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Creative Commons (BY-NC-ND) open access license. This text aims to fill a gap in the field of Middle Eastern political studies by combining international relations theory with concrete case studies. It

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begins with an overview of the rules and features of the Middle East regional system—the arena in which the local states, including Egypt, Turkey, Iran, Israel and the Arab states of Syria, Jordan and Iraq,

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operate. The book goes on to analyse foreign-policy-making in key states, illustrating how systemic determinants constrain this policy-making, and how these constraints are dealt with in distinctive ways

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depending on the particular domestic features of the individual states. Finally, it goes on to look at the outcomes of state policies by examining several major conflicts including the Arab-Israeli conflict and the

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Gulf War, and the system of regional alignment. The study assesses the impact of international penetration in the region, including the historic reasons behind the formation of the regional state system. It also

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analyses the continued role of external great powers, such as the United States and the former Soviet Union, and explains the process by which the region has become incorporated into the global capitalist market.

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The Middle East has undergone enormous change since 9/11, from the invasion and occupation of Iraq to the events of the 'Arab Spring'. An Introduction to Middle East Politics engages with

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questions of democratisation and political reform in the region. It covers:

Historical Legacies; The Ottoman Empire, WWI, colonialism and the Cold War; nationalism and Islamist politics

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Authoritarianism in Egypt, Algeria and Syria; political changes in Iran; the politics of oil in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States; Israel, the Palestinians and the Arab States Intervention in Afghanistan and Iraq The

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recent uprisings in the Arab World, human rights, social movements and social media
Each chapter opens with helpful learning objectives and concludes with study questions. Annotated bibliographies aid further

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reading, whilst the companion website provides links to additional material. This book will prove a fascinating read for both undergraduate and postgraduate students of Middle East Politics and

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*related courses across
Politics and International
Relations.*

*An Introduction to Middle
East Politics Continuity,
Change, Conflict and Co-
operation SAGE*

For over three decades,

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Islamist politics, or political Islam, has been one of the most dynamic and contentious political forces in the Middle East. Although there is broad consensus on the importance of political Islam, there is far less

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agreement on its character, the reasons for Islamist's success, the role of Islamist movements in domestic and international affairs, or what these movements portend for the future. This volume

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addresses a number of central questions in the study of Islamist politics in the Middle East through detailed case studies of some of the region's most important Islamist movements. Chapters by

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leading scholars in the field examine the Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas, Hizbullah, Morocco's Justice and Benevolence, the Jordanian Muslim Brotherhood, the Sunni Insurgency in Iraq and

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Islamist politics in Turkey and Iran. The topics addressed within this volume include social networks and social welfare provision, Islamist groups as opposition actors, Islamist electoral participation, the

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intersection of Islam and national liberation struggles, the role of religion in Islamist politics, and Islam and state politics in Iran, among other topics. All of the contributing authors are

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specialists with deep knowledge of the subject matter who are committed to empirically based research. These scholars take Islamists seriously as modern, sophisticated, and strategic political players.

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Together, their work captures much of the diversity of Islamist politics in the region and will contribute to the scholarship on a topic that continues to be important for the Middle East and the

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world.

*With Special Reference to
Turkey, Iraq, Iran, and
Afghanistan
From Silk Road to Arab
Spring
Sources of Conflict and
Accommodation*

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*Constitutional Politics in
the Middle East*

*Image Politics in the Middle
East*

*The Role of the Visual in
Political Struggle*

**"This book is a product of the
collective efforts of the faculty and**

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staff at the Center for Middle East Studies at the University of Denver's Josef Korbel School of International Studies."--Page vii.

With recent upheavals in the Middle East and North Africa, the eighth edition of The Government and

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Politics of the Middle East and North Africa has been thoroughly revised to provide a necessary, comprehensive and current examination of the domestic politics and foreign policies of this crucial region. A newly expanded

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introduction provides students with a comparative and thematic overview of the region, from its political regimes and electoral institutions to its economic and social concerns. Each chapter, written by an invited specialist, uses

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a common framework to explore the historical background, social and political environment, political structure and dynamics, and foreign policy of a country. Chapters are augmented by a country map, a box providing key facts, and an

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annotated bibliography summarizing the major literature. The eighth edition provides vital new considerations of the aftermath of the Arab Spring, the ongoing sectarian violence and rise of ISIS, and the growth of social forces like

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youth movements and women's rights groups. In addition, the inclusion of six new contributors brings fresh perspectives, ensuring that The Government and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa remains an essential guide to the

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region's political landscape.

