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**DESSERT DISPUTE: THE DIPLOMACY OF BOUNDARY-MAKING IN SOUTH-EASTERN ARABIA - Vol. 3**

This is the third and final volume of a previously unpublished study by the foremost authority on the subject. The book is based on thorough research in the relevant archives and direct experience of the dispute. As such it will be the standard reference work on this question for all who have an interest in the Gulf Arab states, their territorial origins and its effects on their increasing role in regional and world affairs. The struggle to delineate the boundaries of south-eastern Arabia can claim to be one of the longest running diplomatic disputes of the twentieth century, which has echoes to this day. Volume 3 includes 15 maps.

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**ISLAMIC THEOLOGICAL DISCOURSES AND THE LEGACY OF KALAM. GESTATION, MOVEMENTS AND CONTROVERSIES (3 Volume Set) – Critical Surveys in Islamic Studies –**

Mustafa Shah (ed.)

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*THE MAKING OF RELIGIOUS TEXTS IN ISLAM: THE FRAGMENT AND THE WHOLE*

Asma Hilali, S. R. Burge (eds.)

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Three main topics are addressed:

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- and methods of shaping and reshaping traditions.

The hermeneutical experience of the fragment versus the whole is explored in depth throughout, and the consequences addressed for the history of the religious text, its composition, its reception and its interpretation.

**Kuwait's Politics Before Independence: The Role of the Balancing Powers**

Abdulrahman Al-Azmeh

This book re-examines the historiography of constitutional development in Kuwait. It argues that existing scholarship on the subject has several shortcomings due to the lack of consideration given to the role played by some important social forces in the Kuwaiti political scene.

Most historians working on Kuwait's modern politics have focused on two forces: the ruling family and the merchants. Although these two actors have undeniably been the most influential, other segments of society, such as the labour force, the villagers, the intelligentsia and the religious scholars, should not be overlooked. These forces have had a decisive impact, with varying levels of influence across time, on the balance of power in Kuwait.

This book generates new insights by considering the role of these balancing forces in influencing the struggle between the sheikhs and the merchants over the nature of the political system in Kuwait between 1921 and 1962.

**Sadik J. Al-Azm**


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

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

Professor Al-Azm was the recipient of the Dr. Leopold-Lucas Prize 2004, the Erasmus Prize 2004, the Mahmoud Darwish Award for Freedom and Creativity 2013, and the Goethe Medal 2015.

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- its historical role in different parts of the Muslim world
- and contemporary debates reflecting both the fatwa’s enduring relevance and its ongoing contestation among Muslims today.
Mahshid Turner

THE MUSLIM THEOLOGY OF HUZN: SORROW UNRAVELLED
With a Foreword by Alpárásn Apgilğen

The subject of sorrow (huзн) and how it should be treated is a subject as old as mankind itself. Considered for the most part as something negative, which should be somehow avoided or remedied completely, the real meaning and purpose of its existence have never been explained satisfactorily.

The Qur'an, however, claims that nothing is created purposelessly, which implies that sorrow also has its uses. With the aim of unravelling the mystery of its existence, this ground-breaking study aims to tell the story of sorrow in the Qur'an from a Muslim scholarly perspective, with particular emphasis on the theology of Bedizamam Said Nursi.

Seyfeddin Kara

IN SEARCH OF ALL IN ABI ABI TALIB’S CODEX: HISTORY AND TRADITIONS OF THE EARLIEST COPY OF THE QUR’AN.
With a Foreword by James Piscatori

The history of the text of the Qur’an has been a longstanding subject of interest within the field of Islamic Studies, but the debate has so far been focused on the Sunni traditions about the codices of Caliphs Abi Bâr and Uthman b. Affân. Little to no attention has been given to the traditions on “Abî b. Abî Talib’s collection of the Qur’an.

This book examines both Shi’i and Sunni traditions on the issue, aiming to date them back to the earliest possible date and, if possible, verify their authenticity.

To achieve this, the traditions are examined using Harald Motzki’s anâl-cum-mârîn method, which is recognised as an efficient tool in dating the early Islamic traditions and involves analysis of both main (text) and anâl (chain of transmission) with an emphasis on finding a correlation between the two.

“Kara’s application of hadith criticism to Shi’i sources is innovative as well as constructive. Respectful of others’ contributions, he nonetheless subverts conventional sceptical and starkly sectoralised approaches to Scriptural textual history.” (From the foreword by James Piscatori)

Imène Ajala

EUROPEAN MUSLIMS AND THEIR FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS: IDENTITIES AND LOYALTIES

In a global context marked by terrorist threats, Muslim communities in the West have come under increasing scrutiny. Sensitive questions on identity arise with regard to their foreign policy interests and their loyalties.

