Course Title: The History of the Modern Middle East
Course Code: WSP 139
Instructor: Marwan D. Hanania, Ph.D.
Dates and Times: Saturday July 8th - Sunday July 9th, 10am-4pm

Course Summary:

This workshop presents the major themes and events that have defined the social, economic and political history of the Middle East from World War I to the Present.

Upon successful completion of the course, students should be able to:

- Identify the major turning points in modern Middle Eastern history from the late Ottoman period to the present.
- Analyze the role played by individual leaders and global powers in shaping the Middle East.
- Understand the major socio-economic and political processes that have shaped the history of the modern Middle East.
- Understand some of the different scholarly perspectives on key issues such as the legacy of European colonialism, the Arab-Israeli conflict, the impact of oil, the rise of nationalism and the role of political Islam in the region.

*Please see course page for full description and additional details.

Grade Options and Requirements:

- No Grade Requested (NGR)
  - This is the default option. No work will be required; no credit shall be received; no proof of attendance can be provided.
- Credit/No Credit (CR/NC)
  - Score will be determined by student attendance and participation.
    - Students must attend the workshop on both days and actively participate in class to receive credit.

*Please Note: If you require proof that you completed a Continuing Studies course for any reason (for example, employer reimbursement), you must choose the Credit/No Credit option. Courses taken for NGR will not appear on official transcripts or grade reports.
Tentative Outline:

The Breakup of the Ottoman Empire and the European Colonial Period
- The Capitulations and Increasing Economic Dependence on Europe
- Imperialism and Modernity
- The Young Turk Movement
- World War I and the Arab Revolt
- The Era of the Mandates

Nationalism and the Arab-Israeli Conflict
- Herzl and the Inception of Zionism
- Jewish Immigration and the emergence of Palestinian nationalism
- The Politics of the British Mandate
- The 1947-1949 War and the Creation of Israel (1948)
- The Free Officers Movement in Egypt
- The Suez War of 1956 and the Consolidation of Arab nationalism

The US and the Middle East
- The 1967 War and its Aftermath
- The Role of Oil in Middle East Politics
- The 1973 War
- King Faisal of Saudi Arabia and the Oil Embargo
- The Historical Role of the United States in the Region
- US Policy toward Iraq and Iran

Political Islam
- Origins and Major Theorists
- The Muslim Brotherhood
- The Islamic Revolution in Iran
- The Lebanese Civil War and the Rise of Hizbollah
- The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and the Founding of Hamas
- The Rise of Al-Qa‘ida
- ISIS, al-Nusra and other extremist organizations

The Arab Spring and Subsequent Civil Wars
- The Origins of the Arab Spring
- Events in Tunisia, Libya, and Egypt
- Events in Yemen, Bahrain, Iraq and Syria
- U.S. Policy and Recent Events