

# Political Science:

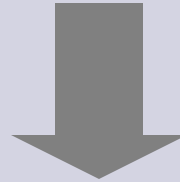
Local, National, and International Contexts

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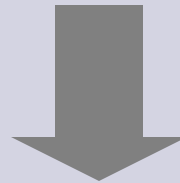
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# Coursework

Politics of the World Economy



The U.S. and the Muslim  
World



Urban Politics

# Key Concepts

- PWE: International economic policy
    - Conflict and resolution
    - Complex alliances and tensions
    - Competitive advantage
    - U.S. as hegemon
    - Roles of corporations and NGOs
    - Poverty and human rights
    - Environmental responsibility
    - Disparities in access
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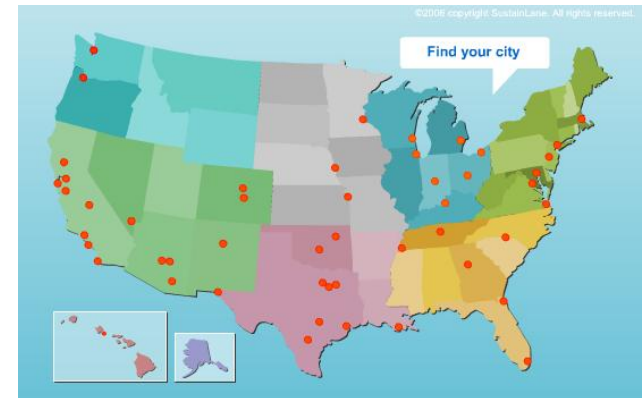
# Key Concepts

- The U.S. and the Muslim World:
  - Islamism vs. democracy
  - “Clash of civilizations”
  - Islamic Reformation
  - Human rights and poverty
  - U.S. intervention
  - Oil politics and OPEC
  - Corporations and corruption



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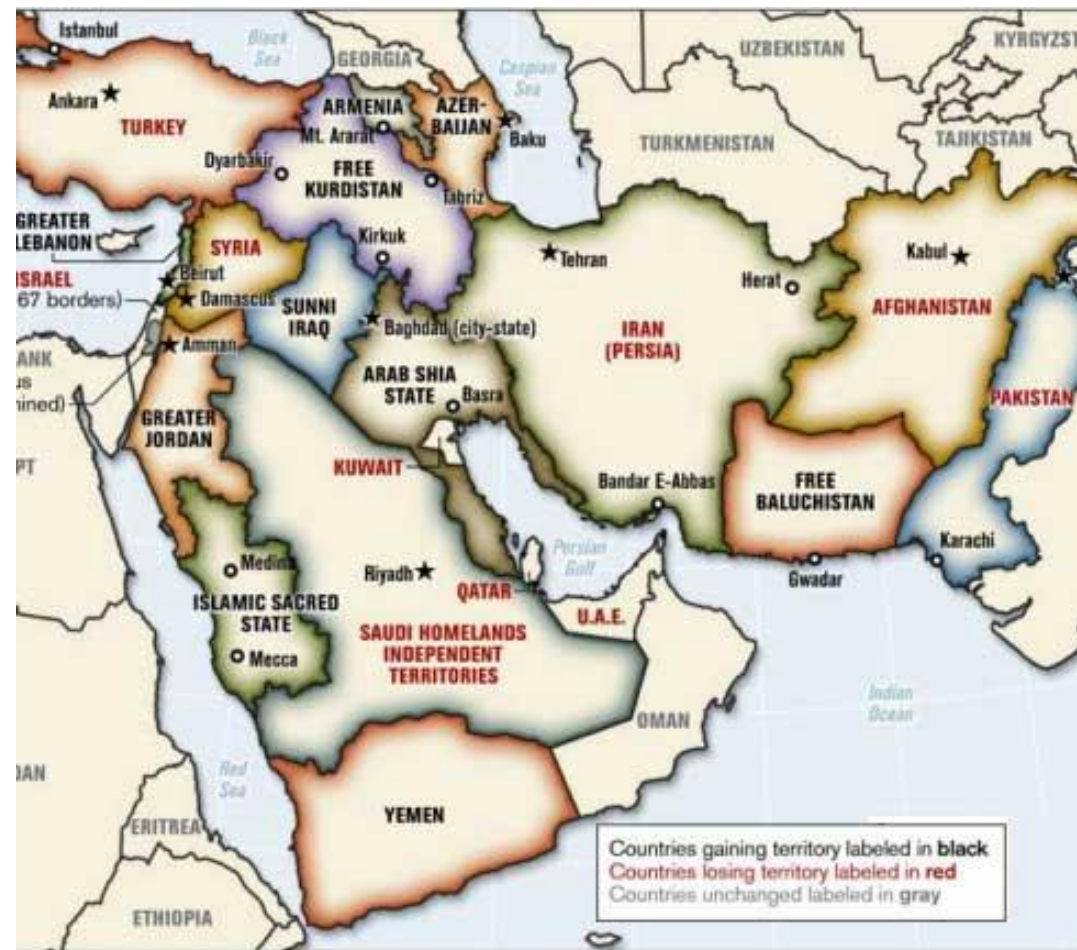
- Urban Politics:
  - “Global city”
  - School reform
  - National urban policy
  - Strains on revenue and resources
    - Declining tax base
    - Marketing
    - Dependence on mobile enterprise
    - Provision of services
    - Unions and payroll
  - Regional trends
    - Oil prices fueling decline of Rustbelt cities



# Common Themes

- Oil politics
- Influence of private business
- Globalization
- Role of religion
- Ideals vs. reality
- Poverty
- Education
- Arbitrary borders

# Border Disputes



# Capstone Course

- Urban Politics
  - Close to home
    - Deeper understanding
  - Local governments deal with unique issues
  - In-depth look at specific U.S. cities
  - Global issues affect local policy
    - And vice versa



# Who cares?

- Lifelong learning:
  - Broader perspective, increased self-awareness
  - Understand local issues in a global context
- I am now ready to:
  - Be an informed voter in local elections
  - Intelligently debate policy issues at cocktail parties
  - Read news articles more critically

# Questions?

