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Course at UMCS, Lublin.

The Disintegration of the Middle East

The aim of this course is to bring the participants to an academic level of understanding of the basic political, internal and international problems of the Middle East in the XXth and XXIst centuries.

In order to tackle the above mentioned issues a basic operative understanding of concepts such as nation, nationalism, nation-state, independence, autonomy, irredentism, state building, constitutional and international arrangements and legitimacy must be reached by the participants during the course. Integration and disintegration are also key factors to be analyzed in this framework.

The following historical development will be followed along the course, using political-social and economic axes of analysis to generate an understanding of the Contemporary Middle East and its main problems.

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