Although Iran's Islamic Revolution had an electrifying effect on Shiite movements in Lebanon, Iraq, the Gulf and Saudi Arabia, there exists a tendency to explain away much of Shiite politics in the Middle East as

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inextricably linked to Iranian foreign policy. Laurence Louër challenges this view, arguing that, in the end, local political imperatives have been the crucial factor determining the direction of Shiite states in the Middle East. In this

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timely book, completed before the current outbreak of unrest in Bahrain that has formed part of the Arab Spring, Laurence Louër explains, the background of the Bahraini conflict in the context of the wider issue of Shiism as a

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political force in the Arab Middle East, amongst other issues relating to the role of Shiite Islamist movements in regional politics. Her study shows how Bahrain's troubles are a phenomenon based on local perceptions of injustice rather than

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on the foreign policy of Shiite Iran. More generally, the book shows that, though Iran's Islamic Revolution had an electrifying effect on Shiite movements in Lebanon, Iraq, the Gulf and Saudi Arabia, local political imperatives have in the end

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been the crucial factor in the direction they have taken. In addition, the overwhelming influence of the Shiite clerical institution has been diminished by the rise to prominence of lay activists within the Shiite movements across the

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Middle East and the emergence of Shiite anti-clericalism. This book contributes to dispelling the myth of the determining power of Iran in the politics of Iraq, Bahrain and other Arab states with significant Shiite populations.

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Demands for freedom, justice, and dignity have animated protests and revolutions across the Middle East in recent years, from the Iranian Green Movement and the Arab Spring uprisings to Turkey's March for Justice and the ongoing struggle in

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Palestine. Although expectations raised by the Arab Spring were largely disappointed and protests that toppled entrenched rulers unleashed vicious counterrevolutionary forces, there is no doubt that the landscape of the

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Middle East has changed. Drawing from diverse disciplines, this volume offers critical perspectives on these changes, covering politics, religion, gender dynamics, human rights, media, literature, and music. What ultimately has changed in "the new

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Middle East"? Who are the actors pushing the direction of change? How are aspirations for change being expressed through media and the arts? With extensive analysis and thoughtful reflection, this book gives readers an in-depth portrayal of a

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modernizing Middle East.

Kurdish Politics in the Middle East

Sectarianization

Movements and Change

Rethinking Middle East Politics

Development, Democracy, and

Dictatorship

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**Food, Development, and Politics in
the Middle East**

***Most studies of water scarcity in
the Middle East conclude that
there is a significant risk of
imminent conflict, even warfare,
between states in the region.***

This book demonstrates that the

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evidence does not support this doom-laden prediction. Indeed, the authors show that although water scarcity has occasionally played a role in disputes in the Middle East, it has much more often promoted co-existence between adversaries. The

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reasoning behind this hypothesis is that water is too critical to be put at risk by warfare.

U.S. involvement in the Middle East has brought the region into the media spotlight and made it a hot topic in American college classrooms. At the same time,

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anthropology—a discipline committed to on-the-ground research about everyday lives and social worlds—has increasingly been criticized as "useless" or "biased" by right-wing forces. What happens when the two concerns meet, when

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such accusations target the researchers and research of a region so central to U.S. military interests? This book is the first academic study to shed critical light on the political and economic pressures that shape how U.S. scholars research and

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teach about the Middle East. Lara Deeb and Jessica Winegar show how Middle East politics and U.S. gender and race hierarchies affect scholars across their careers—from the first decisions to conduct research in the tumultuous region, to ongoing

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politicized pressures from colleagues, students, and outside groups, to hurdles in sharing expertise with the public. They detail how academia, even within anthropology, an assumed "liberal" discipline, is infused with sexism, racism,

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Islamophobia, and Zionist obstruction of any criticism of the Israeli state. Anthropology's Politics offers a complex portrait of how academic politics ultimately hinders the education of U.S. students and potentially limits the public's access to

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critical knowledge about the Middle East.

