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Asad of Syria

1989

this is a book in the finest tradition of investigative scholarship the research is awesome seale s great strength is his ability to explain the confusing kaleidoscopic nature of middle eastern diplomacy he understands the game being played and also knows the players an impressive book los angeles times book review

Asad's Legacy

2001

eyal zisser tackles these questions and examines the legacy of the man president clinton called the smartest leader in the middle east as far as i q is concerned he also explores the peculiar dynamics of the asad family with its byzantine power plays and competing factions asad s legacy is the most up to date thorough treatment of hafiz all asad s role in the history and politics of the contemporary middle east it sheds new light on the story of asad s rule over his nation and points the way to the future of syria and the entire region jacket

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Commanding Syria

2006

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Commanding Syria

2007-04-25

a lucid account of hafiz al asad s rise from poverty as a member of the despised alawite sect in syria climbing to the top of the syrian political heap through luck and pluck finesse and murder and more voice of youth advocates voya

Hafiz Al-Asad of Syria

2000

syria entered a new phase with the death of its long serving leader hafiz al asad and the accession of his son bashar in 2000 while the new president has disappointed much of the hopes for political opening which he himself has created syria is clearly undergoing a process of change the author analyses the factors of economic and political change in the country and gives a portrait of its new leadership

Syria under Bashar al-Asad

2014-08-27

outlines twenty years of human rights abuses in syria under the rule of president hafez asad providing details of imprisonment without trial torture and other forms of opression

Syria Unmasked

1991

in 2011 the diplomatic and expert consensus was that bashar al asads regime would fail causing syria to disintegrate into several ethnic enclaves or mini states a decade later and bashar is still in control having defeated the rebels and gained the support of russia the years of internal warfare have brought about changes in the spectrum of parties involved in the syrian state and the final outcome is inevitably going to be shaped by geo politics the alawi minority still in large measure controls the sunni muslim arab majority the other players are a gallery of ever changing allegiances isis jabhat al nusra and many other radical islamic groups the muslim kurdish and christian arab communities as well as shii lebanese hizballah external horizon players are iran sunni turkey and saudi arabia jewish israel the united states and russia this study aims to analyze the agendas actions and interrelations of these various actors from 2011 until the present it will discuss their ongoing politics and assess forthcoming developments both iran and russia continue to support bashar but compete for political military and economic influence the us has greatly reduced involvement keeping only 900 troops in northeastern syria to protect its kurdish allies and fight against isis turkey still occupies parts of northern syria with the aim of eliminating the kurdish forces syrian and russian military attempts to conquer this area continue sporadically the israeli air force has attacked iranian and hizballah positions with the tacit approval of russia however russias war on ukraine in february 2022 may result in restricting israeli interdictions and instead enhance cooperation with tehran in order to counter the us and nato both russia and iran have been incapable of reconstructing the massively destroyed syrian infrastructure the us and europe are reluctant to contribute due to bashars continued alawi minority based autocratic and corrupt rule

Asad's Autocratic Dynasty in Syria

2023-02-08

syria under asad has been one of the key regional powers of the middle east though its political development has been a much debated subject there has been no comprehensive study in english of the country's political economy and its evolution since 1970 to the present day beginning with an account of economic development and of changing development strategies perthes discusses the factors which in the late 1980s precipitated a change in direction from the socialist orientation of the earlier ba thist years to infitah and a larger role for the private sector he pays particular attention to class structure and class state relations and examines the nature of the state the political structure and the mechanisms and dynamics of political decision making addressing the issue of the interplay between economic transformation and political change perthes argues that although a shift in the power structure will not occur under asad his regime has created the institutions which will allow a reasonably smooth succession and a creation of a less personalized and more participatory political order

Syria

2002

in the midst of turmoil in the middle east and in the face of protests and demonstrations from homs to damascus and other places all over syria the bath party and bashar all asad are truly caught up in a struggle to hold onto power in syria in this important book nikolaos van dam explores and explains how the asad dynasty has come to rule syria for about half a century and keep the complex patchwork of minorities factions and opponents

securely under control for such an unprecedented long period through an in depth examination of the role of sectarian regional and tribal loyalties van dam traces developments within the bath party and the military and civilian power elite from the 1963 bathist takeover up to the present day

The Political Economy of Syria Under Asad

1995

an account of dissidence in hafiz asads syria describing how intellectuals tried to navigate between charges of complicity with the state and treason against it

