

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

**M.A. Programme [International Relations-West Asian Studies]**

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Course No.	: WA501
Course Title	: <b>Energy Geopolitics in West Asia and North Africa</b>
Course Teacher	: Dr. Vrushal T. Ghoble
Instruction Method	: Lectures, Seminars, Tutorials, and Dissertation
Credits	: 04
Evaluation Method	: Sessional Works, and End - Semester Examination
Course Duration	: One Semester
Semester	: 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester [Optional Course]
Contact Hours	: 04 hours per week

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#### **OVERVIEW**

The history of West Asia and North Africa [WANA] has been faced by constant challenges and consequently, there were responses to these challenges. The socio-political and economics of the region is characterised by the geopolitics that is ever changing. Hydrocarbons [oil and natural gas] stand as the foundation of WANA's growth. This course will provide a sound basis for understanding the basics of the hydrocarbon development in WANA and its rentier structure. The course begins by understanding broader concepts in the oil and gas industry, followed by the geopolitical shifts in the WANA, which has impacted the region.

#### **Learning Outcomes:**

The course seeks to achieve the following learning outcomes: to develop research skills in the learners to undertake rigorous and cutting-edge research in domain-specific or related ones; encourage analytical and critical thinking among the learners to expand their depth in the field; and to broaden the learners' scope of knowledge and open up new avenues for innovative research. The course will enable students to acquire research skills and pursue their interests in higher education.

#### **Teaching Methodology and Evaluation:**

The course will be in a format of lectures, seminars, and discussion. The sessions will be taught in an interactive manner. Student participation is necessary. Each student will be graded through examination and assignments. Class participation will also be considered in evaluating student's performance.

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#### ***I: HISTORY OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS***

Seven Sisters; evolution of oil industry and its sectors; sources of energy – fire, wood, coal, oil; energy poverty; natural gas industry;

## ***II: DISCOVERY OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS IN WANA***

Oil and natural gas discoveries; oil and geopolitics; western monopoly; types of oil and West Asia;

## ***III: NATIONALIZATION OF OIL INDUSTRY***

Nationalization process; confrontation with the west; oil and gas cartels; oil crisis;

## ***IV: POLITICAL ECONOMY OF OIL AND GAS MARKETS***

Rentier state; oil and state – society relations; pipeline geopolitics; transportation; oil dependency and energy market diversification; economic development; vision documents;

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### **IV: POLITICAL ECONOMY OF OIL AND GAS MARKETS**

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