Topics covered include:
- Relations between European Muslims and international issues
- Political opportunity structures
- Organization and institutionalization of Islam
- Diaspora and transnational dimensions
- The securitization of Islam
- Foreign policy and loyalty

This book investigates the foreign policy interests and political mobilization of Muslims in Europe, specifically in France and Great Britain, contributing to shed light on these difficult questions.

Nikolay Kozhanov

IRAN’S STRATEGIC THINKING: THE EVOLUTION OF IRAN’S FOREIGN POLICY, 1979-2018

What are the ideological motives behind Iran’s foreign policy? This new study examines Tehran’s twin desires to protect national interests and to project real power.

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- Centre of resistance against global Western domination
- US and Israel policy
- Syria as the bridge to Lebanon and Palestine

There is a strong focus on primary-sources, as well as interviews with EU, Russian and Middle East experts, supported by field trips to Iran, Turkey and GCC countries. Political, economic, religious and cultural aspects of Iran’s influence abroad are covered. The final chapter covers most recent events and implications of Trump’s rejection of the JCPOA.
**ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION IN THE GULF STATES: PUBLIC EXPENDITURE AND NON-OIL ECONOMIC GROWTH IN BAHRAIN, OMAN AND QATAR**

Yesenn El-Radhi

A long-standing economic policy goal of the oil-dependent states of the Gulf Cooperation Council is to increase economic diversification. Over the last decades, GCC governments fostered the development of non-oil economies through large-scale public investments in the stocks of human and physical capital. This book takes a new look at economic diversification efforts by examining the impact of different public expenditure categories (capital, education, health) on non-oil GDP and labour productivity developments in the three GCC countries: Bahrain, Oman and Qatar since the 1970s. Building both on an econometric analysis and detailed country studies, this book analyses not only whether public expenditure has been an important driver of overall non-oil economic growth but also how public expenditure impacted different potential sources of non-oil economic growth such as economy-wide investment or productivity levels. By elaborating the channels through which public expenditure tends to impact non-oil economic growth in Bahrain, Oman and Qatar, this book contributes to the academic and public debate about the effectiveness of ongoing diversification strategies in the GCC countries.

**THE GULF STATES, ASIA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN: ENSURING THE SECURITY OF THE SEA LANE**

Tim Niblock with Talmiz Ahmad and Degang Sun (eds.)

Among the many strategic and economic issues facing the Gulf in the coming years, those relating to the Indian Ocean are set to be among the most challenging. In the re-ordering of global economic and political power which is currently underway, the Indian Ocean constitutes a key arena for regional and global competition and rivalry. With the leading Asian powers playing a more pro-active role in the region, sometimes with conflicting ambitions, and the United States intent on maintaining its established maritime hegemony, there, the potential dangers for the Gulf states are considerable. Gulf economic interests and perhaps regime stability would be severely affected by conflict.

This book contends that the Gulf states need to play an active part in the promotion of Indian Ocean stability and security, working with other Indian Ocean states to develop institutional structures and practices which encourage cooperation and provide avenues for conflict resolution. They have everything to gain from such a strategy.

**POLITICAL REFORMS IN QATAR: FROM AUTHORITARIANISM TO POLITICAL GREY ZONE**

Chat Battaloğlu

In the past decade, Qatar has emerged as one of the world’s most proactive mediators in the international arena. It has also experienced a number of domestic changes to its economic infrastructure, welfare system and political system, along with material improvement in its citizens’ standard of living. Nonetheless, despite such radical and rapid advances, political reform in Qatar has proved to be relatively tentative.

This book examines political reforms in Qatar from an analytical, normative and ideological perspective. It applies the main concepts and theories found in the literature on democratic transition. Five elements are discussed as the reason of why the political reform process in Qatar has stagnated in the political “Grey Zone”: (1) Absolute power of the ruler over the political institutions, (2) Tribal social structure in Qatar, (3) Rentier style social contract, (4) Lack of public demand for reforms and (5) New regional and international atmosphere, emerging after Arab Spring.

**GULFIZATION OF THE ARAB WORLD**

Marc Owen Jones, Ross Porter and Marc Valeri (eds.)

