
Report about Guest Lecture titled as West-Asia: Cartography, Imperialism & Economics organized by Department of Humanities & Social Sciences

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On 24th of July (Thursday) 2025 Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, Integral University Lucknow, India organized a guest lecture titled as **West-Asia: Cartography, Imperialism & Economics** at 12:00PM IST on YouTube channel of Department of Humanities & Social Sciences

The targeted audience for the lecture were students of the Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, academicians, and West -Asia enthusiasts across the world . The lecture was delivered by Dr. **Waiel Shiekh Hassan Awwad**. He happens to be (Formerly , South Asia Bureau Chief of Alarabiya TV Channel-Dubai Media City, MBC- London, MBCFM Radio , Dateline South Asia in Arabic first of its kind with Asian News International ANI).He also happen to be Distinguished fellow(West Asia) vice president (MENA)- Tillotoma Foundation Distinguished adviser -Global Counter Terrorism Council (GCTC) , Fellow of International strategic institute –Rome, Italy, Secretary General -The Indo Arab Intellectual Forum (TAIF).

The lecture began with the mesmerising explanation of the topic by the speaker stressing on the contours of the theme. Dr.Awwad started with the map making of west Asia, and how it was different from the region of the Middle -east. He further added to the knowledge of the audience that the region of West-Asia has been a matter of discussion since the ‘oil boom’. Oil not only transmuted the region politically but economically as well. Thus, the endeavour not only prevents the elected political representatives from home grown pressure generated due to unemployment as the weapon manufacturing companies provide people of those countries (‘Global North’) with employment. Secondly, the entire economy of the ‘West’ is energy hungry and a fossil fuel based economy hence they are always in need to power their industrialisation so that employment could be generated and industries keep on running and flooding international markets with their products.

The speaker also stressed about the colonial and imperial powers, after the dissolution of the Ottoman empire distributed these territories amongst themselves like anything; then cartography was done keeping in mind the interest of the ‘West’ and Europeans. The study of cartography becomes very important over here as many of the nations of west Asia were divided by dissolving states that were previously existing like that of Kurdistan and Balochistan and Pashtunistan (in South Asia).

The lecture ended on a curious note ,where a lot of questions were posed both by the audience and the convenor.

Link - <https://www.youtube.com/live/gPDe-QlnTBw?feature=shared>

Glimpses of The Event



Regards
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