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Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company. The Persian Gulf States Post-war Issues [Nova Publishers](#) The Bush Administration has said that the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime in April 2003 will ease the security challenges the Persian Gulf region faces. The US-led war has ended Iraq's ability to produce weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and virtually ended any Iraqi conventional military threat to the region. However, some of the Persian Gulf states (Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates) fear that Iraq might no longer serve as a strategic counterweight to Iran and they fear that pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim groups might obtain a major share of power in post-war Iraq. Substantial administration concern remains about Iran's WMD programs, particularly what appear to be rapid advances in its nuclear program, and the potential for Iran to transfer that technology or materiel to the terrorist groups it supports. Over the longer term, with Iraq no longer a major power and the United States likely to sharply reduce its Gulf presence once Iraq is stabilised, the Gulf states might try to fashion a new security architecture for the Gulf that is based more on regional states and less on the United States. On the other hand, a reduction of the U.S. military presence in the Gulf might benefit the Gulf states by easing internal opposition to close co-operation with the United States. This new book presents the latest issues of the post war Persian Gulf states. From "over the Horizon" to the Water's Edge Saudi Arabia's Military Planning and Security Relations After the First Gulf War Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990 set in motion a number of consequential events not only on Kuwait, but also on Iraq's other neighbors. This study examines the impact of Saddam's provocation on Saudi Arabia's security strategy and military planning between 1990 and 2000. The hypothesis specifically tests whether the Gulf war impacted the Kingdom's military planning in terms of its military expenditures and the manpower strength of its Armed Forces. To do so, the study examines Riyadh's military expenditures and the manpower strength of its Armed Forces between 1990 and 2000 compared to the period between 1985 and 1990. It also compares those measures in comparison to the military expenditures and the Armed Forces of Iraq's other neighbors (Turkey, Syria, Jordan, and Egypt). In order to provide a measurable effect of the war on the Kingdom's relations with western powers, the study examines Saudi Arabia's arms sales with its key western allies (the United States, United Kingdom, and France) between 1990 and 2000 compared to pre-Gulf war sales. This study informs the political-military decision-making process based on considerations of how Saudi Arabia reacted to the crisis in 1990 its military planning and its relations with western military powers, and how Riyadh may respond to the security challenges currently being presented by Iran's reported pursuit of a nuclear weapons program. Saudi Arabia and the Gulf War [International Inst of Technology Incorporated](#) Post-war Gulf Implications for India Saudi Arabia in the New Middle East [Council on Foreign Relations](#) The United States' relationship with Saudi Arabia has been one of the cornerstones of U.S. policy in the Middle East for decades. Despite their substantial differences in history, culture, and governance, the two countries have generally agreed on important political and economic issues and have often relied on each other to secure mutual aims. The 1990-91 Gulf War is perhaps the most obvious example, but their ongoing cooperation on maintaining regional stability, moderating the global oil market, and pursuing terrorists should not be downplayed. Yet for all the relationship's importance, it is increasingly imperiled by mistrust and misunderstanding. One major question is Saudi Arabia's stability. In this Council Special Report, sponsored by the Center for Preventive Action, F. Gregory Gause III first explores the foundations of Riyadh's present stability and potential sources of future unrest. It is difficult not to notice that Saudi Arabia avoided significant upheaval during the political uprisings that swept the Middle East in 2011, despite sharing many of the social and economic problems of Egypt, Yemen, and Libya. But unlike their counterparts in Cairo, Sanaa, and Tripoli, Riyadh's leadership was able to maintain order in large part by increasing public spending on housing and salaries, relying on loyal and well-equipped security forces, and utilizing its extensive patronage networks. The divisions within the political opposition also helped the government's cause. This is not to say that Gause believes that the stability of the House of Saud is assured. He points out that the top heirs to the throne are elderly and the potential for disorderly squabbling may increase as a new generation enters the line of succession. Moreover, the population is growing quickly, and there is little reason to believe that oil will forever be able to buy social tranquility. Perhaps most important, Gause argues, the leadership's response to the 2011 uprisings did little to forestall future crises; an opportunity for manageable political reform was mostly lost. Turning to the regional situation, Gause finds it no less complex. Saudi Arabia has wielded considerable influence with its neighbors through its vast oil reserves, its quiet financial and political support for allies, and the ideological influence of salafism, the austere interpretation of Islam that is perhaps Riyadh's most controversial export. For all its wealth and religious influence, however, Saudi Arabia's recent record has been less than successful. It was unable to counter Iranian influence in post-Saddam Iraq, it could not prevent Hezbollah taking power in Lebanon, and its ongoing efforts to reconcile Hamas and the Palestinian Authority have come to naught. The U.S.