

Centre for West Asian Studies
School of International Studies

Course for M.Phil.

Course No.	:	WA 615
Course title	:	West Asian Economies: Issues in Development
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Credits	:	3
Instruction Method	:	Lectures, Seminars and tutorials
Evaluation Method	:	Sessional work and Semester examination
Course Duration	:	One Semester
Contact hours	:	03 per week

Course Content

1. Development :Key Concepts

- Difference between growth and development
- Development debates
- Problems of development (poverty, unemployment, disparities)

2. Economic Profile of the Region

- Natural Resources: Depleting stocks and alternatives (focusing on energy),
- Agriculture: land reforms, productivity and technology
- Industrialisation: Choice of Industry, nature of technology
- Human Resources: Demography, problems of unemployment
- Growth of service sector
- Different structural characteristics of the West Asian economies with special reference to few Arab Economies, Iran, Turkey and Israel (oil and non-oil economies, labour surplus and labour deficit economies, agrarian economies, economies in transition as well as innovation and service based economies).

3. Oil and Development:

- Growth of oil industry in the region.
- Impact of oil on development :Intra-regional disparities and emerging regional stratification
- Rentier nature of the regime in oil-based economies and new facets of Rentierism.
- Problems of industrialisation and capital formation.

4 State and the Economy

- Relative roles of the state and the market in development process.
- The different ramifications of process of economic liberalisation, privatisation of state enterprises, rise of informal sector in the economies of the region.
- Market and state failures in inclusive growth and development (disparities in regional distribution gender, minorities), Public Private Partnership.

5. Development Strategies: an Appraisal

- Plans and planning
- Comparative account of state led development strategies and the neoliberal regime in the region.
- Problems of unemployment and skill generation
- Land degradation and food security
- Poverty, social welfare policies, development challenges in conflict zones, economic disparities.
- Arab Spring-Economic dimensions

6. West Asia in the World Economy

- Role of trade in the development of the region.
- Foreign investment, aid and debt problem of the region.
- Development implications of globalisation, the labour and capital flows between West Asian and North African countries.

Suggested Readings

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