# Centre for West Asian Studies School of International Studies Jawaharlal Nehru University

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

Course No. : WA508

Course Title : Politics and Foreign Policy of Egypt

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Credits : 4

Instruction Method : Lectures, Seminars and Tutorials.

Evaluation Method : Class Participation, Assignment and End-Semester Examination

Course Duration : One Semester Contact Hours : 04 Per week

**Objectives:** The course focuses on the politics and foreign policy of Egypt tracing the Ottoman period, patterns of colonization, and anti-colonial struggles for liberation. It also deliberates on the evolution of the Republic of Egypt and major trends in foreign policy including the 1967 Arab-Israel War and the collapse of Nasserism, policies under Sadat and Mubarak, the Arab uprising and post-Arab Spring developments, and new foreign policy alliances. 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 politics and foreign policy of Egypt.

## **Learning Outcome:**

The Course encourages analytical and critical thinking among the learners to deepen their knowledge in the politics and foreign policy issues of Egypt.

## **Course Content**

## Unit -I: Historical Background

History of Egypt during the Ottoman History; Napoleonic Invasion (1798) and Rise of Mohammad Ali (1805—1849); Reforms and Modernization of Egyptian Society; Patterns of Colonial Domination; Impact of Colonialism and anti-Colonial Struggle for Liberation; Egyptian Revolution; Role of Wafd Party in Independence Movement.

## **Unit-II: Evolution of the Republic of Egypt**

Arab Nationalism and Palestinian Question; Egyptian Revolution; Rise of Gamal Abdul Nasser; Socioeconomic and Political Dimensions of Nasserism; Suez Crisis (1955-56); Non-Aligned Movement, Alliance with the Soviet Union; Rise and Fall of UAR; Arab Socialist Union; Major Trends of Foreign Policy including the 1967 Arab-Israel War and Collapse of Nasserism.

## Unit-III: Egypt under Anwar Sadat and Hosni Mubarak

Anwar Al-Sadat's Regime (1971-1981) and Policy of de-Nasserisation;1973 War with Israel and Peace with Israel [1979-1981]; Multi-Party system; Infitah and aspects of Major Domestic and Foreign Policy Initiatives, Hosni Mubarak's Domestic and Foreign Policy [1981-2011]; Arab Uprisings (2011), Regional and External Actors; Removal of Mubarak; Rise of Military.

## **Unit-IV: Arab Spring and After**

Rise and Fall of Mohammad Morsi and Muslim Brotherhood; Role of Civil Society; Democracy Building; Coup by Fatah El-Sisi; Socio-economic Scenario; Human Rights; and Egypt's New Foreign Policy Alliances., Emergence of Fatah El-Sisi; Domestic and Foreign Policy of Egypt.

## Readings

## Unit –I:

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- Ansari, Hamid. Egypt: The Stalled Society, State University of New York Press, Albany, 1986.
- Baer, Gabriel. Studies in the Social History of Modern Egypt, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1969.
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- Cook, Steven A. Ruling But Not Governing: The Military and Political Development in Egypt, Algeria, and Turkey, The John Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, 2007.
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- Deeb, Marius. Party Politics in Egypt: The Wafd and Its Rivals, 1919-1939, Ithaca Press, London, 1979.
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- McDermott, Anthony. *Egypt from Nasser to Mubarak: A Flawed Revolution*, Croom Helm, London, 1988.
- Menaway, Abdel Latif El and Michael Binyon. *Tahrir The Last 18 Days of Mubarak: An Insider's Account of the Uprising in Egypt*, Gilgamesh Publishing, 2013
- Mitchell, Richard P. The Society of Muslim Brothers, Oxford University Press, London, 1969.
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