History and Politics of the Islamic world

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## DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

SECTION 1: HISTORY

1. Introduction. The Islamic world: the religious and political facets. The sources of knowledge of the Islamic world. The foundations: the geopolitical context of Arabia and its environment in the 6th Century

## PART 1. THE BIRTH OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD: UNIT, EXPANSION, CULTURE

2. Muhammad: his life and his work. His religious principles. His problems in Mecca. Hegira. The Constitution of Medina. The first religious and political organization of the Arabs.

3. Religious and legal principles of Islam: the five pillars of the Muslim believer and Sharia in their initial organization. The legal schools and their in- fluence on the evolution of the obligations of the Muslim believer.

4. The succession of Mohammed: Sunni and Shiite. The Umayyad dynasty and the Abbasid caliphate.

5. Economy, society and culture.

## PART 2. POLITICAL EVOLUTION: UNION AND DESIGN AS LEIVMOTIV OF THE GEOPOLITICAL HISTORY OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD

- 6. A model of state: the caliphate of Al Andalus (929-1031).
- 7. The internal fragmentation of Arab peoples and their consequences
- 8. The Mongols and the Ottomans.

## SECTION 2: POLITICS

- 9. Political culture in the Islamic world
- 10. Institutional variation in the Islamic world
- 11. Modernization and Arab nationalism
- 12. Islamic radicalism and the phenomenon of Yihadist violence
- 13. The Islamic world in international politics

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% end-of-term-examination:	60
% of continuous assessment (assigments, laboratory, practicals):	40