 2
The Regional Environment
1. Raymond Hinnebusch, The Middle East Regional System, in Raymond Hinnebusch and Anoushirvan Ehteshami (Eds.), The Foreign Policies of Middle East States (Boulder, CO: Lynne Reinner, 2002), pp. 30-53. (Reserve)

5. Week of October 9
The International Environment
3. Don Peretz, U.S. policy toward the Middle East, in Robert Freedman (ed.), The Middle East Enters the 21st Century, pp. 267-287 (Reserve)
6. Week of October 16

**Wednesday October 19th: Deadline for submission of term paper proposal**

Presentation and Discussion of term paper proposal

**The Foreign Policy Debate**


4. Mohamed Hassanein Heikal, Egyptian Foreign Policy, Foreign Affairs 1978, pp. 714-724 (Blackboard)


7. Week of October 23

Presentation and Discussion of term paper proposal continue

**Analytical Framework**

1. Fouad Ajami, The Arab Predicament, Ch. 2, pp. 77-137. (RESERVE)


3. Raymond Hinnebusch, The Foreign Policy of Egypt, in Raymond Hinnebusch and Anoushiravan Ehteshami (eds.), The Foreign Policies of Arab States (Boulder, CO, Lynne Reinne, 2002), pp. 91-114. (RESERVE)

8. Week of October 30

(Sunday October 30, Midterm exam)
9. Week of November 6

Egypt Foreign policy under Nasser I


2. Vatikiotis, P. J., Nasser and his Generation, 1987, Ch. 12 (The Lure of Arab Nationalism), pp 225-248 (Reserve)

3. Vatikiotis, P. J., Nasser and his Generation, 1987, Ch. 13 (The Challenge of Israel), pp 249-262 (Reserve)


10. Week of November 13

Egypt Foreign policy under Nasser II


11. Week of November 20

Egyptian Foreign Policy under Sadat


2. Ibrahim A. Karawan, 2005, Egypt’s disengagement from the Arab Israeli Conflict (Blackboard)


12. Week of November 27

**Egyptian Foreign Policy under Mubarak**

1. Louis Cantori, Unipolarity and Egyptian Hegemony in the Middle East, in Robert Freedman (Ed.), The Middle East after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, 1993, Ch. 12, pp. 335-357 (Reserve)

2. Jon Alterman, Dynamics without Drama: New Options and Old Compromises in Egypt's Foreign Policy, Cambridge Review of International Affairs, Vol. 18, no. 3 (2005), pp. 357-369. (Blackboard)


13. Week of December 4

**Egypt and The U.S.**

1. Jon Alterman, American Aid to Egypt in the 1950s: from hope to hostility, Middle East Journal Vol. 52 (1998), PP. 51-69 (Blackboard)


6. Anthony Kordesman, The Arab Uprising and U.S. policy (Blackboard)

14. Week of December 11

**Thursday December 6th: Dead line for submission of term papers**

**Egypt and The Arab Israeli Conflict**

1. Hassan A. Barari, The Al-Aqsa Intifada as Seen in Egypt, Civil Wars, Vol. 6, no. 3 (Autumn 2003), pp. 87-106. (Blackboard)

3. Jacob Abadi, Egypt's Policy Towards Israel: The impact of foreign and domestic constraints, Israel Affairs, Vol.12, No.1, January 2006, pp.159–176 (Blackboard)

4. Ewan Stein, The Camp David Consensus, 2011 (Blackboard)

15. Week of December 18

Egypt, Libya and the Sudan

1. Wolfgang Muhlberger, 2016, Egypt’s policy towards Libya (Blackboard)
