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**POLITICS AND SOCIETY IN IRAN
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Course Description

This course will examine the relationship between the state and society in modern Iran by focusing on the social bases of politics. It will begin by examining the recurrence of certain historical and cultural themes and their political implications from the time of the Constitutional Revolution (1905-1909) to the current period. Topics covered will include the following: the Constitutional Revolution; the rise and demise of the Pahlavi dynasty and its interactions with religious and nationalist forces; the Mosaddeq era and the politics of oil nationalization; the coup d'etat of 1953; the Shah's White Revolution and politics, culture, and economics in the 1960's and 1970's; the process leading to the Islamic Revolution of 1978-79 and the establishment of the Islamic Republic; the hostage crisis and relations with the United States; export of the revolution; the Iran-Iraq War and the impact of the Gulf Wars; the nuclear crisis; and the Shi'i revival. Finally, the course will review Iran's current regional and international role in the Middle East, the Caucasus, and Central Asia.

COURSE BOOKS

Ansari, Ali M, *Confronting Iran: The Failure of American Foreign Policy and the Next Great Conflict in the Middle East* (New York: Basic Books), 2006.

Keddie, Nikki R. Modern Iran: Roots and Results of Revolution (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press), 2006 updated edition..

Kinzer, Stephen, All the Shah's Men: An American Coup and the Roots of Middle East Terror (Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons) 2003 or later.

Sciolino, Elaine, Persian Mirrors: The Elusive Face of Iran (New York: Free Press), 2000 or later.

All the above books are available in paperback editions at the NYU Book Center. Other bookstores (esp. Barnes & Noble on Fifth Ave.) carry good selections of books on contemporary Iran and the Middle East. In addition, various articles and reading assignments relevant to lectures topics will be distributed in class or through NYU's Blackboard. There will be a far greater distribution of articles and other readings in the first half of the course. The second half readings will be primarily through the required course books.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

TESTS: There will be a midterm examination on **Thursday October 18, 2007** and a final examination (date to be determined by NYU/CAS schedule in **Tuesday December 18, 2007**). The tests will cover the materials from the readings, lectures, and class discussion. The final examination will only cover the material after the midterm.

PAPER: The course requires a term paper (due on **Tuesday December 11, 2007**) of some 12-15 pages in length. The choice of topic is wide as long as it concerns relevant themes of the course. Your topic must be approved by the Teaching Assistant Leena Dallasheh by no later than **Thursday November 1, 2007**.

EVALUATION AND GRADES: The final course grade/evaluation will be based on the following components: (1) **midterm and final exams**, 30 percent each; (2) the **term paper**, 30 percent; and (3) **class participation** and involvement, 10 percent. **Please also note that regular attendance is critical in this course.**

KEY DATES & DEADLINES

Midterm Examination:	Thursday October 18, 2007
Final Paper Topic Approval Date:	Thursday November 1, 2007
Term Paper Due Date:	Tuesday December 11, 2007
Final Examination:	Tuesday December 18, 2007 (12pm-1:50pm)

TOPICS and READINGS

INTRODUCTION

Course Introduction and Overview

IRAN AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Pdf files etc. will be provided

IRAN THROUGH AGES: KEY THEMES AND ISSUES

Keddie, chapter 1, 2

RELIGION, POLITICS, AND THE ISLAMIC STATE

Keddie, chapter 3

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL REVOLUTION

Keddie, chapters 4, 5.

THE PAHLAVI PERIOD (1925-1979)

Kinzer, entire book.
Keddie, chapters 6, 7

THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION

Keddie, chapters 8, 9.

IRAN SINCE THE REVOLUTION: DOMESTIC POLITICS

Sciolino, entire book
Keddie, Chapters 10, 11, 12, and "Conclusion"

IRAN SINCE THE REVOLUTION: REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLITICS

Ansari, entire book.

CONCLUSION: POLITICS AND SOCIETY IN TRANSITION

Addendum

Contemporary Iran: A Selected Bibliography of Books

NB: These are a few selected books of the recent past and do not include a large number of the recent books relevant to the subject.

