



NEDERLANDS-VLAAMS INSTITUUT IN CAIRO
المعهد الهولندي الفلمنكي بالقاهرة
NETHERLANDS-FLEMISH INSTITUTE IN CAIRO

A History of Cairo
(Contextualizing Contemporary Egypt: BA)
(Texts in Context I: MA)



Year:	2017-2018
Catalog Number:	
Teacher(s):	Ruud Peters, Fred Leemhuis, guest lecturers
Language:	English
Blackboard:	No
EC:	5
Level:	300/400
Period:	Semester 1
Hours of study:	104 hrs
Lectures:	24 hrs



Practical work:	12 hrs
Tutoring:	hrs
Examination:	hrs
Other:	hrs
Elective choice:	Yes/No
Contractonderwijs:	Yes/No
Exchange:	Yes/No
Study abroad:	Yes/No
Evening course:	Yes/No
A la carte:	Yes/No
Honours class:	Yes/No

Admission requirements

This course is a combined BA and MA course that crosses between the Middle East Studies programme and the Arabic and Islamic programme.

Course Description

In this course, students will examine Cairo from a historical perspective. Students will study the history of Cairo (and its precursors) from the 7th century to the 19th Century, exploring different political eras and rule. There will be different themes throughout the course including the establishment and growth of the city, the impact Napoleon's occupation, laws regulating property and streets, public order issues, public health, and the Cariene underworld of drug lords and prostitutes. MA students will attend an extra class per week, where they will closely read Arabic texts, such as Maqrizi's /Khitat/.

Course Objectives / Final Competences - BA

- The student is able to critically assess the history and historiography of Cairo
- The student is able to express her/himself in a written form in Dutch or English on a historical or religious text or issue concerning Cairo
- The student is able to judge the social relevance of different texts and genres in studies of the city.
- The student will be able to critically examine scholarship
- The student will be able to produce nuanced, critically engaged, academic works.

Course Objectives / Final Competences combined MA

- The student is able to analyze, interpret, compare, and appraise historical texts in Arabic in context.
- The student is able to express her/himself in a clear written form in Dutch or English on an issue concerning Cairo
- The student is able to judge the social relevance of different texts and genres in studies of the city.
- The student will be able to critically examine scholarship and make relevant critical interventions.
- The student will be able to produce nuanced, critically engaged, academic works.

Mode of instruction

- Seminar: lectures in which the student actively participates.
- Excursions



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- Guest lectures

Course load

The total course load for the course is 140 hours (5 EC x 28 hrs), broken down as follows:

BA

- Attendance in weekly lectures and seminars: $12 \times 2 = 24$ hrs
- Time for reading/studying compulsory literature = 52 hrs
- Time for preparing assignments: 12 hrs
- Research and writing of paper: 52 hrs

MA

- Attendance in weekly lectures and seminars: $12 \times 3 = 36$ hrs
- Time for reading/studying compulsory literature = 40 hrs
- Time for preparing assignments: 12 hrs
- Research and writing of paper: 52 hrs

Assessment method for BA students

- Attendance 15%
- Participation 15%
- Assignments 20%
- Final paper(s) 50%

Assessment method for MA students

- Attendance 10%
- Participation 10%
- Presentation 10%
- Exam 20%
- Final paper(s) 50%

Blackboard: N/A

Literature

A reader will be made available for students. Some of the readings will include:

- Abu-Lughod, Janet L., *Cairo: 1001 Years of the City Victorious*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, N.J., 1971.
- Raymond, André, *Cairo*. Harvard University Press, Cambridge, MA, 2000.
- Fahmy, Khaled, "Prostitution in Egypt in the Nineteenth Century," in Eugene L. Rogan (ed.) *Outside In: On the Margins of the Modern Middle East* (London: I.B Tauris, 2002), pp. 77-103.
- Fahmy, Khaled, *All the Pasha's Men: Mehmed Ali, His Army, and the Making of Modern Egypt* (Cairo: American University in Cairo Press: 2002).

Registration

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Registration studeren à la carte and contractonderwijs: N/A

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Remarks

Is part of	Programme type	Semester	Block
Middle East Studies and Arabic and Islamic Studies.	Semester abroad, MA and BA	1	