

Int'l Pol of Mid East

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I. Modernity vs. Tradition

A. Complexity in the Mid East

B. Contrast in the Mid East

C. Quest for Identity

D. Politics of Development as a Concern

Middle East Politics: Intro

II. The Challenge of Modernization

A. Modernization = Economic Development

B. Def: Process of gaining control over the physical environments

C. Modernization is Not Westernization

D. Nature: Modernization is Inevitable

E. Modernization is an unsettling process

F. Measuring Modernization: GNP & PQLI

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III. Political Development Concept

- A. Def: Capacity of Gov to generate & absorb transformation
- B. Def: Capacity to stimulate and meet demands
- C. Pol & Econ Developments are not always together
- D. Authoritarian Regime can do Modernization
- E. Modernization & Pol Development must be analyzed together

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- IV. Dialectics of Modernization & Pol Development
 - A. The Connection between the 2
 - B. Pol Development: Demand & Capacity
 - C. Pol Development: Liberty & Security (Almond)

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- V. Typology of Political Development
 - A. Democratic-Participatory: Israel & Turkey
 - B. Clerical-Populist: Iran & Sudan
 - C. Decentralized-Anarchic: Lebanon
 - D. Traditional-Monarchial: Saudi Arabia & Qatar
 - E. Technocratic-Moderate: Egypt, Morocco
Kuwait, & Jordan
 - F. Technocratic –Repressive: Iraq (Saddam) &
Syria & Libya

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- VI. Political Development in the Mid East is complicated by the existence of:
 - A. Fragmented , Personalistic , & Particularistic form of Political Participation
 - B. Drive toward Modernization without Political Reform
 - C. A Lack of Political or Ideological Path to Ensure Developmental Success
 - D. The Cultural Backdrop (Relig ~ Pol)
 - E. Interregional & International Considerations

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VII. Dynamics of Participation in Mid East

- A. Participation (or lack of it) is a key issue
- B. The Balance Between the Following Sets of Factors is Crucial:
 1. Political Demand & Gov Capacity
 2. Anarchy & Repression
 3. Participation & Institutionalization
 4. Need for Liberty & Security