

Mellichamp Global Studies Lecture



The Middle East in Upheaval: Shifting Alignments, Alliances and Rivalries

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The Middle East has been in upheaval for the better part of a decade. The ensuing uprisings, wars, and conflicts have produced intensified existing regional and international rivalries while also creating new forms of polarization. This lecture will examine the background, development, and consequences of these various alliances and rivalries, and discuss these in the broader context of the Trump administration's emerging Middle East Policy.

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