-Saudi relationship has, unsurprisingly, been affected by these and other challenges, including Saudi unhappiness with Washington's decision to distance itself from Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak, the lack of progress on the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, and Iran. For its part, the United States is unhappy with the Saudi intervention in Bahrain and Saudi support for radical Islamists around the region and the world. The two traditional anchors of the U.S.-Saudi relationship-the Cold War and U.S. operation of Riyadh's oil fields-are, Gause notes, no longer factors. It is no wonder, he contends, that the relationship is strained when problems are myriad and the old foundations of the informal alliance are gone. It would be far better, Gause argues, to acknowledge that the two countries can no longer expect to act in close concert under such conditions. He recommends that the United States reimagine the relationship as simply transactional, based on cooperation when interests-rather than habit-dictate. Prioritizing those interests will therefore be critical. Rather than pressuring Riyadh for domestic political reform, or asking it to reduce global oil prices, Gause recommends that the United States spend its political capital where it really matters: on maintaining regional security, dismantling terrorist networks, and preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons. There have been few relationships more important to the United States than that with Saudi Arabia, and it is vital that, as it enters a new phase, the expectations and priorities of both countries are clear. In Saudi Arabia in the New Middle East, Gause effectively assesses the challenges and opportunities facing Saudi Arabia and makes a compelling argument for a more modest, businesslike relationship between Washington and Riyadh that better reflects modern realities. As the United States begins reassessing its commitments in the Greater Middle East, this report offers a clear vision for a more limited-but perhaps more appropriate and sustainable-future partnership. Security Issues in the Greater Middle East [ABC-CLIO](#) This textbook anthology of selected readings on pressing Middle East security concerns serves as an invaluable single-volume assessment of critical security issues in nations such as Afghanistan, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, and Yemen. • Offers important insights and analyses of authoritative observers on the Greater Middle East and its most current and pressing security concerns • Supplies informed, up-to-date coverage of key flashpoints across the Greater Middle East, such as al Qaeda in Fallujah, ISIS, Syria's civil war, the Iranian nuclear weapons issue, the Taliban in Afghanistan, and Chechen insurgents in the Caucasus • Provides concise introductions that summarize the readings' essential points and situate the readings within an integrative context • Includes original notes and bibliographies for each reading that serve as guides to further reading as well as numerous maps that provide students with an essential sense of place The Outlaw State Saddam Hussein's Quest for Power and the Gulf Crisis [John Wiley & Sons Incorporated](#) Traces Saddam Hussein's rise to power, describes his efforts to turn Iraq into a regional superpower, and discusses how his quest for greatness betrayed other Arabs and sent Iraq on the path to defeat and ruin Tyranny's Ally America's Failure to Defeat Saddam Hussein [American Enterprise Institute](#) The 1991 Persian Gulf War was the greatest direct military investment the United States has ever made in the Middle East. The objective was to remove Saddam Hussein as a threat to the region. Seven years after the war, Saddam's regime remains in place, his power is rising, his diplomatic situation is steadily improving. And the coalition to contain Saddam is rickety and in danger of scattering. Iraq and the War of Sanctions Conventional Threats and Weapons of Mass Destruction [Greenwood Publishing](#)

Group An in-depth examination of Iraq's domestic politics, foreign policy goals, and future military capabilities. After the Storm Lessons from the Gulf War [Madison Books](#) The Gulf War taught us again that our nation can come together for a common cause. Yet the United States has changed as a result of that "defining moment" in the Persian Gulf and the new world order. What does the future hold for U.S. policy in the Gulf? How was the United States politically, militarily, and economically affected by this first "post-modern" conflict? Distinguished experts, among them Lt. Gen. Bernard E. Trainor, William J. Perry, David Gergen, and Lawrence Korb, address these questions offer policy recommendations, and discuss the Gulf War from a broad perspective in terms of the diplomatic arena, the regional issues, and the economic, political, and strategic lessons that were learned or should have been learned from this conflict. Regime Change National Security in the Age of Terrorism [iUniverse](#) Regime Change provides in-depth insights into President Bush's handling of national security and terrorism issues pre- and post-9/11 and guidelines for the Democratic presidential candidate's strategic "war on terrorism" that includes: restructuring the Intelligence Community and national security decision-making in the White House; rejuvenating the trans-Atlantic alliance and expanding global collaboration; nation-building in postwar Iraq and Afghanistan; fostering the Israeli-Palestinian peace process; democratization in the Middle East; defusing antagonisms with Muslim nations; nuclear disarmament in Iran and North Korea; dismantling Pakistan's nuclear black market operation; developing economic and security relationships with China in Central Asia; and more. Regime Change gives voters across the political spectrum valuable background for evaluating national security and terrorism positions of both candidates while making a strong case for removal of commander-in-chief Bush along with his White House and Pentagon advisors as a critical step in launching a new multilateral strategy in 2005 