GENERAL

- The Cambridge history of Iran*, 7 Volumes. Cambridge, England: Cambridge University Press, 1968-1991.
- Abrahamian, Ervand. *Iran between two revolutions*. Princeton, N. J.: Princeton University Press, 1982.
- Bausani, Alessandro. *The Persians: From the earliest days to the twentieth century*. Translated by J. B. Donne. London: Elek Books, 1962/1971.
- Bharier, Julian. *Economic development in Iran 1900-1970*. London: Oxford University Press, 1971.
- Enayat, Hamid. *Modern Islamic political thought*. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1982.
- Foran, John, ed. *A century of revolution: Social movements in Iran*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1994.
- Fuller, Graham. *The center of the universe. The geopolitics of Iran*. Boulder, CO: Westview, 1991.
- Gnoli, Gherardo. *The idea of Iran*. Rome: Istituto Italiano Per Il Medio Ed Esterno Oriente, 1989.
- Kazemi, Farhad. *Politics and culture in Iran*. Ann Arbor, MI: Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan, 1988.
- Keddie, Nikki R. *Roots of revolution: An interpretive history of modern Iran*. New Haven, Conn.: Yale University Press, 1981.
- Kedourie, Elie & Sylvia Haim, eds. *Towards a modern Iran*. London: Frank Cass, 1980.
- Limbert, John. *Iran at war with history*. Boulder, CO: Westview, 1987.

- Loeffler, Reinhold. *Islam in practice: Religious beliefs in a Persian village*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1988.
- McLachlan, Keith, ed. *The boundaries of modern Iran*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1994.
- Metz, Helen Chapin, ed. *Iran: A country study*. Washington: U. S. Government Printing Office, 1989.
- Mottahedeh, Roy. *The mantle of the prophet: Religion and Politics in Iran*. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1985.
- Rejali, Darius. *Torture and modernity: self, society, and state in modern Iran*. Boulder, CO: Westview, 1994.
- Wilber, Donald N. *Iran: Past and present*. 9th ed., Princeton, N. J.: Princeton University Press, 1981.

QAJAR PERIOD (1796-1925)

- Algar, Hamid. *Religion and state in Iran, 1785-1906: The role of the Ulama in the Qajar period*. Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 1969.
- Amanat, Abbas. *Resurrection and renewal: The making of the Babi Movement in Iran: 1844-1850*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1989.
- Bakhash, Shaul. *Iran: Monarchy, bureaucracy and reform under the Qajars: 1858-1896*. London: Ithaca Press, 1978.
- Bayat, Mangol. *Iran's first revolution: Shi'ism and the Constitutional Revoution of 1905-1909*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1991.
- Issawi, Charles, ed. *The economic history of Iran: 1800-1914*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1971.
- Lambton, Ann K. S. *Qajar Persia*. London: I. B. Tauris, 1987.

PAHLAVI PERIOD (1925-1979)

- Abrahamian, Ervand. *Radical Islam: The Iranian Mojahedin*. London: I.B. Tauris, 1989.
- 9.AAkhavi, Shahrough. *Religion and politics in contemporary Iran: Clergy-state relations in the Pahlavi period*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1980.
- Alam, Asadollah. *The Shah and I: The confidential diary of Iran's royal court, 1969-1977*. Translated by Introduced and edited by Alinaghi Alikhani. London: I. B. Tauris, 1991.
- Amuzegar, Jahangir. *Iran: An economic profile*. Washington: Middle East Institute, 1977.
- Azimi, Fakhreddin. *Iran: The crisis of democracy, 1941-1953*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1989.
- Baldwin, George B. *Planning and development in Iran*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1967.
- Bámdád, Badr ol-Moluk. *From darkness into light: Women's emancipation in Iran*. Translated by F. R. C. Bagley. Hicksville, N. Y.: Exposition Press, 1977.

