

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ: كَانَتْ بَنُو إِسْرَائِيلَ تَسُوسُهُمُ الْأَنْبِيَاءُ، كُلَّمَا هَلَكَ نَبِيٌّ خَلَفَهُ نَبِيٌّ، وَإِنَّهُ لَا نَبِيَّ بَعْدِي، وَسَيَكُونُ بَعْدِي خُلَفَاءُ فَيَكْتُمُونَ، قَالُوا: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ، فَمَا تَأْمُرُنَا؟ قَالَ: أَوْفُوا بِبَيْعَةِ الْأَوَّلِ فَالْأَوَّلِ، ثُمَّ أَعْطُوهُمْ حَقَّهُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي لَكُمْ، فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ سَائِلُهُمْ عَمَّا اسْتَرَعَاهُمْ مَتَّفِقٌ عَلَيْهِ.

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "The Prophets governed (undertook the politics of) Bani Isra'il: Whenever a prophet died, another would take over his place. There will be no prophet after me, but there will be Caliphs who will increase in number." The people asked, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! What do you order us (to do)?" He said, "Obey the one who will be given the pledge of allegiance first. Fulfil their (i.e. the Caliphs) rights, for Allah will ask them about (any shortcoming) in ruling those Allah has put under their guardianship."

Politics

With Anas Alwahwah



This is a one year course in International Politics and various aspects relating to it.

OBJECTIVES

We hope - with the tawfiq of Allah - through this course to:

- Gain a deep understanding in the area of international politics
- Appreciate the aspects that define and dictate international relations
- Learn some of the tools that inform political analysis
- Gain an in-depth knowledge in the history and geopolitics of key countries in the Muslim world
- Highlight the lessons learnt from the Arab Spring

METHOD

The stream will be divided into sub-streams, with each containing a number of lessons covering the aspects aforementioned above.

Some of the sub-streams that will be covered are:

- Fundamentals of International Politics
- Islam and Politics
- International Relations
- Political Analysis
- The Arab Spring in focus
- Case Studies in the Muslim World

WK	DATE	SECTION	TOPICS
1	03 Aug 2018	Introduction	Intro to course: Why is politics / political analysis important?
2	17 Aug 2018	Islam and Politics	Characteristics of a Muslim politician
3	31 Aug 2018	Fundamentals of International Politics	Elements that define a superpower - pt 1
4	14 Sep 2018	Fundamentals of International Politics	Elements that define a superpower - pt 2
5	28 Sep 2018	Fundamentals of International Politics	Are Muslims able to emerge as a world power today?
6	12 Oct 2018	Political Analysis	Analyzing states and their power - pt 1
7	26 Oct 2018	Political Analysis	Analyzing states and their power - pt 2
8	09 Nov 2018	Political Analysis	Factors driving foreign policy
9	23 Nov 2018	Political Analysis	Case Studies in political analysis
10	07 Dec 2018	International Relations	The role of modernity in shaping international politics
11	21 Dec 2018	International Relations	The World Economy and its influence
12	04 Jan 2019	International Relations	The Transformative Effects of War
13	18 Jan 2019	International Relations	The role of UN agencies
14	01 Feb 2019	The Arab Spring	Failed revolutions or the start of a new era? + Lessons Learned
15	15 Feb 2019	Case Studies	Pakistan: an in-depth study in geopolitics & history - pt 1
16	01 Mar 2019	Case Studies	Pakistan: an in-depth study in geopolitics & history - pt 2
17	15 Mar 2019	Case Studies	Turkey: an in-depth study in geopolitics & history - pt 1
18	29 Mar 2019	Case Studies	Turkey: an in-depth study in geopolitics & history - pt 2
19	12 Apr 2019	Case Studies	Saudi Arabia: an in-depth study in geopolitics & history - pt 1
20	26 Apr 2019	Case Studies	Saudi Arabia: an in-depth study in geopolitics & history - pt 2
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24	21 June 2019	Case Studies	South East Asia: an in-depth study in geopolitics & history - pt 1
25	05 July 2019	Case Studies	South East Asia: an in-depth study in geopolitics & history - pt 2