

# **Security in the Persian Gulf and Caspian Sea Regions: Theory, Methodology & Policy**

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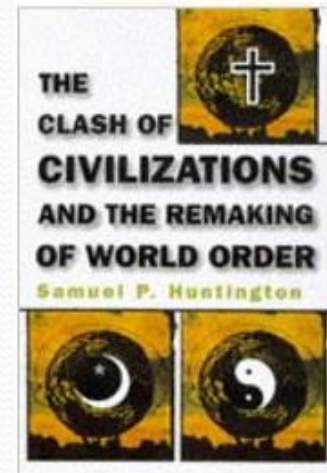
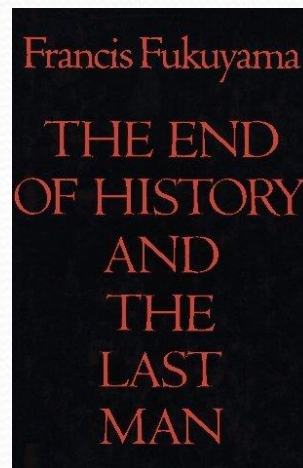
# 1.1. After the end of Cold War

1991

1992

1996

End of Cold War



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Source: [http://www.azerbaijan.az/\\_Economy/\\_OilStrategy/pipelines/btc.html](http://www.azerbaijan.az/_Economy/_OilStrategy/pipelines/btc.html)

# 1.3. Energy Resources

<https://people.hofstra.edu/geotrans/eng/ch1en/appl1en/passagesmiddleeast.html>



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# 2. Challenges of Security

## 2.1. Separatism

2.1.1. Economic implications

2.1.2. Ethnic tensions

2.1.3. Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict

2.1.4. Unexpected impact of the Georgian's separatists conflicts

2.1.5. Unexpected impact of the ethnic and religious tensions, the case of the Azeri and Turkey relationship

# 2. Challenges of Security

## 2.2. Internal Instability

### 2.2.1. Political Instability:

2.2.1.1. The Super-presidential

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### 2.2.2. Economic Instability:

2.2.2.1. Azeri Economic Instability

2.2.2.2. Armenian Isolation

2.2.2.3. Georgian Economic Collapse

## 2. Challenges of Security:

### 2.3. International Rivalry

2.3.1. Global Energy Politics

2.3.2. Rivalry between Global Security Alignments and Regional Organizations:

2.3.3. Political Rivalry between Global and Regional Powers



# Analyzing Clash of Civilizations

- “Global Security Watch—The Caucasus States”
- By Dr. Houman A. Sadri, Professor of Int’l Relations.
- April 2010, Praeger Publishers, New York, USA
- Hard Cover, 270 Pages
- ISBN: 978-0-313-37980-2
- Summary: This insider perspective examines the main sources of security threat and political instability in the Caucasus states of Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Georgia, as it tests the “Clash of Civilizations” view.



# 3. Clash of Civilizations: Testing!

States	Armenia	Azerbaijan	Georgia	Iran	Turkey	Russia	USA
Armenia	1	Negative Expected	Neutral Unexpected	Positive Unexpected	Negative Expected	Positive Expected	Neutral Unexpected
Azerbaijan		1	Positive Unexpected	Negative Unexpected	Positive Expected	Negative Expected	Positive Unexpected
Georgia			1	Positive Unexpected	Positive Unexpected	Negative Unexpected	Positive Unexpected
Iran				1	Neutral Unexpected	Positive Unexpected	Negative Expected
Turkey					1	Positive Unexpected	Positive Unexpected
Russia						1	Negative Expected
USA							1

# 3. Clash of Civilizations

Levels of Relationships	Clash of Civilizations	
	Expected	Unexpected
Global Level	4	7
Regional Level	2	5
Neighboring State-to-State	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>

Source: Sadri, Houman A. 2010. *Global Security Watch: The Caucasus States*. California: Praeger. p 146

# 4. Conclusions

4.1. The Clash of Civilizations concept failed to predict state relationships in the region.

4.2. Historically, the concept of the Great Game and the Balance of Powers has been applied to the region.

4.3. The most prudent explanation of the causes of security threat for the Caucasus states must rely on the three common factors :

4.3.1. Separatism

4.3.2. Internal instability, and

4.3.3. International rivalry.