From projecting ideology and influence, to maintaining a notion of ‘Gulfness’ through the selective exclusion or inclusion of certain beliefs, cultures and people, the notion of Gulfization is increasingly pertinent as Gulf countries occupy a greater political and economic role in wider Middle East politics. This volume discusses the notion of Gulfization, and examines how thoughts, ideologies, way of life and practices are transmitted, changed, and transcended inside and outside the Gulf. From historical perspectives such as the impact of the 1952 Egyptian Revolution in Yemen, to studies on the contemporary projection of Salafism or hyper-nationalism in the Gulf monarchies, this book explores, contends, and critiques the transnational and regional currents that are making, and unmaking, the new Gulf Moment.

This is the first volume of the new Exeter Critical Gulf Series and is based on the 28th Gulf Conference held at the University of Exeter in 2016.
global powers have significant interests in this area, and the pursuit of these interests adds further layers to the community among the states of the Gulf. The processes through which this could be achieved are the central question taken up by the contributors to this volume. A growing body of literature has begun to address how state policy in conjunction with universities, think tanks, and businesses can create the groundwork to support knowledge-intensive industries. But, so far, comparatively little work has been done on the potential of this matrix of policies to succeed in the current political and economic context of the GCC.

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STRATEGIES OF KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER FOR ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION IN THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF

Diversification is the principal economic objective for the Gulf States. The steep and sustained fall in oil prices over the last few years has added to the collective urgency to seek new sources of revenue. As such, the overarching theme of regional economic summits in recent years has focused on the question, “how do we transition to a knowledge-based economy?” This is the central question taken up by the contributors to this volume. A growing body of literature has begun to address how state policy in conjunction with universities, think tanks, and businesses can create the groundwork to support knowledge-intensive industries. But, so far, comparatively little work has been done on the potential of this matrix of policies to succeed in the current political and economic context of the GCC.

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CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND CREATION OF A SECURITY COMMUNITY IN THE GULF REGION

The bitter confrontation between Saudi Arabia and Iran is not only stoking conflicts in Syria, Iraq and Yemen, but now threatens the stability, security and well-being of the whole Gulf region. All the major global powers have significant interests in this area, and the pursuit of these interests adds further layers of division and conflict.

This book goes to the heart of this issue, examining the critical modalities whereby the “Gulf Cold War” can be brought to an end. What is needed, the contributors argue, is the creation of a security community among the states of the Gulf. The processes through which this could be achieved are carefully examined.

All those interested in the future and well-being of the Gulf region should give consideration to the perspectives advanced.

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This volume includes a range of topics addressing aspects of the current status of intellectual property (IP) protection regimes in the Gulf Cooperation Council and its individual member states, and aspiring GCC, members Jordan and Yemen. It examines the opportunities and challenges facing the GCC in becoming a real union with, or at least harmonized, IP laws and regulations, while still allowing flexibility for domestic imperatives and interests. IP is a crucial part of commercial and trade activity which the GCC needs to address as a union to maximize outcomes and benefits for the GCC members collectively and individually.

Contributions represent a broad-based and truly international interest in Gulf IP, with authors from Australia, Bahrain, China, Egypt, Indonesia, Jordan, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. The volume provides a catalyst for further deliberation and debate on these above issues and other Gulf-related IP issues, as well as a worthy contribution to the expansion of Gulf studies in the broader context.

Frauke Heard-Bey

ABU DHABI, THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND THE GULF REGION: FIFTY YEARS OF TRANSFORMATION

The unexpected decision of the British Government in January 1968 to withdraw its military and diplomatic protection from the Gulf catapulted the region into the limelight. For the following five decades the historian Dr. Frauke Heard-Bey was best placed to observe subsequent developments in the Gulf, having joined her husband David, a petroleum engineer, in Abu Dhabi in 1967. Through her role over decades in the Centre for Documentation and Research (now the UAE’s National Archive), Frauke Heard-Bey made use of its archives about the Gulf, while taking every opportunity to travel in the area and immerse herself in the local environment.

The work covers a broad spectrum, including the formation of the UAE in 1971, the subsequent development of this federation, the first oil crisis and geopolitical repercussions, urbanisation, labour migration, electoral systems, trade, the changing way of life and its implications for traditional loyalties in the Gulf states and Oman.

The results of much of this work (which rely little on secondary sources) are collected in this volume, parts of which have been printed in hard-to-access journals, while others are published here for the first time.

Maaike Warnaar, Luciano Zaccara, Paul Aarts (eds.)

