Ajami, Mansour

POURING WATER ON TIME: A BILINGUAL TOPICAL ANTHOLOGY OF CLASSICAL ARABIC POETRY, WITH A FOREWORD BY SADIK J. AL-AZM

This bilingual anthology presents the best of Arabic classical poetry's musings over the many faceted states of the human condition, among them love, generocity, life, time, youth, beauty, ecstasy, longing, wine, death and plenty more. Mansour Ajami's selection of topical verses and poems is guided by what was deemed best in its genre by the consensus of the great classical Arab literary critics and theoreticians.

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(From the foreword by Sadik Al-Azm)

Kozhanov, Nikolay

RUSSIA AND THE SYRIAN CONFLICT: MOSCOW'S DOMESTIC, REGIONAL AND STRATEGIC INTERESTS

This book is the first to offer a comprehensive survey of Moscow's foreign policy interests in Syria. The author considers the Kremlin's diplomacy on Syria within the broader system of Russian foreign policy in the Middle East; he analyses the influence of Russian domestic dimensions on Moscow's approaches to the subject; and he considers how Moscow's priorities in Syria have evolved during the last five years and what factors influenced this evolution.

Key factors considered include:
- Russian presence in the Middle East before and after the fall of the Soviet Union
- The challenge of the "Arab Spring"
- Why it was so important to save Assad?
- How serious is the jihadist threat for Russia?
- Russian military involvement in the Syrian conflict: what will be the outcome?
- Significance of Moscow's military intervention in the wider Middle East context

Peskes, Esther (ed.)

WAHHABISM - DOCTRINE AND DEVELOPMENT (CRITICAL SURVEYS IN ISLAMIC DENOMINATIONS SERIES, 2 VOLS)

Saudi Arabian Wahhabism is the ultra-puritanical form of Sunni Islam which has been adopted by Islamist radicals, Salafists, and jihadists to legitimize and spread their extremist agenda.

The scholarly articles in these two volumes throw fresh light on this messianic radicalism by tracing its origins in the 18th century up to its present role as the authoritative interpretation of Islam in the strategically vital Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

- Volume 1 focuses on the main tenets of Wahhabi doctrine that brought about the Wahhabi community as a group clearly distinguishable from other interpretations of Islam at the eve of modernity, and which are responsible for its essentially exclusive character as well as the militancy ascribed to it with regard to other Muslims.
- Volume 2 covers the development of Wahhabism in the peculiar socio-political conditions it sprang from, particularly its symbiosis with the Saudi ruling house, the structures and institutions it brought forth and its efforts to react to the challenges of a changing society.

Asutay, Mehmet; Turkistani, Abdullah (eds.)

ISLAMIC FINANCE: POLITICAL ECONOMY, VALUES AND INNOVATION (VOLUME 1)

Islamic finance has had a transformational impact on markets well beyond the Muslim world. This development has been the outcome of various stakeholders and agencies interacting to develop a political economy based on Islamic values to generate religiously and culturally authentic financial institutions and instruments.

The studies presented in this volume discuss these interactions through specific examples from the GCC countries, supported by comparative perspectives, in order to articulate the development and consequences of Islamic finance.
Asutay, Mehmet; Turkistani, Abdullah (eds.)
ISLAMIC FINANCE: RISK, STABILITY AND GROWTH (VOLUME 2)

In response to the recent global financial crisis, Islamic finance, as a religiously authentic proposition, has shown resilience through its inherited principles such as risk sharing and the avoidance of speculation. Such approaches have provided stability, which in turn has brought unprecedented growth to the sector.

The studies in this volume focus on examples in the GCC countries to provide empirical analysis of the risk aspects of Islamic finance, to test its stability, identify its growth trajectories, and measure its impact on economic growth.

Asutay, Mehmet; Turkistani, Abdullah (eds.)
ISLAMIC FINANCE: PERFORMANCE AND EFFICIENCY (VOLUME 3)

The growth, stability and resilience of Islamic finance is now a well-established fact. However, in order to achieve sustainable growth the Islamic finance industry has to be able to maintain its competitive edge by generating higher efficiency and performance.

The studies in this volume aim at providing empirical and comparative perspectives on the performance and efficiency of the Islamic finance industry through a number of econometric models, with a specific focus on the GCC countries supported by comparative cases.

Kropf, Annika
OIL EXPORT ECONOMIES: NEW COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES ON THE ARAB GULF STATES. WITH A FOREWORD BY GIACOMO LUCIANI

Despite their commonalities, the Arab Gulf States have started economic diversification from different settings and against different political backgrounds. This book applies a multi-method approach including Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) to highlight their heterogeneous economic development trajectories and to compare them to other major oil exporters. From a political economy perspective, it demonstrates how neoclassical economic theory fails to grasp the underlying mechanisms of their development. The research design of this study is tailored to small and medium-sized samples with special characteristics. As such, it offers new opportunities for comparative studies not only of this region but also of other specific samples of countries from a wider perspective of heterodox economics.

