



# Environmental Issues in North Africa to Southeast Asia

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This vast region from North Africa through the Middle East and the Caspian to Southeast Asia consists of developing countries with a population of 3.2 billion (almost 40% of world population). These countries mainly rely on their natural resources, especially oil and natural gas, and face acute environmental problems and hazards of various kinds – from urban air pollution to deforestation, from floods to famines.

These environmental problems are often masked by political instability, violent conflicts and refugee problems in the region, but they are among the underlying factors in the disruption of the countries' social, economic and health developments.

Particular attention to environmental protection and resource management should thus be central to sustainable development and international cooperation for the region. Moreover, the region encompasses the majority of world's Muslim population with common legacies as well as challenges.

This cross-disciplinary course would be of interest to students in Middle East Studies, Asian Studies, and International Studies.

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