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Section: 21380R
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JOUR 484

American Religion, Foreign Policy, and the News Media: The Middle East

During the Spring 2018 semester, this course will focus on the interplay of religion, foreign policy, and the news media in the Middle East. Understanding this region and the policies that affect it requires an understanding of the religions that are indivisible with the broad cultures of the Middle East as well as with narrower issues such as terrorism. We will examine how American and Arab news media cover the region and its religions, and how policymakers address religion-related issues, focusing on historical and current-day events.