The contemporary Middle East has been defined by political crises and conflict. The interplay of internal and external factors have set the region on a path of turmoil and crisis with

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devastating outcomes for its people. The absence of political accountability and representation, and policies pursued by the United States to keep US-friendly regimes in power have been two key factors that have contributed to the

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seemingly insoluble Middle East politics. This book provides a detailed exploration of the forces, internal and external, that have shaped today's Middle East. The book follows a chronological order and provides context to major political

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milestones. Topics explored include: • Imperialism in the Middle East • The formation of the State of Israel • The Arab-Israeli wars • Palestinian politics and the failure of the 'peace process' • The Iranian Revolution and pan-Shi'ism •

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Superpowers in the Middle East • The US-led 'War on Terror' • The Arab uprisings • The Syrian War and the rise of the 'Islamic State' • US-Iran relations This study puts recent developments in historical context, and will serve as a core reference tool for

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***students and researchers of
Middle Eastern Politics and
International Relations.***

***THE POLITICS OF THE MIDDLE
EAST is so highly regarded in the
field of Mid-East study because it
strikes a unique balance between
an historical approach and the***

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analysis of country case studies. This blended approach gives students a fuller picture of the region, including the influences of tribalism, kinship, and the Islamic faith as well as an understanding of the region's political uprisings, religious

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significance, and petroleum resources that make it crucially important to the rest of the world. In the introduction, key aspects of Middle Eastern politics are explored on a regional level, setting up the chapters that follow, which focus on country

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studies (including new studies of Palestine and Turkey). The influence of America's war on terror in the Middle East also receives extensive coverage. Each country study begins with an exploration of the country's history and an overview of the

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major political institutions and groups that shape current events. Particular attention is paid to the influence of elite groups and individuals. Next, the discussion examines the context of the country's politics: political culture, political economy, and

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international influence. Each chapter concludes with a look at the probable course of the country's politics over the next decade and beyond.

***Mapping the New Politics of the Middle East
Changing Dynamics***

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***An Introduction to Middle East
Politics***

Issues, Voters and Elites

Disciplining the Middle East

**In this 2010 edition of
their book on the**

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**economic development of
the Middle East and
North Africa, Clement
Henry and Robert
Springborg reflect on
what has happened to the
region's economy since**

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2001. How have the various countries in the Middle East responded to the challenges of globalization and to the rise of political Islam, and what changes, for better

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**or for worse, have
occurred? Utilizing the
country categories they
applied in the previous
book and further
elaborating the
significance of the**

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**structural power of
capital and Islamic
finance, they demonstrate
how over the past decade
the monarchies (as
exemplified by Jordan,
Morocco and those of the**

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**Gulf Cooperation Council)
and the conditional
democracies (Israel,
Turkey and Lebanon)
continue to do better
than the military
dictatorships or 'bullies'**

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**(Egypt, Tunisia and now
Iran) and 'the bunker
states' (Algeria, Iraq,
Libya, Sudan, Syria and
Yemen).**

**Prior to 2011, popular
imagination perceived the**

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**Muslim Middle East as
unchanging and
unchangeable, frozen in
its own traditions and
history. In Life as Politics,
Asef Bayat argues that
such presumptions fail to**

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**recognize the routine, yet
important, ways in which
ordinary people make
meaningful change
through everyday actions.
First published just
months before the Arab**

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Spring swept across the region, this timely and prophetic book sheds light on the ongoing acts of protest, practice, and direct daily action. The second edition includes

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three new chapters on the Arab Spring and Iran's Green Movement and is fully updated to reflect recent events. At heart, the book remains a study of agency in times of

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**constraint. In addition to
ongoing protests, millions
of people across the
Middle East are effecting
transformation through
the discovery and
creation of new social**

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**spaces within which to
make their claims heard.
This eye-opening book
makes an important
contribution to global
debates over the meaning
of social movements and**

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**the dynamics of social
change.**

**Provides a comprehensive
overview of the
development of the field
of Organizational
Behavior. This book**

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covers the foundations of the scientific method, theory development, and the accrual of scientific knowledge in the field. It introduces the ideas of pioneers whose work pre-

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**dates the emergence of
Organizational Behavior.
As the reality of a food
deficit emerged in the
Middle East, rural society
and the agricultural
sector - once viewed as**

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**peripheral to national
development - swiftly rose
up the policy agendas of
nearly every Middle East
country. This book, first
published in 1982, looks
at the complex**

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interrelationships of food production, development schemes and politics in those countries. Dr Weinbaum considers the origins, nature, scope and political dimensions of

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**the potential food
shortfall and explores
how food deficits could
lead to changed
international relations
among states in the
Middle East. He**

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**specifically examines the
physical and
technological limitations
to increased food
production, then assesses
the major social,
economic and political**