for dealing with the root causes and threats of terrorism worldwide. Speeches and papers in Regime Change underscore how Bush's pre- and post-9/11 mindset and predispositions led him to unrealistically use military power to root out "evil" and promote democracy in Iraq and Afghanistan instead of providing multinational leadership in the war on terrorism. The Bush White House overcommitted U.S. military and fiscal resources and underfunded homeland security by selecting the wrong targets in the "war on terrorism" and launching preventive, unilateral wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Anticipating findings by the 9/11 Commission and several independent commissions and Congressional investigations, Regime Change suggests that 9/11 was preventable and exposes similar failures of the U.S. Intelligence Community in Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, North Korea and Pakistan's international nuclear black market. Iraq in Perspective - Orientation Guide, Iraqi, Kurmanji, Sorani Cultural Orientation: Baghdad, Mosul, Geography, History, Military, Islam, Traditions, Cultures, Kurds, Yazidis, Hussein, Wars This is a professionally-formatted book reproduction of four unique, up-to-date guides produced by the Department of Defense that provide comprehensive information about all aspects of life in Iraq, with a special emphasis on geography, history, the economy, society, security and military matters, religion, traditions, urban and rural life, ethnic groups, crime, the environment, government, holidays, gender issues and much more. Separate guides cover Iraq in Perspective - An Orientation Guide, Iraqi Cultural Orientation, Kurmanji Cultural Orientation, Sorani Cultural Orientation. Iraq in Perspective - An Orientation Guide - Chapter 1 - Geography * Introduction * Geographic Divisions * Desert * Upper Tigris and Euphrates Upland * Northeast Highlands * Alluvial Plains * Climate * Major Rivers * Tigris River * Euphrates River * Shatt al-Arab * Major Cities * Baghdad * Basrah * Mosul (Al-Mawsil) * Kirkuk * Arbil * Natural Hazards * Environmental Concerns * Chapter 2 - History * Introduction * Ancient Cultures of Mesopotamia * Spread of Islam * Ottoman and Safavid Conflict * The Ottoman Era * World War I and the British Mandate * Faisal I and the Hashemite Kingdom * Independence and World War II * Post-World War II * The Fall of the Hashemite Monarchy * The Qasim Regime * The Arif Brothers and the Ba'athists * The Rise of Saddam Hussein * Kurdish Push for Autonomy * The Iran-Iraq War * The First Persian Gulf War * Sanctions * Weapons Inspections * Invasion and Subsequent Iraqi Governance * Security Efforts * Recent Events * Chapter 3 - Economy * Introduction * The Development of Iraq's Economy * Agriculture * Industry * Services * Banking * Tourism * Energy * Oil * Natural Gas * Electricity * Trade * Standard of Living * Transportation * Investment Climate * Business Outlook * Chapter 4 - Society * Introduction * Religion and Ethnicity * Religion * Ethnicity * Languages * Gender Issues * Honor Killings * Cuisine * Traditional Dress * The Arts * Sports * Chapter 5 - Security * Introduction * United States-Iraq Relations * Relations with Neighboring Countries * Iran * Syria * Jordan * Saudi Arabia * Kuwait * Turkey * Geopolitics of Water Resources * Issues Affecting Security * Poverty * Displaced Persons and Refugees * Corruption * Military and Police Structure * Terrorist Groups * Al-Qaeda in Iraq (AQI) * Other Insurgent Groups Chapter 1 - Profile * Introduction * Geography * Area * Geographic Divisions * Topographic Features * Climate * Rivers * Draining of the Marshlands * Environment * Damage to Biodiversity and Environment from War * Major Cities * Baghdad * Mosul * Basrah * Karbala * Kirkuk * Erbil * Pre-Modern History * Ancient History * Islamic Empires * The Ottoman Empire and the British * Recent History * Operation Iraqi Freedom * Post-Saddam Iraq * Economy * Overview * The Oil Sector * The Agricultural Sector * The Services Sector * Rebuilding the Infrastructure * Telecommunications * Mass Media * Electricity * Ethnic and Other Minority Groups * Kurds * Marsh Arabs (Ma'dan) * Turkmen and Other Minority Groups * Chapter 1 Assessment * Chapter 2 - Religion * Introduction * History of Islam * Under Muhammad's Leadership * Under Muhammad's Immediate Successors * Schism * Sunni and Shi'a Islam * Sunnis * Sunni Iraqi Kurds * Shi'ites * Shi'a Iraqi Political Affiliations * Sufism * The Pillars of Islam * Non-Islamic Religions * Christianity * Yazidis * Mandaeism * Role of Religion in the Government * Baathism * Religious Laws * Influence of Religion on Daily Life * Buildings of Worship * Mosques * Mosque Etiquette * Shrines * Churches * Religious Events * Ramadan * Ashura * Chapter 2 Assessment * Chapter 3 - Traditions * Greeting and Interacting * Hospitality * Exchanging Gifts * Sharing * Honor and Offenses * Vendettas and Honor Killings * Male-Female Relationships * Interaction with Iraqi Women Powder Keg in the Middle East The Struggle for Gulf Security [University Press of Amer](#) The Persian Gulf continues to be a region of critical importance to the United States and the industrial world. Its oil and natural gas resources are, if anything, more important today than they were in the 1970s when the energy crisis emerged as a dominant feature of the international landscape. Yet despite the allied victory in Desert Storm, the Gulf remains dangerous because the underlying sources of conflict in the region remain unresolved. Powder Keg in the Middle East adopts a broad mandate for considering future sources of conflict in the Gulf. While military issues and the dynamics of the arms race remain very important in the context of the regional military balance and the dynamics of conflict escalation, the authors argue that the underlying sources of conflict--which drive the arms race--are related to broad-based demographic, technological, cultural, and ideological factors and trends. These embrace issues from water security to religious conflict and population dynamics. Copublished with the American Association for the Advancement of