IRAN’S RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF: COMMON INTERESTS OVER HISTORIC RIVALRY

GCC-Iran relations are at the heart of important political dynamics in the Middle East today. This is not limited to the ongoing disputes in the Gulf, one of the most important strategic locations globally. Iran and the GCC states also find themselves on opposing sides in the Syrian and to some extent the Iraq conflicts.

This volume traces the origins of the troubled relations between Iran and the majority of the GCC monarchies. It discusses not only geostrategic rivalries, but also matters of identity which have been of increased importance since 2010.

While important differences are noticeable among the GCC monarchies in regard to their willingness to engage Iran, the difficult relationship between Saudi Arabia and Iran puts a strain on the possibilities for engagement between Iran and the GCC as a whole.

Tim Niblock with Degang Sun and Alejandra Galindo (eds.)

THE ARAB STATES OF THE GULF AND BRICS: NEW STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS IN POLITICS AND ECONOMICS

How the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) relates to BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) is, in the light of the growing strength and importance of this organisation and the countries which comprise it, of critical importance.

The issue is not simply how the GCC countries handle their relations with the individual BRICS countries, but more importantly how they relate to an alternative structure of coordination and perhaps power in the global order. Their established links and alliances may no longer be enough to satisfy either their economic needs or their security concerns.

The objective of this book is to examine the commonalities and the differences in economic and political interest between the BRICS countries and the GCC countries, so as to assess the potential for cooperation and collective action. Whether the GCC could itself become a part of BRICS is also worth consideration. While the focus is on the GCC, the GCC’s relations with BRICS countries have been, and will continue to be, closely affected by the wider Gulf dimension – the state of their relations with Iran and Iraq, and the manner in which BRICS countries relate to those two countries.

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THE ARMS TRADE, MILITARY SERVICES AND THE SECURITY MARKET IN THE GULF STATES: TRENDS AND IMPLICATIONS

The Gulf is in the first rank of potential global flashpoints. It is the largest market for weapons imports in the world, and is considered to be a vital interest of all the great powers. Iran is viewed as an expansionist threat by the Arab states of the Gulf, who have built considerable militaries in a historically short timeframe.

Security in the Gulf, however, is a complicated matter. The Arab states of the Gulf have pursued different defense policies as well as different ways of building up their forces. In some instances, the establishment of a strong military is not just a way to ensure security, but also a way to build a national identity. In other cases, great powers (such as the United States) seek to promote cooperation between the Arab Gulf militaries as an interim step to promote political reform and integration.

The essays in this volume examine a broad range of issues in Gulf security. Security is a complex and subjective matter – the various perspectives in this volume combine to form a holistic view of a challenging and evolving topic.

Mansour, Ajami

POURING WATER ON TIME. A BILINGUAL TOPICAL ANTHOLOGY OF CLASSICAL ARABIC POETRY

This bilingual anthology presents the best of Arabic classical poetry’s musings over the many faceted states of the human condition, among them love, generosity, 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.

„For Mansour Ajami, Arabic poetry is that Midas touch which transmutes the most common-place words, the most mundane meanings and the most pedestrian images into the shimmering gold of the poetically soaring sublime.“ (From the foreword by Sadik Al-Azm)

Nikolay Kozhanov

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?
- Russian military involvement in the Syrian conflict: what will be the outcome?
- Significance of Moscow’s military intervention in the wider Middle East context

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Esther Peskes (ed.)

WAHHABISM - DOCTRINE AND DEVELOPMENT (2 VOLS)

(Critical Surveys in Islamic Denominations)

Saudi Arabian Wahhabism is the ultrapuritanical 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 military 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.
Mehmet Asutay and Abdullah Q. Turkistani (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.

Mehmet Asutay and Abdullah Q. Turkistani (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 inherent 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.

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ISLAMIC FINANCE: PERFORMANCE AND EFFICIENCY (VOLUME 3)

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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.

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**Trial and Tribulation in the Qur'anic: 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 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)

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**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 motivations, 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 their career motivators, employability and productivity.

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.

Gawdat Bahgat (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.
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 destabilizing 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.

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:

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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

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.

Following the great expeditions of the 18th and 19th century, travel activity in general increased from the end of the 18th century onwards. In addition to European destinations, the Orient and above all Egypt now became the goal of this movement embracing travel and exoticism.

This work centers on the question of the received patterns of thought and argumentation that were applied consciously or unconsciously by those travelers. By way of example, the reports of the Austrian scholar and scientist Joseph (Ritter von) Rassegger are examined. Rassegger’s visits to Egypt are notable because he traveled the country as a scientist on behalf of the Egyptian government.
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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.

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