“Annika Kropf’s book on the Arab Gulf States’ Oil Export Economies sees the light at a crucial time in the economic history and development trajectory of the six GCC countries.” (From the Foreword by Giacomo Luciani)

Bryde, David; Mouzugh, Yusra; Al Rasheed, Turki (eds.)
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES IN THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF

This volume surveys the increasing challenges facing the Arab Gulf states in terms of sustainable consumption and production. Topics include:
- Environmental sustainability: waste, recycling, water, energy, renewables, and pollution
- Economic sustainability: employment, education, training and business engagement
- Social sustainability: equality and diversity, pollution, congestion, community participation
Includes contributions from specialists from the UAE, Bahrain, Lebanon, Egypt, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Qatar as well as from the US and the UK.
Rouzati, Nasrin

TRIAL AND TRIBULATION IN THE QUR'AN. A MYSTICAL THEODICY
WITH A FOREWORD BY COLIN TURNER

This book offers a critical analysis and re-examination of the notion of Divine trial, first by providing a comprehensive typology and a contextual interpretation of the Qur'anic narratives pertaining to the concept. Divine trial is then investigated through a historical review of prophetic tradition (hadith) and the exegetical literature (tafsir); followed by a discussion on Prophetology, and an overview of bala in the lives of the prophets. The book further develops key aspects of Muslim theology and mysticism through an examination of the works of Rumi and al-Ghazali.

Nasrin Rouzati takes up a neglected aspect of Islamic religious experience. The concept is actually at the heart of the Qur'an and Rouzati's research in the Qur'anic materials, both classical and modern, on the subject is ground-breaking. (Abdulaziz Sachedina, George Mason University)

Kropf, Annika; Ramady, Mohamed (eds)

EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER MOTIVATION IN THE ARAB GULF STATES: THE RENTIER MENTALITY REVISITED

The notion of “rentier mentality” has haunted the literature on the Gulf States for almost 40 years now. However, few studies have actually provided insight into how the nationals themselves perceive their career motivators, employability and productivity. The eleven studies of this book present both empirical findings and case studies that reveal what nationals expect from their workplace and what hinders them from a personal, meaningful contribution. While it seems that an initially high work motivation is often annihilated by structural impediments such as a strong hierarchy or widespread wasta, it also seems that many nationals fail to understand the urgent requirements of the GCC labour markets.

Bahgat, Gawdat (ed.)

THE CHANGING ENERGY LANDSCAPE IN THE GULF: STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Extreme fluctuations in oil prices (such as the dramatic fall from mid-2014 into 2015) raise important strategic questions for both importers and exporters. In this volume, specialists from the US, the Middle East, Europe and Asia examine the rapidly evolving dynamic in the energy landscape, including renewable and nuclear power, challenges to producers including the shale revolution, and legal issues. Each chapter provides in-depth analysis and clear policy recommendations.

Hook, Steven W.; Niblock, Tim (eds.)

THE UNITED STATES AND THE GULF: SHIFTING PRESSURES, STRATEGIES AND ALIGNMENTS

The Gulf region’s relations with the outside world are changing radically. The Gulf’s major trading partners are now no longer predominantly Western. China, in particular, now has a significant stake and highly critical interests in the region. The United States still dominates the security field, yet its Gulf allies have come to doubt the strength of US commitment. Meanwhile the Arab monarchies of the Gulf are struggling to cope with multiple divisions, problems and threats: the radical forces of change unleashed by the Arab Spring, the rising power of ISIS, and the destabilising impact of their unsettled relations with Iran. This book examines the range of security issues which this situation has given rise to: the nature and scope of US power, and the likely directions of future policy; the options open to Asian powers with interests in the region; the concerns, strategies and dynamics of the regional states; and the feasibility of European states assuming a security role in the region.
Brehony, Noel; Al-Sarhan, Saud (eds.)

REBUILDING YEMEN: POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL CHALLENGES.

As Yemenis start planning the reconstruction and rebuilding of their country after recent turmoil they face huge challenges in every major sphere. This book discusses the political and economic background and analyses the most important issues:
- the option of improved governance through a federal government
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- maintaining rural life through reduced dependence on irrigated agriculture and investing in enhancing rain fed agriculture
- addressing the issue of urban water shortage through desalination
- involving women in enhancing security

Abusharaf, Rogaia Mustafa; Eickelman, Dale F. (eds.)

