

## Evaluation Report Autumn 2020

# Middle East Studies

**Study Programme:** Middle East Studies

**Level:** MA

**Study Board:** History, Classical Studies and Middle East Studies

**Evaluation strategy for the education:** We evaluate all courses every semester.

**What specific courses does this summary include:** Introduction to History and Society in the Middle East, Economics and Natural Resources in the Middle East, Mediterranean Perspectives, History of Research on the Middle East.

**Positive examples for inspiration:** The students appreciate the fact that lecturers are easily accessible and acknowledge that faculty are doing their best to accommodate the new working conditions. Students also acknowledge social initiatives such as the online film club and walks in the park (albeit participation was very limited).

**Conditions that call for further follow-up:** To an increasing extent, the students are finding it difficult to stay motivated during lockdown and semi-lockdown. Some third semester students find that the content of the course History of Research on the Middle East is challenging and misplaced in the programme.

**Future initiatives based on the evaluations:** Different social initiatives to compensate for a study life marked by isolation as well as adjustments to the curriculum.

**Initiatives since the last evaluation:** Initiation of adjustments to the curriculum with special focus on the problematic third semester.