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"American Diplomacy in Today's Middle East"

Our speaker suggests:

Book

Middle East Patterns: Places, Peoples & Politics - 6th edition, Colbert C. Held and John T. Cummings, late 2013, approximately 690 pgs

Websites

<http://www.crisisgroup.org/en/regions/middle-east-north-africa/iraq-iran-gulf/yemen/139-yemens-military-security-reform-seeds-of-new-conflict.aspx>

"Yemen's Military - Security Reform: Seeds of a New Conflict" from the International Crisis Group

<http://www.crisisgroup.org/en/regions/middle-east-north-africa/iraq-iran-gulf/yemen/125-yemen-enduring-conflicts-threatened-transition.aspx>

"Yemen: Enduring Conflicts, Threatened Transition" from the International Crisis Group

<http://www.crisisgroup.org/en/regions/middle-east-north-africa/iraq-iran-gulf/yemen/114-breaking-point-yemens-southern-question.aspx>

"Breaking Point? Yemen's Southern Question"

Our members suggest:

Books

**Guns, Germs, and Steel: the Fates of Human Societies*, Jared Diamond, W. W. Norton, NYC, 2005, 475 pgs

**Maphead: Charting the Wide, Weird World of Geography Wonks*, Ken Jennings, Scribners, NYC, 2012, 304 pgs

**Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity, and Poverty*, Daron Acemoglu and James Robinson, Crown Business, NYC, 2012, 544 pgs

The Impossible State: Islam, Politics, and Modernity's Moral Predicament, Wael B. Hallaq, Columbia University Press, NYC, 2012, 272 pgs

**The Honor Code: How Moral Revolutions Happen*, Kwame Anthony Appiah, W. W. Norton & Co., NYC, 2010, 264 pgs

Armed Groups: Studies in National Security, Counterterrorism, and Counterinsurgency, Jeffery Norwitz, ed., Naval War College Press, US, 2008, 501 pgs

**Rebuilding War-Torn States: The Challenge of Post-Conflict Economic Reconstruction*, Graciana del Castillo, Oxford University Press, USA, 2008, 464 pgs

The Sayyid Qutb Reader: Selected Writings on Politics, Religion, & Society, Albert J. Bergesen, ed., Routledge Taylor & Francis Group, NY, 2007, 192 pgs

The Epicenter of Crisis: The New Middle East, Alexander T. J. Lennon, ed., MIT Press, MA, 2008, 384 pgs

**The Search for Al Qaeda: Its Leadership, Ideology, and Future*, Bruce Riedel, Brookings Institution Press, Washington D C, 2008, 224 pgs

**The Revenge of Geography: What the Map Tells Us About Coming Conflicts and the Battle Against Fate*, Robert D. Kaplan, Random House, NYC, 2012, 432 pgs

**Danger and Opportunity: An American Ambassador's Journey Through the Middle East*, Edward P. Djerejian, Threshold Editions, Simon & Schuster Inc. NYC, 2008, 301 pgs

A History of the Arab Peoples, Albert Hourani, MJF Books, NYC, 1991, 551 pgs

Journey of the Jihadist: Inside Muslim Militancy, Fawaz A Gerges, Harcourt Inc. NYC, 2006, 312 pgs

Dictionary of the Middle East, Dilip Hiro, St. Martin's Press, NYC, 1996, 367 pgs

**The Last American Diplomat: John D. Negroponte and the Changing Face of U.S. Diplomacy*, (International Library of Twentieth Century History), George W. Liebmann, I. B. Tauris, London, 2012, 384 pgs

**The Great Convergence: Asia, The West and the Logic of One World*, Kkishore Mahbubani, Public Affairs, NYC, 2013, 315 pgs

Articles

Jordan's Electoral Environment and Prospects for Change, Danya Greenfield, Atlantic Council, Issuebrief, October 2012

The United States Should Contain Threats and Embrace Dignity in the Middle East, Michele Dunne & Barry Pavel, The Atlantic, 25 February 2013

Is Any Hope Left for Mideast Peace? Rashid Khalidi, New York Times, 13 March 2013

I Heart Khomeini, Roya Hakakian, Wall Street Journal, 01 March 2013

Syria's Rebels: Entanglement at Home and Abroad, Economist, 30 March 2013, p 46

The War in Syria: Can Jordan Keep Out of it Forever?, Economist, 16 March 2013, p 50

Persian Gulf Futures: Shaky Monarchies, Strategic Pressures, and Emerging Threats to Energy and Shipping, James M. Dorsey, Global Brief, Winter 2013, pp 30-34

What about the individual in the future of the Middle East? Progress and pluralism lie at the intersection of courageous leaders and activist citizens who speak out, Sven Spengemann, Global Brief, Winter 2013, pp 36-37

Websites

<http://www.nationofchange.org/us-austerity-ripples-outward-1362762942>

U.S. Austerity Ripples Outward, Katelyn Ferral, Nation of Change, 08 March 2013

http://www.acus.org/new_atlanticist/hidden-plain-sight

Hidden in Plain Sight, Harlan Ullman, Atlantic Council, 13 March 2013

<http://www.acus.org/viewpoint/syria-kerrys-opening-free-syrian-army>

Syria: Kerry's Opening to the Free Syrian Army, Frederic C. Hof, 05 March 2013

http://www.acus.org/new_atlanticist/Iran-essential-syrias-future

Is Iran Essential to Syria's Future?, Loren White, 26 February 2013

www.theglobalist.com/printStoryid.aspx?Storyid=5061

The Two Faces of Islam, The Globalist, 04 January 2010

www.theglobalist.com/printStoryid.aspx?Storyid=9926

Being a Woman in Turkey and in the Middle East, Sedef Kucuk, 08 March 2013

<https://www.fpri.org/articles/2012/10/jordan-morocco-and-future-middle-east>

Jordan, Morocco, and the Future of the Middle East, Ahmed Charal, October 2012

<http://lindleyfrench.blogspot.com/2013/03/syria-between-sarajevo-and-baghdad.html>
Syria: Between Sarajevo and Baghdad, Julian Lindley-French, 11 March 2013