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**hurdles in the way of
agricultural development,
the effects of - and
pressures for - agrarian
reform, the bureaucratic
policymaking process,
and the domestic impact**

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**of foreign assistance
policies. He concludes
with an examination of
the linkage between food
supply availability and
political stability.**

Continuity, Change,

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**Business Politics in the
Middle East
Community Politics in the
Middle East**

The culture of politics
within any system of
governance is influenced

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by how state and society interact, and how these relationships are mediated by existing political institutions, whether formal or informal. The chapters in this volume

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highlight two broad types of informal political engagement in the Middle East: civil action that works in tandem with the state apparatus, and civil action that poses a

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challenge to the state. In both cases, these activities can and do achieve tangible results for particular groups of people, as well as for the state. For many, informal

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politics and civil mobilisation are not a choice, but a necessity to secure—collectively—some kind of social security, through communal reciprocity and everyday

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activism. Ironically, Middle Eastern authorities often turn a blind eye to informal organising, because 'self-help' schemes allow certain social groups to

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survive—reducing their instinct to make demands of, or seek support from, the state. People are discouraged from political action and dissent; yet they are simultaneously

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encouraged to seek their own betterment, often leading to politicised groups and associations. By analysing these formations, the contributors shed light on

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informal politics in the region.

The concepts and theories of what constitutes a 'Middle Power' have played a key part in explaining the identity, behaviour

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and foreign policy roles of many states in the international system, including the United Kingdom, France, Australia and Brazil. But, with a few exceptions, these

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frameworks have failed to travel to scholarship on the Middle East, despite the theoretical and empirical potential that they offer for understanding regional

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dynamics. The first of its kind, this volume addresses that major gap by interrogating the conceptual, theoretical and empirical underpinnings of the

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concept of 'Middle Power' at a regional level.

Composed of nine chapters, 'Unfulfilled Aspirations' offers the conceptual and theoretical tools to examine 'Middle Powerhood'

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in the Middle East, as well as insightful empirical analyses of both 'traditional' Middle Powers in the region (Egypt, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Algeria) and new,

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aspiring ones (Qatar, the UAE). The contributors reveal that the Middle Powers of the Middle East have failed, despite their best efforts, to fulfill their regional

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aspirations.

The Middle East is, and has always been, of major global economic and political importance.

First published in 1981, this edited collection

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analyses many of the crucial issues that have had international repercussions during the second half of the twentieth century, with each paper considering the

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particular regional problems within the widest possible political framework. Internationally renowned authors consider such areas as the relationship between

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Israel and the Middle East, the influence of oil on global decision-making, Afghanistan and its neighbours, and the economic issues that the region has faced. A timely

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and relevant reissue, dealing with problems of continued importance, this volume will be of particular interest to students researching the history of the Middle

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Eastern conflict and the region's variety of relationships with the West.

Scholars and policymakers, struggling to make sense of the ongoing chaos in

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the Middle East, have been focusing on the possible causes of the escalation in both inter-state and intra-state conflict. But the Arab Spring has shown the urgent need for new

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ways to frame difference, both practically and theoretically. Within some policy circles, at the heart of these conflicts lies a fundamental incompatibility between

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different ethno-linguistic and religious communities; it is held that these divisions impede any form of political resolution or social cohesion. Yet, despite this galvanized

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public focus on pluralism and 'minorities' within the turbulent Middle East, there has been limited scholarship exploring these tensions. Sites of Pluralism fills this

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significant gap, going beyond a narrow focus on minority politics to examine the larger canvas of community spheres in the Middle East. Through eight case studies from

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esteemed experts in law, education, history, architecture, anthropology and political science, this multi-disciplinary volume offers a critical view of the Middle East's

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diverse, pluralistic fabric: how it has evolved throughout history; how it influences current political, economic and social dynamics; and what possibilities it offers

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for the future.

Islamist Politics in the Middle East

Government and Politics of the Contemporary Middle East

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the Middle East

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of the Middle East in the
Twentieth Century
Water Politics in the

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Middle East

A comprehensive country-by-country examination of the history, domestic politics, and foreign policies of the Middle East and North Africa.

