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Comparative Gulf Studies: Persian Gulf & the Gulf of Mexico

IDS 4930**DR. ONURSAL EROL**

Explore the unique connections between the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Mexico. Dive into energy politics, global migration, and dynamic urban transformations. No prerequisites required!

3 credits**SPRING '25****M,W,F
PERIOD 6**

Explore two regions of unparalleled global significance in this innovative interdisciplinary course on the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Mexico – the only two gulfs in the world that are routinely referred to simply as “the Gulf” – without the geographical designation – as if their significance goes without saying. In this course, we will both capitalize on and interrogate this distinction, unveiling fascinating intersections between these pivotal regions. We will delve into the complex interplay of fossil fuel and renewable energy politics from Texas to Qatar, examine Cold War dynamics and revolutions from Cuba to Iran, investigate urban hyper-tourism from Miami to Dubai, and analyze migration politics from Florida to Saudi Arabia. Join us to uncover the surprising connections and thought-provoking contrasts that make these regions central to understanding our interconnected planet.

