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Series 3 2009

EXPLAINING TODAY'S MIDDLE EAST

Dates: Tuesday, 8 September – Tuesday, 20 October 2009

Time: 2.15 pm – 4.15 pm

Venue: Leith Bowling Club, Duke Street, North Dunedin

Enrolments for this course will be limited to 100

Course Fee: \$30.00

Tea and Coffee provided

Course Organiser: Antony Wood (473 7208)

Course Assistant: Judith Cowley (471 0026)

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You may apply to enrol in more than one course in each series (subject to numbers). If you wish to do so, you must indicate your choice preference on the application form, and include payment of the appropriate fee(s).

All applications must be received by noon on Wednesday, 12 August 2009, and you may expect to receive a response to your application on or about 21 August.

Any questions about courses after 21 August should be made to the Secretary, U3A Dunedin, telephone 471 9913 or on email at graysinn@clear.net.nz

Please keep this brochure as a reminder of venue, dates, and times for the courses for which you apply.

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Is peace in the Middle East and Caucasus possible? A course on the region is unlikely to provide the answer, but it will, one hopes, at least provide a better understanding as to why the Middle East and Caucasus are a source of so much division and conflict.

There are common themes affecting many of the states of the Middle East and the Caucasus: the effects of much of the region having been unified for centuries under the Ottoman Empire; there being one major religion, but a divided religion, Islam, through the region; Western pressures impacting on the region over many centuries, and today the policies of the United States and Russia being as crucial to achieving peace and stability as are the policies of the governments of the region.

The course, a sequel to a course previously offered in 2007, both draws out some of the common themes and discusses conflicts and issues of governance specific to different parts of the region.

The course will be presented by members of the staff and postgraduate students of the Department of Politics, University of Otago.

The Programme

8 September	Iraq, Lebanon and Israel Professor William Harris
15 September	Jihad, the Islamic state and sharia law Associate Professor Gregory Dawes
22 September	Islamic Militancy and insurgency in Afghanistan and Pakistan Dr Najibullah Lafraie
29 September	United States Policy Professor Robert Patman
6 October	The Caucasus Dr Jim Headley
13 October	Syria Mr Leon Goldsmith
20 October	Turkey Ms Didem Yaman