How is politics made and expressed through infrastructures of everyday life in the Middle East? How does technology—variously adopted, adapted, translated, and rejected—shape the trajectories of societies in the region? How do seemingly neutral arrangements of metal, concrete, and finance benefit some and cost others, both entrenching existing inequalities and making new ones? Focusing on the sprawling technological systems that underpin life in the Middle East, this course seeks to answer such questions, exploring how infrastructures simultaneously make real some potential futures while precluding others. By studying road networks in Turkey, electrical grids in Lebanon, hydroelectric dams in Iran, and oil pipelines in Saudi Arabia, we will see how politics and technology are intertwined, fostering different forms of political rule, shaping identities, and altering environments. We will in turn also see how the particular contours of Middle Eastern societies and their histories influence the ways that infrastructures are built, used, and maintained. Together such perspectives highlight the combination of local and global forces that have forged the modern Middle East and continue to influence it today.