Science NATO and the European Union New World, New Europe, New Threats [Taylor & Francis](#) The perspectives of academics and practitioners are brought together in this insightful work, which examines the war on terrorism, the Iraq war and the roles of NATO and the EU. The book analyzes the new threats posed by terrorist strikes and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction despite the total failure of Cold War conceptions of deterrence. It also delineates the key issues and problems that have arisen from the NATO and EU double enlargement and from the new NATO-Russian relationship. Casting light on the global and regional ramifications of the crisis, as well as the tensions in the transatlantic relationship caused by the war with Iraq, NATO and the European Union addresses the key policy questions that concern the maintenance of global peace and security. Security and Bilateral Issues between Iran and its Arab Neighbours [Springer](#) This book provides a detailed analysis of the complicated relations between Iran and its Arab neighbours. Arab perceptions of Iran, its regional policies and role in the Arab region, have never been more complicated than today. How is one to make sense of the increasingly complex and at times tense relationship between Iran and its Arab neighbours? Given the strategic significance of this sub-region and the importance of relations between its states to international security, this edited volume systematically accounts for each Arab neighbour's perception, policies and approach towards the Islamic republic, for the first time providing a clear and detailed comparative analysis of these relationships. This book, bringing together a group of leading scholars of the region, not only provides a clear lens for the policy community through which to gauge the causes of change and the reasons for continuity in relations, but also offers an invaluable tool for scholars of the wider region and the growing community of researchers focusing on this sub-region. Global Security Watch—Saudi Arabia [ABC-CLIO](#) Examines the causes and consequences of Saudi Arabia's current security policy and the domestic, regional, and international challenges the country's defense program presents to the general welfare of the Middle East. • Explains the role of oil in sustaining the state-society political bargain, and the impact of population on its effectiveness • Links Islam and Islamic extremism to a range of influencing factors, including political pressure, demographic changes, and the role of globalization in fostering more extreme views • Weaves together an analysis of politics, economics, foreign relations, and social change, showing how these all relate to and impact each other and, above all, shape Saudi Arabia's and the Middle East's security environment Policy and Opinion in the Gulf War [University of Chicago Press](#) The Persian Gulf crisis may well have been the most extensively polled episode in U.S. history as President Bush, his opponents, and even Saddam Hussein appealed to, and tried to influence, public opinion. As well documented as this phenomenon was, it remains largely unexplained. John Mueller provides an account of the complex relationship between American policy and public opinion during the Gulf crisis. Mueller analyzes key issues: the actual shallowness of public support for war; the effect of public opinion on the media (rather than the other way around); the use and misuse of polls by policy makers; the American popular focus on Hussein's ouster as a central purpose of the War; and the War's short-lived impact on voting. Of particular interest is Mueller's conclusion that Bush succeeded in leading the country to war by increasingly convincing the public that it was inevitable, rather than right or wise. Throughout, Mueller, author of War, Presidents, and Public Opinion, an analysis of public opinion during the Korean and Vietnam wars, places this analysis of the Gulf crisis in a broad political and military context, making comparisons to wars in Panama, Vietnam, Korea, and the Falklands, as well as to World War II and even the War of 1812. The book also collects nearly 300 tables charting public opinion through the Gulf crisis, making Policy and Opinion in the Gulf War an essential reference for anyone interested in recent American politics, foreign policy, public opinion, and survey research. Humanitarian assistance following military operations overcoming barriers : hearing before the Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations of the Committee on Government Reform, House of Representatives, One Hundred Eighth Congress, first session, July 18, 2003 European-American Relations and the Middle East From Suez to Iraq [Routledge](#) This book examines the evolution of European-American relations with the Middle East since 1945. Placing the current transatlantic debates on the Middle East into a broader context, this work analyses how, why, and to what extent European and US roles, interests, threat perceptions, and policy attitudes in the region have changed, relating to both the region as a whole and the two main issues analysed: Gulf Security and the Arab-Israeli Conflict. The contributors then go on to discuss the implications of these developments for Western policymaking. The volume makes four key contributions. First, it examines the subject matter from a truly transatlantic perspective, with all chapters adopting a bi- or multilateral approach, taking into account the views from both the US and individual European countries or the EC/EU collectively. Second, the book takes a long-term view, covering a series of crises and developments over the past six decades. Third, it has a systematic structure, with the predominantly chronological order of the chapters being geared towards depicting trends and evolutions with regard to the key themes of the book. Finally, the book builds bridges between historians and political scientists/analysts, as well as between experts of transatlantic relations and Middle East scholars. This book will be of great interest to students of transatlantic