



## **MOSN09, Middle Easterns Studies: Women and Social Change in the Middle East, 7.5 credits**

*Mellanösternstudier: Kvinnor och social förändring i Mellanöstern,  
7,5 högskolepoäng  
Second Cycle / Avancerad nivå*

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### **Details of approval**

The syllabus was approved by the programmes director by delegation from the pro-dean for first- and second-cycle studies on 2012-07-02 to be valid from 2012-07-02, autumn semester 2012.

### **General Information**

The course is included as an elective course in the Master of Arts programme in Middle Eastern Studies (MESLU) at the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies. The course is also offered as a free-standing course and can be included in a first- or second-cycle degree.

*Language of instruction:* English

*Main field of studies*

Middle Eastern Studies

*Depth of study relative to the degree requirements*

A1N, Second cycle, has only first-cycle course/s as entry requirements

### **Learning outcomes**

On completion of the course the student shall

#### **Knowledge and understanding**

- be able to describe different processes of social change and their impact on the situation of women in the present-day Middle East
- be able to describe concrete examples of how women contribute to changes in their social situation in the present-day Middle East
- be able to describe key theories of social change and how they can be applied to the present-day Middle East

### Competence and skills

- be able to compare concrete examples of the conditions affecting women's opportunities to participate in movements for social change in the present-day Middle East
- be able to applying relevant theoretical perspectives and models, assess the economic, political and social effects of different examples of women's activism in the present-day Middle East

### Judgement and approach

- be able to assess how local traditions and cultural practices in the present-day Middle East can produce both opportunities and obstacles for gender equality
- be able to assess the impact of global processes and transnational networks on changes in the social situation of women in the present-day Middle East.

### Course content

The course examines the role of women in promoting social change in the present-day Middle East. It starts with an overview of the historical and theoretical context of the social participation of women in the Middle East. Furthermore, specific processes of change in the economic, political and social sectors of society are investigated. What forms of social change have been attained by women and what are the current tendencies? Special attention is paid to the global and local factors that affect the conditions for and forms of women's social activism in the present-day Middle East.

The course is based on discussion and application of current research, active participation in seminar discussions, and a number of minor written assignments. It also provides opportunity for specialised study, in which the students design individual case studies of women's participation in and contribution to social change.

### Course design

Teaching consists of lectures and compulsory seminars (approximately 6).

### Assessment

The assessment is based on students' active participation in discussions, short weekly written assignments and a final written project. Furthermore, each student is to act as discussion moderator on at least one occasion.

*Subcourses that are part of this course can be found in an appendix at the end of this document.*

### Grades

Marking scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A.

The highest grade is A and the lowest passing grade is E. The grade for a non-passing result is F.

Scale of grades:

A = 92-100 % of total points

B = 84-92 % of total points

C = 76-84 % of total points

D = 68-76 % of total points

E = 60-68 % of total points

F = 0-59 % of total points.

All assessed course components are graded.

## **Entry requirements**

To be admitted to the course, students must have 90 credits (Bachelor's degree level) or equivalent knowledge as well as English B from Swedish upper secondary school or the equivalent.

## **Further information**

1. The course is offered at the Centre for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University.

## Subcourses in MOSN09, Middle Easterns Studies: Women and Social Change in the Middle East

Applies from V12

1201 Women and Social Change in the Middle East, 7,5 hp  
Grading scale: Fail, E, D, C, B, A