The seminar will focus on central issues in the development of Islamic society and culture in the modern era. How did the Islamic state develop from its inception to the beginning of the modern period? In what ways did it try to legitimize its rule? How did it influence the state? How were social changes affected by them and in turn affected them? What was the basis of military power? How did the army influence politics? What was the economic base of the army and the extent of its influence on the development of the economy? How did the army function in times of war and peace? Questions like these and others will be the focus of the seminar.

Course requirements:

- Attendance – at least 85% (i.e. 24 out of 28 hours).
- Reading the course materials and being prepared to discuss them on a weekly basis.
- Submission of an exercise every week – summary of the previous week’s readings (1250 words).
- A written assignment to be submitted in two weeks after the end of the course. The seminar work will be graded separately.

Exam breakdown:

- 40% seminar work
- 10% seminar attendance
- 10% final examination
- 40% written assignment
1. Organization of the course; Organization of the course; Basic concepts and general background


2. Sources and references: Table of contents.


3. The caliphate as a new state: Religion and power.


4. Issues of war:


5. Preliminary remarks.


Kennedy, *The Prophet and the Age of the Caliphates*, pp. 200-211.

7. Conclusion:


8. Appendices:


9. Bibliography:


10. Index.

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