AFRICA AND THE GULF REGION: BLURRED BOUNDARIES AND SHIFTING TIES

The ties that bind Africa and the Gulf region have deep historical roots that influence both what Braudel called the longue durée and the short-term events of current policy shifts, market-based economic fluctuations, and global and local political vicissitudes. This book, a collaboration of historians, political scientists, development planners, and a biomedical engineer, explores Arabian-African relationships in their many overlapping dimensions. Thus histories constructed from the “bottom up” — records of the everyday activities of commerce, intermarriage, and gender roles – offer an incisive complement to the “top down” histories of dynasties and the elite. Topics such as migration, collective memory, scriptural and oral narratives, and contemporary notions of food security and “soft” power pose new questions about the ties that bind Africa to the Gulf.

Khalifa, Mohammed

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THE CALIPHATE AND ISLAMIC STATEHOOD - FORMATION, FRAGMENTATION AND MODERN INTERPRETATIONS (3 VOLS SET)

Although the Caliphate was formally abolished ninety years ago, it had already ceased to exist as a unitary and effectively administered political institution many centuries earlier. The ever widening gap between political ideal and historical reality is also reflected in the varying conceptualizations and theories of the Caliphate developed by Islamic religious scholars and Muslim intellectuals past and present. However, recent events in the Islamic world show that the idea of a Caliphate still appeals to Muslims of varying persuasions. This three-volume reference work tracks the history of the Caliphate as what many Muslims believe to be a genuine and authentic Islamic political institution: From its emergence in seventh-century Arabia until highly contested and controversial attempts of its revival at the beginning of the twenty-first century by radical Islamists in Afghanistan and Iraq. No matter how grandiose such interpretations of a seemingly archaic institution may be, they show the Caliphate’s longevity as a rallying point — real or symbolic — for Muslims across the world.  

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FIRST ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF NAQD AL-FIKR AD-DINI WITH A NEW INTRODUCTION BY THE AUTOR

Sadik al-Azm’s Critique of Religious Thought set off one of the great Arab intellectual uprisings of the twentieth century, leading to the author’s imprisonment and trial for mocking religion and inciting sectarian conflict. As in his earlier Self-Criticism after the Defeat, al-Azm takes on the taboos of the age and their sponsors: the religious elites. In this book he attempts to awaken the Arab mind from its dogmatic slumber, leading it out of the Middle Ages and into a modern world characterized by science and rationality. Critique of Religious Thought is one of the most controversial and influential books about the role of religion in Arab politics.

This is the first authorized English translation of Sadik Al-Azm’s work, Naqd al-fikr ad-dini, originally published in Arabic in 1969. Newly translated by George Stergios and Mansour Ajami, with an introduction for this edition by the author.

Bazooabandi, Sara (ed.)

THE POLITICS OF FOOD SECURITY: ASIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN STRATEGIES

The international food system is increasingly at risk. Increasing demand, limited and diminishing resources and rising volatility are putting new pressures on the agriculture sector globally. One of the growing critical threats to global stability and security is the inadequacy of food resources. This threat, exacerbated by global population growth, is illustrated by shifts in consumption patterns toward protein-rich diets and the growth of multinational food retail, which brings about a greater reliance on food imports. This book compares the food security policies of selected countries in Asia and the Middle East, and reviews the outcomes of policy applications in a broader context. Themes discussed include: Shifts in regional and international foreign policy, such as new alliances between countries with rich agricultural resources and wealthier importing states – Creation of food security policy competition across regions – Foreign investments and investment risks for farmland investments – Social implications, such as potential unrest – Environmental sustainability of food security programs, such as the depletion of water resources – Impact of food security programs on trade policies and fiscal policies

Niblock, Tim; with Guang, Yang (eds.)

SECURITY DYNAMICS OF EAST ASIA IN THE GULF REGION

The Gulf region’s primary economic relationships are rapidly shifting from West to East. Relations with China, Japan and South Korea are becoming increasingly strategic in nature: based on a degree of mutual dependence far greater than is present in Gulf-Western relations. The balance of global politics will be critically affected by this powerful emerging relationship. This book provides documentation of the trend and examines some of the political and strategic issues which follow from it.

Al-Zoby, Mazhar A.; Baskan, Birol (eds.)

