

**CENTRE FOR WEST ASIAN STUDIES  
SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES  
JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY**

**M. A. International Relations-West Asian Studies**

Course No.	:	WA404
Course Title	:	State and Politics in North Africa
Course Teacher	:	Prof. Mahendra Pratap Rana
Credits: Four		
Instruction Method	:	Lectures, Seminars/Tutorials
Evaluation Method	:	Class Participation, Assignments and End-Semester Exam.
Course Duration	:	One Semester
Contact Hours	:	04

**Objectives:** The course seeks to disseminate knowledge on state and politics in North Africa covering the colonization process, anti-imperialist struggles, political system, political process, the role of regional and external actors, and the future of democratic movements in the region. Taking a cue from this, the course will provide enough scope to the students for a comprehensive and analytical understanding of the subject in emerging domains. It will also enable them to have an in-depth study of the state and politics in North Africa.

**Learning Outcome:** The Course encourages analytical and critical thinking among the learners to expand their depth in the political and regional issues of North Africa.

**Course Content**

**Unit-I: Historical Background:** Colonization Process and Anti-imperialist Struggles; Political Parties during the Colonial period in Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia; Colonization of Western Sahara; Polisario Front; UN Peace Initiatives; Saharan Arab Democratic Republic (SADR).

**Unit-II: Political System:** State Formation; Role of Military; the Party System; and Constitutional Evolution and Reforms; elections

**Unit-III: Political Process:** Political Liberalization, People's Movement for Democratic Rights in 2011; Emergence of Muslim Brotherhood and other Radical Organizations after 2011; Refugee Crisis

**Unit-IV: Regional and External Factors:** The Role of Regional Actors in the Politics of North Africa; External Actors and their Role; Competing Geo-Political Interests and Future of Democratic Movements in North Africa,

**Readings**

**Unit-I:**

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- Barkat, Halim (ed.) (1985). *Contemporary North Africa, Issue of Development and Integration*, London, Croom Helm.
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- Martinez, Luis (2000). *The Algerian Civil War, 1990-1998*, New York, Columbia University Press.
- Merle, Robert (1965).*Ahmed Ben Bella*, Paris, Callimard.
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- Perkins, Kenneth (2004). *A History of Modern Tunisia*, London, Cambridge University Press.
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- Simons, Geoff (1993). *Libya: The Struggle for Survival*, New York, St. Martin's Press.
- Weitzman, Bruce Maddy (ed.) (2017). *The Maghreb in the New Century: Identity, Religion and Politics*, University Press of Florida.
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- Burgat, Francois and William Powell (1993). *The Islamic Movement in North Africa*, Austin, Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas.
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