INTRODUCTION TO WEST ASIA

Method of Teaching: Lectures and discussions
Course Teachers: Faculty Members (Each Teacher will be allotted a two-week time as per unit).
Duration: First Semester PhD Course

Objective: This one semester compulsory course aims at building a comprehensive understating of West Asia covering the History, Politics, Economics, Society and culture to the fist semester PhD students of the Center.

Unit 1 Modern History of West Asia
Dr. Rafiullah Azmi
1. A Perspective on Approaches to History & Terms
2. Region’s Encounters with the West in the Modern Era
3. West Asia in the Post world War 1st Period
4. Emergence of Ideologies: (Arabs, Turkish, Iranian and Jewish Nationalism), Pan-Islamism
5. Disputes, Conflicts and Wars: Arab-Israel Wars, Gulf Wars

Unit 2 Politics in the Arab World
Dr. Shahid Jamal Ansari
1. Arab Nationalism
2. Arab Socialism
3. Political Islam
4. Legitimacy

Unit 3 Arab Israeli Conflicts
Dr. Sujata A Cheema
1. The Palestine Mandate, 1920-1948
2. From War to War, 1949-73,
3. Flicker of Peace: Camp David I
4. The Decade of Conflict, 1980s
5. The Gulf Crisis, Pressures for Peace, Oslo Accords, Road Map, and Core issue talks

Unit 4 Economics of West Asia
Dr. Javed Ahmad Khan
1. Main Features of West Asian Economies
2. Gulf Energy Resources: Demand and Supply Scenarios
3. Regional Economic Integration and India-West Asia Relations
Unit 5  Religion, Society and Culture of West Asia  
Dr. H. A. Nazmi

1. Approaches to Religion: Tradition Vs. Modernity,  
2. Relationship Between Religion and Culture  
3. Introduction to Religion and Religious Traditions in West Asia, Judaism, Christianity and Islam  
4. Society, Language, Custom, Ethnicity and Tradition
Suggested Readings:

**History of West Asia**

**Politics of the Arab World**


**Arab Israeli Conflicts**


**Economics of West Asia**

5. *Annual Reports*, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India

**Society and Culture of West Asia**
Books