How Iran—and the world

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around it—have changed in the four decades since a revolutionary theocracy took power Iran's 1979 revolution is one of the most important events of the late twentieth century. The overthrow of the

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Western-leaning Shah and the emergence of a unique religious government reshaped Iran, dramatically shifted the balance of power in the Middle East and generated serious challenges to the

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global geopolitical order—challenges that continue to this day. The seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran later that same year and the ensuing hostage crisis resulted in an acrimonious

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breach between America and Iran that remains unresolved to this day. The revolution also precipitated a calamitous war between Iran and Iraq and an expansion of the U.S.

military's role in maintaining

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security in and around the Persian Gulf. Forty years after the revolution, more than two dozen experts look back on the rise of the Islamic Republic and explore what the startling events of 1979 continue to

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mean for the volatile Middle East as well as the rest of the world. The authors explore the events of the revolution itself; whether its promises have been kept or broken; the impact of clerical rule on

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ordinary Iranians, especially women; the continuing antagonism with the United States; and the repercussions not only for Iran's immediate neighborhood but also for the broader Middle East. Complete

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with a helpful timeline and suggestions for further reading, this book helps put the Iranian revolution in historical and geopolitical perspective, both for experts who have long studied the

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Middle East and for curious readers interested in fallout from the intense turmoil of four decades ago.

Aimed at undergraduate-level courses, this brand-new textbook provides an overview

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of Middle Eastern politics, offering in-depth examination of the forces of stability, change, uncertainty, and progress in the region. Building on both historical and contemporary analysis, the

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chapters are timely, engaging, and provocative, covering topics such as: Turmoil and transition in Middle Eastern politics The Arab-Israeli conflict The Persian Gulf and global security The rise of the

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internet Terrorism and the Islamic State US-Iran relations The role of new regional players, such as China, India, and Russia Increasing investment in wind and solar energy in the post-carbon era.

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Providing a unique perspective on the major themes and current state of knowledge about the region, this new textbook will be invaluable to students of Middle Eastern politics.

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Bromley has written an incisive, balanced, and insightful treatment of some of the most important and influential paradigms in Middle Eastern studies. Looking at each of the analytical

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frameworks critically, he offers his own interpretation of some of the more important forces at work in the process of state formation in the Middle East. . . . A provocative examination of a much debated aspect of

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Middle Eastern politics. It should be carefully read by anyone who is interested in examining the historical forces behind state formation in the Middle East --CIRA (Center for Iranian Research and

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Analysis) Bulletin Rethinking Middle East Politics considers a range of debates on the character of political and socioeconomic development in the Middle East, focusing on the linked processes of state

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formation and capitalist development. Simon Bromley seeks to reformulate the central questions involved in the study of state formation. He builds a comparative framework based on an

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examination of key developmental processes in Turkey, Egypt, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, and Iran and offers a range of substantive theses on the place of democracy and Islam in the region. His

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findings explain a very large part of what appears to be significant in the emergence of the modern Middle East.

Rethinking Middle East Politics presents a new way of analyzing politics in the Middle

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East, offering a perspective that has major implications for rethinking Third World politics more generally and for the social and political theory of modernity.

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Culture

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Making of the Modern Middle
East

The international politics of
the Middle East

Drawing on various perspectives and
analysis, the Handbook problematizes

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Middle East politics through an interdisciplinary prism, seeking a melioristic account of the field.

Thematically organized, the chapters address political, social, and historical questions by showcasing both theoretical and empirical insights, all of

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which are represented in a style that ease readers into sophisticated induction in the Middle East. It positions the didactic at the centre of inquiry. Contributions by forty-four scholars, both veterans and newcomers, rethink knowledge frames, conceptual

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categories, and fieldwork praxis.

Substantive themes include secularity and religion, gender, democracy, authoritarianism, and new "borderline" politics of the Middle East. Like any field of knowledge, the Middle East is constituted by texts, authors, and

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readers, but also by the cultural, spatial, and temporal contexts within which diverse intellectual inflections help construct (write=speak) academic meaning, knowing, and practice. By denaturalizing notions of singularity of authorship or scholarship, the

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Although most Arab countries remain authoritarian, many have undergone a restructuring of state-society relations in which lower- and middle-class interest groups have lost ground while big business

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has benefited in terms of its integration into policy-making and the opening of economic sectors that used to be state-dominated. Arab businesses have also started taking on aspects of public service provision in health, media and education that used to be the

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domain of the state; they have also become increasingly active in philanthropy. The 'Arab Spring,' which is likely to lead to a more pluralistic political order, makes it all the more important to understand business interests in the Middle East, a segment of

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