relations, the Middle East, US foreign policy, European politics, international history and IR in general. Daniel Möckli is a Senior Researcher at the Center for Security Studies (CSS), ETH Zurich. He is also the editor of CSS Analyses in Security Policy. Victor Mauer is Deputy Director and Head of Research of the Center for Security Studies (CSS), ETH Zurich, and Lecturer in the Department of Social Sciences and Humanities at ETH Zurich. Emerging Security Threats in the Middle East The Impact of Climate Change and Globalization [Rowman & Littlefield](#) Increasingly the Middle East and its growing population face a highly complex and fragile security system. The rich deposits of natural resources, such as oil and gas, suffer from a strained renewable resource base that includes water and arable land. This leads to water scarcity, desertification, and land degradation. Increasing population, industrialization, and urbanization put more and more demand on the food supply. Energy insecurity may not be generally associated with the

Middle East, but the countries in the eastern Mediterranean part have been traditionally vulnerable to it as their fossil fuel endowments have been low. Another issue is the large-scale temporary labor migration and the large number of forced migrants, refugees, and internally displaced persons. The book analyzes these emerging security challenges in a comprehensive and systematic manner. It draws national and regional security issues into both the global security and human security perspectives. Post-war Policy Issues in the Persian Gulf Hearings Before the Subcommittees on Arms Control, International Security, and Science, and on Europe and the Middle East of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives, One Hundred Second Congress, First Session, January 31; February 21; February 28; and April 11, 1991 The Politics and Security of the Gulf Anglo-American Hegemony and the Shaping of a Region [Routledge](#) Since the 19th century the Gulf region has been an area of intense interest, having been influenced first by the British and more recently by the Americans. This book charts the changing security and political priorities of these two powers and how they have shaped the region. Adopting a narrative approach, the author provides background history on British involvement from the 19th century and a detailed analysis of the years after the Second World War, when oil supply became more critical. He covers the growth of US influence and the British withdrawal, and follows more recent changes as the US built up its military presence following Desert Storm and the invasion of Iraq. Looking at the three enduring missions fulfilled by the British - maintaining interstate order, protecting the free flow of commerce, which later included petroleum; and keeping out other Great Powers - the book demonstrates how these had by 1991 been assumed almost entirely by the American leaders. A comprehensive and thorough look at the history of the Gulf and the contemporary issues affecting the region, this will be essential reading for students of Middle East history, military history and diplomatic history. Visit the author's website at www.thepoliticsandsecurityofthegulf.com Triumph Of The Image The Media's War In The Persian Gulf, A Global Perspective [Routledge](#) THE TRIUMPH OF IMAGE over reality and reason is the theme of this book. New communication technologies have made possible the transportation of images and words in real time to hundreds of millions of people around the world. We thought we witnessed the Gulf War as we sat, mesmerized by the imagery. But the studies from the many countries assembled for this book suggest that it was not the war in the Persian Gulf that we witnessed but rather imagery orchestrated to convey a sense of triumph and thus to achieve results that reality and reason could never have achieved. The book offers contributions from thirty-five authors in eighteen countries, including short samplings from the media of several regions. The authors explore the social, economic, and political context of media coverage in their countries, the domination of one image in most of them, and the struggle for alternative perspectives. The authors probe the dynamics of image-making and pose some challenges for the future as well as provide us with a unique glimpse of how the world outside of the United States (as well as many Americans) viewed the war in the Persian Gulf and how the dynamics of image-making and information control operate. Triumph of the Image will be useful to scholars and students in communications and mass media, international relations, political science, cultural studies, propaganda, censorship, and contemporary history as well as to the general public. U.S. Military Presence in the Gulf Challenges and Prospects "The author considers the critical questions of U.S. military presence in the Gulf, the challenges it faces, and the prospects that lay ahead. He relies, in his presentation and analysis, on a variety of regional sources including newspaper reports and personal interviews conducted in the United States and the Gulf region, as well as government and academic sources. The result is a comprehensive study, including policy recommendations for U.S. military and civilian decisionmakers that makes intelligible the complex subject of U.S.-Gulf relations."