Syria Unmasked

1991

as syria s anti authoritarian uprising and subsequent civil war have left the country in ruins the need for understanding the nation s complex political and cultural realities remains urgent the second of a two volume series syria from reform to revolt culture society and religion draws together closely observed critical and historicized analyses giving vital insights into syrian society today with a broad range of disciplinary perspectives contributors reveal how bashar all asad s pivotal first decade of rule engendered changes in power relations and public discourse dynamics that would feed the 2011 protest movement and civil war essays focus on key arenas of syrian social life including television drama political fiction islamic foundations and charities demonstrating the ways in which syrians worked with and through the state in attempts to reform undermine or sidestep the regime the contributors explore the paradoxical cultural politics of hope anticipation and betrayal that have animated life in syria under asad revealing the fractures that obstruct peaceful transformation syria from reform to revolt provides a powerful assessment of the conditions that turned syria s hopeful arab spring revolution into a catastrophic civil war that has cost over 200 000 lives and generated the worst humanitarian crisis of the twenty first century

The Struggle for Power in Syria

2011-05-30

when bashar al asad smoothly assumed power in july 2000 just seven days after the death of his father observers were divided on what this would mean for the country's foreign and domestic politics on the one hand it seemed everything would stay the same an asad on top of a political system controlled by secret services and baathist one party rule on the other hand it looked like everything would be different a young president with exposure to western education who in his inaugural speech emphasized his determination to modernize syria this volume explores the ways in which asad s domestic and foreign policy strategies during his first decade in power safeguarded his rule and adapted syria to the age of globalization the volume's contributors examine multiple aspects of asad's rule in the 2000s from power consolidation within the party and control of the opposition to economic reform co opting new private charities and coping with iraqi refugees the syrian regime temporarily succeeded in reproducing its power and legitimacy in reconstructing its social base and in managing regional and international challenges at the same time contributors clearly detail the shortcomings inconsistencies and risks these policies entailed illustrating why syria's tenuous stability came to an abrupt end during the arab spring of 2011 this volume presents the work of an international group of scholars from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds based on extensive fieldwork and on intimate knowledge of a country whose dynamics often seem complicated and obscure to outside observers these scholars insightful snapshots of bashar al asad's decade of authoritarian upgrading provide an indispensable resource for understanding the current crisis and its disastrous consequences

Dissident Syria

2007-08-14

the collapse of the eastern bloc and soviet union marked the end of a painful era in history as the 20th century draws to a close mankind is busy establishing a common world in which nations can understand each other more easily than in the cold war peace democracy and free market economy are the cornerstones of this new order however syria is still anti democratic economically backward and a conflict prone state the main thesis of this work is that syrian political and strategic culture is one of the major obstacles to syria s transformation into a democratic peaceful and prosperous country the most immediate problem faced by syria is the urgency for liberalization at home and peace in the region however president hafiz all asad s personal way of thinking the bath ideology and the political system all impede syria from undergoing necessary structural transformations and concluding the

middle east peace process with a viable peace agreement this is because liberalization and peace put the survival of asad s dictatorship at stake as a result it is plausible to argue that syria will not be a partner of the new world order as long as asad or his clique remains in power

Syria from Reform to Revolt

2015-12-01

forfatteren undersøger forholdet mellem sovjetunionen og syrien 1970 1989 efter at general hafiz asad overtog magten i syrien i 1970 forfatteren påpeger at uden tætte forbindelser til syrien ville sovjet næppe have den indflydelse i mellemøsten som den har

Syria from Reform to Revolt

2015-01-02

traces the life and political career of syria s president assad discusses his determination to unite the arab world and analyzes his policy decisions

Asad's Syria at the Crossroads

1998-12-01

this chatham house paper examines the nature of soviet relations with syria assessing the commitments made and the gains reaped by moscow and damascus in the economic military and political spheres after discussing soviet interests in the region in general and with regard to syria in particular the author traces the evolution of the relationship between moscow and its major middle eastern ally since asad came to power in 1970 while the study argues that huge soviet military aid has intensified the pro soviet alignment of syrian policy it contends that asad s perception of his country s national interests has also played a large part in shaping the relationship the author concludes that both sides have gained from what is an interdependent relationship if damascus remains almost wholly dependent on soviet military aid regional constraints give syria some leverage over moscow without moscow s support syria might perhaps not have played such a leading role in the region without damascus the soviet union might have found itself on the sidelines of the arab israeli conflict

