

## **The Middle East Transformed?**

### Course Content form

The Hamas assault of October 7, 2023, and the ensuing Gaza war had a profound impact, not only on the Israelis and Gazans in the direct line of fire, but also upon the entire Middle East region and beyond.

During this five-week class, we will review the salient developments and analyze their implications for the various state actors in the region as well as for the broader international community. Topics to be covered include:

- The domestic and international political repercussions for Israel and its immediate neighbors
- The struggle for dominance within the Palestinian national movement
- Iran's influence on its regional proxies and the changes in Iranian-Arab relations
- The role and effectiveness of the United States as a key influencer in the aftermath of the Gaza war
- Lessons learned: Did the traumatic events stemming from the Hamas attack make a permanent Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement more or less likely?

The format of the course will be lecture and discussion.