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Lectures & Readings

Day One, Lecture One

Topic: The Persian Gulf & Caspian States: The Main Challenges

Readings:

1. Bill, Chapter 1.
2. **Esposito**, Chapter 1.
3. Hoffmann, “Why don’t they like us?”
4. Sadri, “Non-Alignment as a Foreign Policy”

Day Two, Lecture Two

Topic: States, Belief, and Ideology

Readings:

1. **Bill**, Chapter 2.
2. Mazrui, “Islamic & Western Values”
3. Sachedina, “What is Islam?”
4. Sardar, “My Fatwa on the Fanatics.”

Day Three, Lecture Three

Topic: Groups, Classes, & Families

Readings:

1. Bill, Chapter 3.
2. Economic Political Pyramids
3. New Social Classes Circles
4. Old Social Class Circles
5. Vertical & Horizontal Pyramids

Day Four, Lecture Four

Topic: Leaders & Institutions

Readings:

Leaders

1. **Sadri**, Surrounded: Seeing the World From Iran
2. Alterman, “Mid East’s Info Revolution
3. Sontag, “The Erdogan Experiment”
4. Wester, “Preemption and Just War”