

ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS TRENDS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

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Tuesdays 1:30–3:20 p.m.

Room: SWS B012

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This course introduces students to key trends that are reconfiguring the economic and business landscape in the Middle East. Focusing primarily on the United Arab Emirates and the Gulf, the course bridges academic and public policy research to examine how state-business relations influence economic policy decisions and business outcomes in this critical region. Students will analyse the policy dilemmas arising from interconnected and longer-term challenges of economic sustainability as the Gulf States become more active and visible participants in regional and international politics. Topics of analysis include: the governance and regulatory obstacles arising from the continuing dominance of private networks and family conglomerates; conditions facing migrant workers; and underlying challenges posed by structural and labor market imbalances, demographic pressures, and weak private sector development and economic diversification.

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