- Banani, Amin. *The modernization of Iran, 1921-1941*. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1961.
- Bill, James Alban. *The politics of Iran: Groups, classes and modernization*. Columbus, Ohio: Charles E. Merrill Publishing Co., 1972.
- Bill, James Alban and William Roger Louis, eds. *Musaddiq, Iranian nationalism, and oil*. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press, 1988.
- Chehabi, H.E. *Iranian politics and religious modernism: The Liberation Movement of Iran under the Shah and Khomeini*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1990.
- Cottam, Richard W. *Nationalism in Iran*. Pittsburgh, Pa.: University of Pittsburgh Press, 1964.
- Diba, Farhad. *Mossadegh: A political biography*. London: Croom Helm, 1986.
- Elm, Mostafa. *Oil, power, and a principle: Iran's oil nationalization and its aftermath*. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 1992.
- Fischer, Michael M. J. *Iran: From religious dispute to revolution*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1980.
- Foran, John, ed. *A century of revolution: Social movements in Iran*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1994.
- Graham, Robert. *Iran: The illusion of power*. London: Croom Helm, 1978.
- Halliday, Fred. *Iran: Dictatorship and development*. 2nd ed., New York: Penguin Books, 1979.
- Karshenas, Massoud. *Oil, state and industrialization in Iran*. Cambridge, England: Cambridge University Press, 1990.
- Katouzian, Homa. *The political economy of modern Iran: Despotism and pseudo-modernism, 1926-1979*. New York: New York University Press, 1981.
- Kazemi, Farhad. *Poverty and revolution in Iran: The migrant poor, urban marginality and politics*. New York: New York University Press, 1980.
- Ladjevardi, Habib. *Labor unions and autocracy in Iran*. Syracuse, N. Y.: Syracuse University Press, 1985.
- Lenczowski, George, ed. *Iran under the Pahlavis*. Stanford, Calif.: Hoover Institution Press, 1978.
- Menashri, David. *Education and the making of modern Iran*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 1992.
- Najmabadi, Afsaneh. *Land reform and social change in Iran*. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 1987.
- Paidar, Parvin. *Women and the political process in twentieth-century Iran*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1995.
- Roosevelt, Kermit. *Countercoup: The struggle for the control of Iran*. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Co., 1979.
- Sanasarian, Eliz. *The women's rights movement in Iran: Mutiny, appeasement, and repression from 1900 to Khomeini*. New York: Praeger Publishers, 1982.
- Wilber, Donald N. *Riza Shah Pahlavi: The resurrection and reconstruction of Iran*. Hicksville, N. Y.: Exposition Press, 1975.
- Yar-Shater, Ehsan, ed. *Iran faces the seventies*. New York: Praeger Publishers, 1971.
- Zabih, Sepehr. *The communist movement in Iran*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1966.

Zonis, Marvin. *The political elite of Iran*. Princeton, N. J.: Princeton University Press, 1971.

THE REVOLUTION OF 1977-79

Amuzegar, Jahangir. *The dynamics of the Iranian revolution: The Pahlavis' triumph and tragedy*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1991.

Arjomand, Said Amir. *The turban for the crown: The Islamic revolution in Iran*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1988.

Dabashi, Hamid. *Theology of discontent: The ideological foundation of the Islamic revolution in Iran*. New York: New York University Press, 1993.

Esposito, John L., ed. *The Iranian revolution: Its global impact*. Miami: Florida International University Press, 1990.

Green, Jerrold. *Revolution in Iran: The politics of countermobilization*. New York: Praeger, 1982.

Khomeini, Ruhollah. *Islam and revolution: Writings and declarations of Imam Khomeini*. Translated by Hamid Algar. Berkeley, Calif.: Mizan Press, 1981.

Milani, Mohsen M. *The making of Iran's Islamic revolution: From monarchy to Islamic Republic*. Boulder, Col.: Westview Press, 1988.

Moaddel, Mansoor. *Class, politics and ideology in the Iranian revolution*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1993.

Moghissi, Haideh. *Populism and feminism in Iran: Women's struggle in a male-defined revolutionary movement*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1994.

Parsa, Misagh. *Social origins of the Iranian revolution*. New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 1989.

Stempel, John D. *Inside the Iranian revolution*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1981.

Sullivan, William H. *Mission to Iran*. New York: Norton, 1981.

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Afkhami, Mahnaz and Erika Friedl. *In the eye of the storm: Women in the post-revolutionary Iran*. London: I.B. Tauris, 1994.

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