--SSI site. National Security in Saudi Arabia Threats, Responses, and Challenges [Greenwood Publishing Group](#) Reveals recent progress in Saudi reform efforts and formulates a plan to forge a true strategic partnership with the United States for the future. Iraq, Its Neighbors, and the United States Competition, Crisis, and the Reordering of Power [US Institute of Peace Press](#) "[This book] examines how Iraq's evolving political order affects its complex relationships with its neighbors and the United States. The book depicts a region unbalanced, shaped by new and old tensions, struggling with a classic collective action dilemma, and anxious about Iraq's political future, as well as America's role in the region, all of which suggest trouble ahead absent concerted efforts to promote regional cooperation. In the volume's case studies ... [scholars] review Iraq's bilateral relationships with Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the Gulf Arab states, Syria, and Jordan and explore how Iraq's neighbors could advance the country's transition to security and stability. The volume also looks at the United States' relations with and long-term strategic interests in Iraq and offers recommendations for how the United States can help Iraq strengthen and grow"--P. [4] of cover. Desert Shield to Desert Storm The Second Gulf War During the first two weeks of the air campaign in January 1991, the allied forces dropped more conventional explosives on Iraq and Kuwait than during the 310 weeks of the Second World War. How did Saddam Hussein fail to draw the right lesson from the Iran-Iraq War--the United States would never allow an unfriendly nation to dominate the region containing two-thirds of the world's oil reserves? And how was President George Bush able to assemble and hold together such a formidable coalition of 28 European and Arab countries? In this perceptive and detailed account of the second Gulf War, Dilip Hiro, author of the much-acclaimed book The Longest War, reveals the complex political-economic motivation and diplomatic maneuvering that preceded the 42-day conflict as well as the historical causes and consequences of the war. He shows how Saddam Hussein, encouraged by internal discontent in Kuwait and angered by Kuwait's attempts to undermine Iraq's economy by depressing the price of oil by flooding the international market, made a grievous miscalculation in his invasion of Kuwait. Intent on halting the rise of the United States as the sole superpower in the region, Hussein instead enhanced Washington's power and prestige and curtailed Iraq's independence. Assisted by the ending of the Cold War, the United States--in a diplomatic blitzkrieg before hostilities began--was able to fashion a complex, fragile coalition and to muster 750,000 troops and an unparalleled military machine in the region. Dilip Hiro examines the strains within the alliance; the unprecedented cooperation between Washington and Moscow; the new and enhanced role of the United Nations; the financial trade-offs and material inducements between the allies; the repeated attempts at linkage with the Palestinian problem; the delicate roles of Israel, Iran, Turkey and the various Arab regimes; the use of television as an instant diplomatic tool; the causes, course and consequences of the war itself; and the prospects of stability in a region where the gulf between oil-producing and non-oil-producing countries remains as perilously wide as ever. Containing maps, a chronology of events, extensive source-notes and all relevant Security Council resolutions, the book is a comprehensive and objective chronicle of the war as well as an invaluable aid to the understanding of contemporary history and Middle Eastern affairs. Deterring International Terrorism and Rogue States US National Security Policy after 9/11 [Routledge](#) This new study challenges the widely held view that many current US adversaries cannot be deterred, maintaining that deterrence is not a relic of the Cold War period and that it should shape US policies toward so-called 'rogue states' and terror groups. James Lebovic argues that deterrence principles continue to apply, and focuses upon the 'three pillars' of the Bush administration's national security policy: missile defence, which preoccupied the administration until September 11, 2001 pre-emption, which became the US focus with the September 11 attacks and US success in overthrowing the Taliban regime in Afghanistan homeland security, which the administration has portrayed as more a natural response to threat than an aspect of policy that must be reconciled with the other pillars. Deterring International Terrorism and Rogue States asserts that bad offences and defences have been endemic to the current US policy approach, leading US policy makers to pursue policies that require them to do everything without adequate concern for resource trade-offs, overreach, and unintended consequences. This book will be of great interest to students of US foreign policy, national and international security, terrorism and international relations in general. Kuwait Governance, Security, and U.S. Policy Kuwait has been pivotal to the decades-long U.S. effort to secure the Persian Gulf region because of its consistent cooperation with U.S. military operations in the region and its key location in the northern Gulf. Kuwait and the United States have a formal Defense Cooperation Agreement (DCA), under which the United States maintains over 13,000 military personnel in country and prepositions military equipment to project power in the region. Only Germany, Japan, and South Korea host more U.S. troops than does Kuwait, which has hosted the operational command center for U.S.-led Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR) that has combatted the Islamic State since 2014. Kuwait is a partner not only of the United States but also of the other hereditary monarchies of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, and Oman). Kuwait is participating militarily in the Saudi-led coalition that is trying to defeat the Shia "Houthi" rebel movement in Yemen, but Kuwait tends to favor mediation of regional issues over the use of military force. Kuwait has sought to resolve the intra-GCC rift that erupted in June 2017 when Saudi Arabia and the UAE moved to isolate Qatar. Kuwait has refrained from intervening in Syria's civil war, instead hosting donor conferences for victims of the Syrian civil conflict, Iraq's recovery from the Islamic State challenge, and the effects of regional conflict on Jordan's economy. Kuwait has not followed some of the other GCC states in building quiet ties to the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in Israel. Kuwait generally supports U.S. efforts to counter Iran and has periodically arrested Kuwaiti Shias that the government says are spying for Iran, but it also