

Lecture 16: ISLAM in OUR TIME

The REPUBLIC of IRAQ

- the Arab Socialist Ba'ath Party ("Revivalist")
- July 16, 1979
 - SADDAM HUSSEIN becomes President and Prime Minister

PERSIA

- MOHAMMAD REZA PAHLAVI (1919 / r. 1941 - 1980)
 - Shahanshah (King of Kings) and Aryamehr (Lord of the Aryans)
- the WHITE REVOLUTION
 - great modernization of Iran and transformation into a global power
 - extension of civil rights to women
- October 1971: the 2,500th anniversary of the Persian monarchy
 - festivities in Persepolis
- U.S. President Jimmy Carter (1977 - 1981)
- the Ayatollah Ruhollah KHOMEINI (1902 - 1989) / SHIA MUSLIM
- departure of the Shah (Jan. 16, 1979)
- return of the Ayatollah Khomeini (Feb. 1, 1979)

The ISLAMIC REPUBLIC of IRAN

- Ayatollah KHOMEINI as Supreme Leader of Iran (r. 1979 - 1989)
- Shah Pahlavi admitted to U.S. for medical treatment (Oct. 1979)
- Iran Hostage Crisis (Nov 4, 1979)
 - attempted rescue (April 25, 1980)
 - release of the hostages (Jan. 20, 1981) on the day of the inauguration of President Ronald Reagan
- the Iran-Iraq War (1980 - 1988)
- FATWA (judicial condemnation) against Salman Rushdie (1989)
- death of Khomeini (June 4, 1989)

- 1990 – 1991 -Iraq’s invasion of Kuwait and “Operation Desert Storm”
- 2000 -Syria’s Hafez al-ASSAD dies
-succeeded by his son, BASHAR al-ASSAD and ASMA Assad
- 2003 -U.S. invasion of Iraq (March) and the fall of Baghdad (April 9)
-capture of Saddam Hussein (Dec 13) and execution (Nov 5, 2006)
- organization of Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant / ISIL > ISIS > Islamic State
-Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi (b. 1971)
- 2014 -ISIS proclaims a worldwide Caliphate (June 29)
-it claims religious authority over all Muslims worldwide
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READING SUGGESTIONS:

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| Samuel P. Huntington | <i>The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order</i> |
| Graeme Wood | “What ISIS Really Wants” <i>The Atlantic Monthly</i> (March 2015) |
| Barbara Bray | <i>Ibn Saud: The Desert Warrior Who Created the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia</i> |
| Robert Lacey | <i>Inside the Kingdom: Kings, Clerics, Modernists, Terrorists and the Struggle for Saudi Arabia</i> |
| Andrew Scott Cooper | <i>Oil Kings</i> |
| Paul Aarts | <i>Saudi Arabia: A Kingdom in Peril</i> |
| Jean Sasson | <i>Princess: A True Story of Life Behind the Veil</i> |
| Carmen bin Ladin | <i>Inside the Kingdom: My Life in Saudi Arabia</i> |
| William R. Polk | <i>Understanding Iraq: The Whole Sweep of Iraqi History</i> |
| Emma Sky | <i>The Unraveling: High Hopes and Missed Opportunities in Iraq</i> |
| Amin Saikal | <i>The Rise and Fall of the Shah: Iran from Autocracy to Religious Rule</i> |
| Empress Farah Pahlavi | <i>An Enduring Love: My Life with the Shah</i> |
| Amir Taheri | <i>The Spirit of Allah: Khomeini and the Islamic Revolution</i> |
| Walter Denny | <i>How to Read Persian Carpets</i> (Metropolitan Museum of Art) |
| Tomie dePaola | <i>The Legend of the Persian Carpet</i> |
| Najmieh Batmanglij | <i>Food of Life: Ancient Persian and Modern Iranian Cooking and Ceremonies</i> |
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