<http://www.imf.org/external/pubs/ft/fandd/2013/03/index>
The IMF's regular publication Finance & Development March 2013 Vol. 50 #1 is devoted to the Middle East.

http://reliefweb.int/sites/reliefweb.int/files/resources/YEMEN_MARCH_2013_HIGH.pdf
"Yemen on the verge of change" from the International Training Program for Conflict Management

The following three recent EISs contain listings pertinent to this 09 April 2013 presentation:

<http://tfsg.org/EIS/Hutchings%20EIS%202-8-11.pdf>

<http://tfsg.org/EIS/El-Kikhia%20EIS%208-9-11.pdf>

<http://tfsg.org/EIS/Frankel%20EIS%2010-9-12%20rev%201.pdf>

Movies

Jerusalem: Center of the World, PBS Home Video, April 7, 2009

The Gatekeepers, Sony Pictures Classics, Dror Moreh, Director, February 2013

Recipes and Cookbooks from the Region

www.globe_recipes.com/Yemenite-Recipes.php

www.Amideastfeast.com/yemenite-recipes/

Yemenite and Sabre Cookery, Tzabar, Naomia, and Shimon, Sadon Publishing, Israel, 1974, 56 pgs

Saha: A Chef's Journey through Lebanon and Syria, Greg and Lucy Mulouf, Periplus Editions, Singapore, 2005

Barnes & Noble – Arboretum (Austin, Texas) suggests:

**World of Trouble: The White House and the Middle East – From the Cold War to the War on Terror*, Patrick Tyler, Farrar, Strauss, & Giroux, NYC, 2010, 640 pgs

**Arab Awakening: America and the Transformation of the Middle East*, Akram Al-Turk, Pavel Baev, Daniel L. Byman and Michael S. Doran, Brookings Institution Press, Washington, DC, 2011, 381 pgs

**Sowing Crisis: The Cold War and American Dominance in the Middle East*, Rashid Khalidi, Beacon Press, MA, 2009, 328 pgs

**Three Kings: The Rise of an American Empire in the Middle East After World War II*, Lloyd Gardner, The New Press, NYC, 2011, 304 pgs

Historical Dictionary of the United States – Middle East Relations, Peter Hahn, Scarecrow Press, MD, 2007, 248 pgs

**Castles Made of Sand: A Century of Anglo-American Espionage and Intervention in the Middle East*, Andre Gerolymatos, Thomas Dunne Books, NYC, 2010, 368 pgs

**Myths, Illusions, and Peace: Finding a New Direction for America in the Middle East*, Dennis Ross and David Makovsky, Penguin Books, NYC, 2010, 400 pgs

**A Choice of Enemies: America Confronts the Middle East*, Lawrence Freedman, Public Affairs, NYC, 2009, 640 pgs

Democracy in the Middle East, John Davenport, Chelsea House Publishing, NYC, 2007, 150 pgs

**Power, Faith, and Fantasy: America in the Middle East, 1776 to the Present*, Michael B. Oren, W.W. Norton & Co., NYC, 2011, 778 pgs

**Last Chance: The Middle East in the Balance*, David Gardner, I. B. Tauris, London, 2011, 288 pgs

**Obama and the Middle East: The End of America's Moment?*, Fawaz Gerges, Palgrave Macmillan, NYC, 2012, 304 pgs

**Quicksand: America's Pursuit of Power in the Middle East*, Geoffrey Wawro, Penguin Books, NYC, 2010, 720 pgs

**Beyond America's Grasp: A Century of Failed Diplomacy in the Middle East*, Stephen P. Cohen, Farrar Straus, & Giroux, NYC, 2009, 304 pgs

Battle of Ideas in the War on Terror: Essays on U.S. Public Diplomacy in the Middle East, Robert Satloff, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington D C, 2004, 100 pgs

Contemporary Politics in the Middle East, Beverley Milton-Edwards, Polity, UK, 2011, 320 pgs

**Beyond War: Reimagining American Influence in a New Middle East*, David Rohde, Viking Adult, NYC, 2013, 240 pgs

American Encounters with Arabs: The Soft Power of U.S. Public Diplomacy in the Middle East, William A. Rugh, Praeger, CT, 2005, 240 pgs

U.S. Public Diplomacy in the Middle East: Prospects and Concerns, Injy Galal, LAP Lambert Academic Publishing, Germany, 2010, 232 pgs

Diplomacy in the Middle East: The International Relations of Regional and Outside Powers, L. Brown, ed., I. B. Tauris, London, 2001, 400 pgs

**Innocent Abroad: An Intimate Account of American Peace Diplomacy in the Middle East*, Martin Indyk, Simon & Schuster, NYC, 2009, 512 pgs

**Understanding ARABS: A Contemporary Guide to Arab Society*, 5th ed., Margaret K. Nydel, Intercultural Press, MA, 2012, 275 pgs

**Destiny Disrupted: A History of the World Through Islamic Eyes*, Tamim Ansary, Public Affairs, NYC, 2010, 390 pgs

A History of Terrorism, from Antiquity to Al Qaeda, Gerard Chaliand & Arnaud Dlin, eds., University of California Press, Berkeley, 2006, 474 pgs

The Human Shore: Seacoasts in History, John R. Gillis, University of Chicago, IL, 2012, 241 pgs

*This book is available as an e-book.