engages Iran at high levels. U.S. government reports have praised steps by Kuwait to counter the financing of terrorism, but reports persist that wealthy Kuwaitis are still able to donate to extreme Islamist factions in the region. Kuwait has consistently engaged the post-Saddam governments in Baghdad in part to prevent any repeat of the 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. Experts have long assessed Kuwait's political system as a potential regional model for its successful incorporation of secular and Islamist political factions, both Shia and Sunni. However, since the 2011 Arab Spring uprisings, Kuwait has followed other GCC states in incarcerating and revoking the citizenship of social media and other critics. Kuwait's political stability has not been in question but long-standing parliamentary opposition to the ruling Sabah family's political dominance has in recent years included visible public pressure for political and economic reform. Parliamentary elections in July 2013 produced a National Assembly amenable to working with the ruling family, but the subsequent elections held in November 2016 returned to the body Islamist and liberal opponents of the Sabah family who held sway in earlier assemblies. Kuwait has increased its efforts to curb trafficking in persons over the past few years. Years of political paralysis contributed to economic stagnation relative to Kuwait's more economically vibrant Gulf neighbors such as Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Like the other GCC states, Kuwait has struggled with reduced income from oil exports during 2014-2018. Kuwait receives negligible amounts of U.S. foreign assistance, and has offset some of the costs of U.S. operations in the region since Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait. India And The High Technological Challenges The American Offensive In West Asia Is Directed At Not Merely Liberating Kuwait, But Has Been Designed To Completely Destroy Iraq Belonging To One Of The Cradles Of Civilization. And Yet, It Is Also A Ware In Which A Mighty Multinational Force, With The Ultimate High-Technological Wherewithal And Led By The Rich Nations, Is Being Held At Bay By A Courageous People And A Far-Sighted Leader. Whatever The Nature And Content Of The U.S. President George Bush S New World Order For The Rest Of The World, It Means Pax-Americans Have Made It Clear That The Soviet Union, The United Nations, Or Non-Aligned Movement Can Play A Role Only By Their Courtesy. The Gulf Rulers Are Happy With This Arrangement.The Soviet Union S Support For The Americans (But Not Against Iraq) In The Gulf War Is Basically Because It Perceives No High-Technological Threat To Its Own Geo-Political Interests. Military Establishments Can In India Draw Several Lessons From The Gulf War, Provided It Is Willing To Listen To Experts. If Iraq Had Possessed Nuclear Weapons, The Gulf War May Not Have Taken Place At All. India Too Must Give Up Its Obsolete Defence System And Opt For A More Effective One. Myths of the Oil Boom American National Security in a Global Energy Market [Oxford University Press, USA](#) "The last decade has seen a far-reaching revolution in the oil industry, both in the US and globally. By some measures, America is on pace to become the world's biggest oil producer in the next decade, an outcome that was inconceivable just a few years ago. But does this shift mean that the US will no longer be beholden to foreign autocrats? That prices will go down for consumers? That the global oil supply is less susceptible to shocks? In The American Oil Boom, Steve A. Yetiv, an award-winning expert on the geopolitics of oil, takes stock of our new era of heightened petroleum production and sets out to demolish both the old myths and misconceptions about oil as well as the new ones that are quickly proliferating. As he explains, increased production in the US will not lead to a reduction in prices, in part because oil is globally traded and OPEC will defend against low prices. America will not intervene less in the Persian Gulf just because it is producing more oil domestically. Saudi Arabia is less

willing or able to play global gas pump to the world economy than in the past. Building an electric car industry does not mean that consumers will buy in, but neither is it true that a broad shift toward eco-friendly cars will have very little impact on greenhouse gas emissions. Most importantly, raising the level of domestic production will never solve America's energy and strategic problems, and may even worsen climate change, unless it is accompanied by a serious national and global strategy to decrease oil consumption. These are just some of the myths that Yetiv takes on in this panoramic account. This is not just an exercise in myth-busting, however; it's also a comprehensive overview of the global geopolitics of oil and America's energy future, cross-cutting some of the biggest security and political issues in world affairs. Accessibly written and sharply argued, *The American Oil Boom* will reframe our understanding of the most politicized commodity in the world"-- Saddam Hussein's Gulf Wars Ambivalent Stakes in the Middle East [Praeger Pub Text](#) This book deals extensively with Iraq and Saddam Hussein--his rise to power, his mastery of Iraqi statecraft, his pan-Arab proclivities and his two Gulf wars: the first against Iran and the second against the U.S.