The course will analyze the development of Shi‘ism as a religious and social-political phenomenon from the death of the prophet Muhammad until the present. The course will examine the relationship between social-political processes in different countries and the ideological developments in Shi‘ism throughout history. The course will place special emphasis on the politicalization of Shi‘ism, especially in the late 60s of the previous century, considering the characteristics of each country on the one hand, and the common characteristics of modern Shi‘ite communities on the other. Within this framework, the course will examine the emergence of militant Shi‘ite movements, and the role of religion as a driving force in modern politics.

Assignments:
1. Final Exam at the end of the semester.

References:


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