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CONTENIDOS

CURSO DE LENGUA Y CULTURA ESPAÑOLAS EN INGLÉS

CULTURE

The Arab world and the west: past
and future

THE ARAB WORLD AND THE WEST: PAST AND FUTURE

General description

The aim of the course is to give students basic knowledge of the cultural and political interaction between the Arab world and the West during their common history. In the first section of the course we will analyze the history of the Arab world from the emergence of Islam to the Iraq war passing through the crusades, the Ottoman Empire, the western colonization, etc. And in the second section of the course we will focus on the main challenges for the relations between the Arab world and the West. This course will cover topics such as the long-term impact of the penetration of Europe into the Islamic World, Orientalism, and Occidentalism, Islamic immigration into western societies, the impact of 9-11 and the Iraq war, and the role of oil and the Middle East conflict.

Method of presentation

Lectures by the instructor, supported with bibliographical and other didactic materials, followed by debates with the students. The class will follow a seminar format. This presupposes that the readings assigned for each week have been made before we meet in class. At the beginning of each class I will introduce the materials and allow some time for questions of clarification. Thereafter, we will have a seminar discussion. Students will be invited to express their views on the materials for the class and the criticisms made during the presentation. Both the presentations and the discussions around them are expected to be respectful, professional and anchored in the class materials.

Programme contents

1. An introduction to the arab world.
2. A chronology of the history of islam: history of the arab world until the early 20th century.
3. A chronology of the history of islam: the evolution of the muslim world during the second half of 20th century.
4. The future of relations between the arab world and the west: geopolitics of armed conflicts along the borders of the arab-muslim world.
5. The future of relations between the arab world and the west: islam in europe.
6. The future of relations between the arab world and the west: western world facing the global *jihadist* terrorism.
7. The future of relations between the arab world and the west: the main challenges within the arab-muslim world.
8. The future of relations between the arab world and the west: islam and christianity: a game of the mutual perceptions.
9. The future of relations between the arab world and the west: spain and alliance of civilizations.
10. The future of relations between the arab world and the west: the euro-mediterranean dialogue process.

Evaluation

LANGUAGE OF PRESENTATION: English.

REQUIRED WORK AND FORM OF ASSESSMENT:

- Assistance
- Student participation 15%
- Mid-term exam 30%
- Final exam 30%
- Paper 25%

Bibliography

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