-led multinational coalition in 1990-1991. Israeli sources, as well as materials gathered during a trip to Turkey and the Kurdish refugee areas in northern Iraq, provide additional perspective for the author and his analysis. The book portrays a multidimensional Saddam Hussein: good and bad, strategic and human. It throws light on the reasons the U.S. went to war against Saddam, and presents an in-depth analysis of the United States' policies, which at one time supported Iraq's cause, in the Gulf region. A valuable feature of the book is its detailed discussion of the psychology of Saddam, of the Arabs, the Iranians, the Israelis, and the American public before, during, and after the Gulf War. Rezun's conclusions challenge generally accepted views that lay the blame for the war on Saddam Hussein. Although Saddam is a cruel and rapacious demagogue, U.S. policymakers are to blame for having supported Saddam for so long. The author also rejects the view that General Norman Schwarzkopf was a great hero of the last war. Contrary to general opinion, Schwarzkopf conducted a no-risk operation into which Saddam Hussein was caught because of his miscalculation of U.S. intentions. Critical of U.S. policies, Rezun finds them naive and short-sighted. Although disapproving of U.S. policies during the war, Rezun praises the support and sustenance given by the Bush administration to the Kurds in the final hours of the Gulf War. This book is addressed to generalists and academic specialists, and students of Middle East politics. *Gulf Security and the U.S. Military Regime Survival and the Politics of Basing* [Stanford University Press](#) The U.S. military maintains a significant presence across the Arabian Peninsula but it must now confront a new and emerging dynamic as most Gulf Cooperation Council countries have begun to diversify their political, economic, and security partnerships with countries other than the United States—with many turning to ascending powers such as China, Russia, and India. For Gulf Arab monarchies, the choice of security partner is made more complicated by increased domestic and regional instability stemming in part from Iraq, Syria, and a menacing Iran: factors that threaten to alter totally the Middle East security dynamic. Understanding the dynamics of base politicization in a Gulf host nation—or any other—is therefore vitally important for the U.S. today. *Gulf National Security and the U.S. Military* examines both Gulf Arab national security and U.S. military basing relations with Gulf Arab monarchy hosts from the Second World War to the present day. Three in-depth country cases—Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and Oman—help explain the important questions posed by the author regarding when and why a host nation either terminated a U.S. military basing presence or granted U.S. military basing access. The analysis of the cases offers a fresh perspective on how the United States has adapted to sometimes rapidly shifting Middle East security dynamics and factors that influence a host nation's preference for eviction or renegotiation, based on its perception of internal versus external threats. *Arab Water Security Threats and Opportunities in the Gulf States* [Cambridge University Press](#) Exploring the national security implications of the Gulf states' reliance on desalination plants, this book provides the first systematic and comprehensive discussion of current and future threats to the supply of freshwater, effects of a potential disruption, and possible measures to increase resilience to these threats, for researchers and graduate students. *International Interests in the Gulf Region* [I.B. Tauris](#) This book represents an overview of the policies of Russia, France, Germany, the United States and Britain vis-à-vis the Gulf states. Specialists in the field of international politics explore the involvement of these five influential powers throughout the region. They consider the various interests of these states in security, energy, social development, commerce and trade, as well as in the war against international terrorism. *International Relations of the Middle East* [Oxford University Press](#) The most authoritative, comprehensive, and balanced overview of international relations in the Middle East, this respected textbook helps students get to grips with this fascinating and challenging subject area. A team of expert scholars combines a history of the region with analysis of key themes, actors, and conflicts, using a range of learning features and online resources to support student learning. Offering a wide range of perspectives, this book exposes students to different approaches to the subject, and encourages them to think critically in order to draw their own conclusions. The text features a range of case studies and 'micro-cases' throughout, demonstrating the relevance of international relations theory in the contemporary Middle East, and helping students to apply their learning to real world situations. The fourth edition features a new chapter on the Arab Spring, highlighting this significant development in contemporary Middle Eastern international relations, and an expanded discussion of rising powers in the region, such as Russia and China. New to this edition A new chapter on the Arab Spring and its aftermath brings the book fully up-to-date with contemporary events. Fuller discussion of 'new' and 'rising' actors in the region, including Russia and China, ensures that the text accurately reflects the current multipolar international system. An increased number of case studies demonstrate the relevance of theory to practice. End-of-chapter questions have been introduced to encourage students to check their understanding and reflect on their learning. *Strategic Interests in the Middle East Opposition or Support for US Foreign Policy* [Routledge](#) As a cultural centre for Islamic interests across the world and as a focus point for increasing levels of economic and security interdependence, the Middle East remains a stage on which international politics will be played for the foreseeable future. This comprehensive study looks at the important international and regional actors and their interaction with, and reaction to, US foreign policy toward the region. The volume elucidates the trends in great power interest and interaction in the Middle East and studies the impact of the United States as the region's foremost military power. It highlights the changing nature of actors' relationships with the US and each other as their interests and policies evolve in response to changes in the region. Scholars, graduate and undergraduate students and the interested public will find this volume a useful guide and an ideal companion work for courses on the Middle East, US foreign policy and international security issues.