STATE-SOCIETY RELATIONS IN THE ARAB GULF STATES

This book examines the strategies and dynamics through which state-society relations in the Arab Gulf region have been cultivated, and explores the alternative political, social, economic and popular changes that threaten these relations. The work focuses on understanding how state sovereignty has been shifting to accommodate internal social, cultural, and intellectual forces and how these forces have managed to balance social and political powers in order to function within and co-exist alongside the state. - Case-studies give specific examples of how social forces, popular movements, social media and youth culture are actively influencing cultural attitudes and practices as well as political actions.
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*This work provides a critique of Arabic textual sources for the history of the Arabs in late antique times, during the centuries immediately preceding Muhammad and up to and including the Umayyad period. Aziz Al-Azmeh considers the value and relevance of a range of literary sources, including orality and literacy, ancient Arabic poetry, the corpus of Arab heroic lore (ayyam), the early narrative, and the Qur'an. The work includes a very extensive bibliography of the works cited. This is the first book in the Gerlach Press series Theories and Paradigms of Islamic Studies.*

*How immune is the Gulf region to the changes that have engulfed the Arab world since 2011? This volume responds to this question by examining the impact of the Arab Spring on Gulf regimes and societies and contributing to debates on political participation and citizenship; sectarianism, gender and identity formation; as well as the role of the media in exposing the paradoxes of the Gulf system and its relationship to international political actors.*

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**POLITICAL ECONOMY OF ENERGY REFORM:** The Clean Energy-Fossil Fuel Balance in the Gulf States

Climate change requires coordinated global responses. All nations, including major Gulf Arab oil producers, should implement policies to contain greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Yet all realistic scenarios point to the continuing global need for fossil fuels. The countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) thus face a dilemma between continuing development and use of their fossil fuel endowments and increasing reliance on low carbon sources, such as nuclear, solar or wind. This book explores various facets of the dilemma.

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Sadik Jalal al-Azm is an internationally respected scholar and political commentator who has offered innovative, often controversial challenges to conventional narratives on issues surrounding Islam and the West, secularism, Orientalism, and the Israel-Palestine issue. He is recognised as a principled defender of human rights and has been the main ethical reference for the Syrian revolution.

Professor al-Azm was educated at the American University Beirut, and at Yale in modern European philosophy and has taught at Damascus, Harvard, Princeton, Brandeis, Oslo, Antwerp, Hamburg, and Berlin, his academic specialization being Immanuel Kant and the critique of religious thought.

He has been the recipient of the Dr. Leopold-Lucas Prize 2004, the Erasmus Prize 2004, and in March 2013 the Mahmoud Darwish Award for Freedom and Creativity.

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**ASIA-GULF ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN THE 21ST CENTURY:** The Local to Global Transformation

Asia constitutes the hub of the transformation of global economic power today. The Gulf, itself part of Asia, is of increasing importance in this transformation. This book documents the growing interactions between the economies of the Gulf states and those of the rest of Asia. These relationships are critical to how the world economy develops over the next decade, and how economic (and perhaps strategic) power is distributed.

This volume assembles cutting-edge thinking by 16 specialists on a wide variety of topics covering Arab Gulf relations with China, Japan, ASEAN, Korea and India, as well as with Russia, Iran and Turkey.
Youngs, Richard (ed.)
THE GCC IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

Changing geopolitical realities have seen the Gulf region turning to Asia and Africa to build new economic links, while strengthening old ones. This proactive internationalism is visible not just in economics and energy, but also in politics and security where a host of new agreements has been developed. This work provides an overview of the ways in which the GCC states now need to move ahead with reforms that will reflect issues such as raised expectations from a period of high revenues and the region’s demographics.

The work brings together state-of-the-art analysis by international scholars who participated in a major joint initiative by the EU and the GCC, the al-Jisr Gulf-Europe Research Program.

Luciani, Giacomo (ed.)
RESOURCES BLESSED: DIVERSIFICATION AND THE GULF DEVELOPMENT MODEL

The Gulf countries have adopted a unique combination of policies to encourage diversification with largely positive results, while there are significant distinctions between the individual cases. This work evaluates various examples to show the extent to which the Gulf economies have diversified to date, and how results can be measured, taking into consideration factors such as composition of GDP or exports; government services; and the categorization of industrial activities downstream of resources extraction (oil refining, petrochemicals) and their availability (aluminium, phosphates, iron, steel, glass and other energy- and resource-intensive industries).

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Woertz, Eckart (ed.)
GCC FINANCIAL MARKETS: THE WORLD’S NEW MONEY CENTERS

Bond markets in the GCC countries are underdeveloped, and the capital mix is heavily skewed towards banks, while ambitious development plans in fields like petrochemicals and infrastructure, as well as a rapidly growing population, create an increased need for finance. This study outlines the structure of various segments of GCC financial markets and points to regulatory challenges and future developments, ranging from capital market structures to the planned GCC Monetary Union, Islamic banking, and sovereign wealth funds.

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Hertog, Steffen (ed.)
NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT, MIGRATION AND EDUCATION IN THE GCC

This volume provides a cross-cutting analysis of the policy challenges related to GCC labor markets. It analyzes the different dimensions of segmentation of these markets, factors of change influencing labor supply such as trends in education and demography, as well as the impact of potential future reforms in areas such as immigration policy, labor sponsorship, taxation and minimum wages. The work therefore provides an overview of what arguably will be the core socio-economic challenge for the GCC in the coming years.

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