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**POLITICAL ECONOMY OF THE MIDDLE EAST**

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Office Hours: 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Monday and Wednesday

and by appointment.

Prerequisites for this course: Econ 3070 and Econ 3080. If you signed up for this course but have not taken these courses, I will assume that you are able to follow the discussion and material coverage on economic policy and theory covered in the pre-requisites. This will also be necessary for your paper and final exam, since you need to show your understanding of the major economic issues for the country or region that you choose.

Objective of the Course:

This course will deal with the



and the UNDP Information Portal Dedicated to Development and Governance in the Arab Region at:

<http://www.pogar.org/>

3. Arab World Competitiveness Report 2002-2003, The World Economic Forum, Geneva, 2003 and other more recent ones. You may have to order some of these:

<http://www.weforum.org/en/events/middleeast/ArabWorldCompetitivenessReport/ArabWorldCompetitivenessReport>

4. For data on the region from the UNDP and the Human Development Reports and Development indicators for the region:

<http://hdr.undp.org/statistics/data/>

5. An authoritative source for international oil data from BP and other sources:

<http://www.bp.com/productlanding.do?categoryId=91&contentId=7017990>

The Joint Oil Data Initiative:

<http://www.jodidata.org/FileZ/ODTmain.htm>

Energy Information Agency:

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/>

International section of the EIA:

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/international/contents.html>

EIA's country's analysis briefs:

<http://www.eia.doe.gov/emeu/cabs/contents.html>

The International Energy Agency (Paris) (do not confuse with the EIA, part of the US Department of Energy)

<http://www.iea.org/>

The Oil and Gas Journal:

<http://www.ogj.com/index.cfm>

The Oil and Gas Journal International:

<http://www.oilandgasinternational.com/>

6. The Arab Social Science Research:

<http://www.assr.org/>

7. The Gulf 2000 Site: Covers the following countries: Bahrain, Iran, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates found at:

<http://gulf2000.columbia.edu/>

8. The IMF and the World Bank Middle East sites:

The IMF:

<http://www.imf.org/>

Page where the list of recent Article IV reports are found:

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/sec/aiv/index.htm>

Country information page:

<http://www.imf.org/external/country/index.htm>

Finance and Development:



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