

**CENTRE FOR WEST ASIAN STUDIES
SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES**

Course	PhD
Course No:	WA630N
Course Title:	Interventions in West Asia and North Africa (WANA)
Course Type	Optional
Course Teacher:	Dr. Vrushal T Ghoble
Credits:	Two
Contact Hours:	Two per week

Course Objectives: 'Intervention' is usually understood by intrusion in a given territory or domestic affairs of any state; mostly by force. A forceful occupation of land has been taking place since ages - since the colonial times. Until, the United Nations denounced interference in affairs of foreign land and respect sovereignty. Numerous cases show violations. The region since then has been facing political and socio-economic crisis, which also factors security challenges for the countries in the region. The changes are effects of the changing dynamics and rivalry within the countries. The West's interference in the region is well known historically - Iran - Iraq War (1980 - 88), Iraq (2003), etc. to name a few. In many cases, the Western interference in the region has proved to be complex, resulting in social, political and economic chaos.

This course will provide a sound basis for understanding of the region West Asia and North Africa (WANA) and its development at the behest of intervention from regional and foreign actors. The course will be crucial for the students to critically analyse and have a nuanced understanding of the geopolitical changes in the region. The course will help students understand the West's 'imperial' or 'strategic' interest in the region.

Learning Outcomes: The course seeks to achieve the following learning outcomes: to develop research skills in the learners to undertake rigorous and cutting-edge research in domain-specific or related ones; encourage analytical and critical thinking among the learners to expand their depth in the field; and to broaden the learners' scope of knowledge and open up new avenues for innovative research.

Evaluation Method : Sessional Work and Semester Examination

Course Content

I. Meaning and Concepts

- Westphalian order
- Pre-emptive war
- Preventive war
- Just War theory
- Tools of Intervention
- Responsibility to Protect (RTP)
- Intervention and Invasion

II. Regional Interventions

- Syrian intervention in Lebanon (1976)
- Iran in Syria (2011)
- Saudi Arabia's intervention in Bahrain (2011)
- Qatar crisis
- Yemen crisis

III. External Interventionist Role In West Asia And North Africa (WANA)

- France and Britain's policy towards the region
- Iran during WWII
- US in Iraq (2003)
- External actors in Syria and Libya (post 2011)
- External actors and the Yemen crisis (2017)

Suggested Reading List

Meaning and Concepts:

Boniface, Pascal (2003), "What Justifies Regime Change?", *Washington Quarterly*, 26(3): 61-71.

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Turner, Barry (2006), "Suez 1956: The Inside Story of the First Oil War", Great Britain: Hodder & Stoughton.

External Interventionist Role in West Asia and North Africa (WANA):

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Cramer, Jane K. and A. Trevor Thrall (ed.) (2012), "Why Did the United States Invade Iraq?", Routledge: US & Canada.

Ghoble, Vrushal T. (2015), "Making of Syrian Crisis: The Energy Factor", *International Studies*, 52(1-4):38-52.

Holliday, J. (2011). *The struggle for Syria in 2011* (Middle East Security Report No. 2), Institute for the Study of War. Available at, http://www.understandingwar.org/sites/default/files/Struggle_For_Syria.pdf

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Haass, Richard N. (1999), "Intervention: The Use of American Military Force in the Post-Cold War World", Brookings Institution Press: Washington, DC.

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Leitenberg, Milton and Gabriel Sheffer (Ed.) (1979), "Great Power Intervention in the Middle East", Pergamon Policy Studies, Pergamon Press: USA.

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