The Soviet Union and Syria

1988-01-01

examines the syrian state during 35 years of military ba thist rule and particularly under president hafiz al asad it analyzes how the fragility of the post independence state opened the way to the ba th party s rise to power and the transformation of syria s socio political terrain

Asad

1988

examining the international dimensions of the syrian conflict this book studies external factors relating to the uprising it explores the involvement of outside powers and the events impact both on regional and international level syria was widely perceived to be essential to the regional power balance hence it was a valued prize to be fought over the book examines the impact of global and regional powers in propelling the conflict in syria looks at the motives and strategies of the key regional and international actors hizbollah palestinians iran qatar saudi arabia us russia eu and analyses the impact of the syrian conflict on key relations between regional states turkey syria turkey iran iraq syria finally several chapters treat the impact on syria of international sanctions and the responsibility to protect doctrine this book follows on to the syrian uprising domestic origins and early trajectory edited by raymond hinnebusch and omar imady 2018 subsequent volumes will examine the later evolution of the conflict taking an innovative and interdisciplinary approach that seeks to capture the full complexity of the phenomenon this book contributes significantly to our understanding of the syrian conflict and will therefore be a valuable resource for anyone studying middle eastern politics

The Soviet Union and Syria (RLE Syria)

2013-11-26

while for many years scholars and journalists have focused on the more obvious manifestations of political life in the middle east one major theme has been consistently neglected this is pan syrian nationalism the dream of creating a greater syria out of an area now governed by syria lebanon israel jordan and turkey though not nearly as well known as arab or palestinian nationalism and hardly studied in depth pan syrianism has had a profound effect on middle eastern politics since the end of world war i in greater syria the noted middle east scholar daniel pipes provides the first comprehensive account of this intriguing important and little understood ideology

Syria

2002

in early 2011 an elderly alawite shaykh lamented the long history of oppression and aggression against his people against such collective memories the syrian uprising was viewed by many alawites and observers as a revanchist sunni muslim movement and the gravest threat yet to the unorthodox shi a sub sect this explained why the alawites largely remained loyal to the ba athist regime of bashar al asad but was alawite history really a constant tale of oppression and was the syrian uprising of 2011 really an existential threat to the alawites this book surveys alawite history from the sect s inception in abbasid iraq up to the start of the uprising in 2011 the book shows how alawite identity and political behaviour have been shaped by a cycle of insecurity that has prevented the group from achieving either genuine social integration or long term security rather than being the gravest threat yet to the sect the syrian uprising in the context of the arab spring was quite possibly a historic opportunity for the alawites to finally break free from their cycle of fear

The War for Syria

2019-07-09

syria has long presented a difficult problem for american policymakers actively supportive of groups such as hezbollah it has occupied lebanon for more than 20 years damascus remains intransigent on israel s complete withdrawal from the disputed golan heights as the sine qua non for peace with that state it is often mentioned in the same breath as members of the infamous axis of evil syria occupies an important strategic position in the middle east one made even more significant as america considers long term involvement in the reconstruction of iraq as the policy challenges posed by syria s problematic behavior have grown more pressing in the recent security environment the united states has had difficulty formulating a coherent and effective policy toward damascus the death of long time dictator hafiz al assad has forced renewed debate on its place in the region the transition from assad to his son bashar has thrown western consensus on how to deal with the syrian leadership further into doubt in heriting syria fills this void with a detailed analytic portrait of the syrian regime under bashar s leadership it draws implications for u s policy offering a bold new strategy for achieving american objectives largely via a strategy of coordinated engagement employing both sticks and carrots this strategy would be independent of the arab israeli peace process thus a historical departure for the united states the author s long service in the foreign policy establishment has uniquely positioned him to provide valuable insights into this mysterious yet important country this book will be of high interest to those concerned about the middle east the war on terror and the future of american foreign policy written for a general audience as well as the policymaking and academic communities her iting syria is an important resource for all who seek deeper understanding of this enigmatic nation and its leadership

Greater Syria

1992-03-26

an account of contemporary syria its extraordinary leader and its current and future place in the middle east

The Ba'th and Syria, 1947 to 1982

1982

as bashar al asad rescinds emergency rule in the face of demonstrations and protests syria finds itself in a key position in a middle east beset by regional tensions the repercussions of the global war on terror and popular

uprisings the bloodless coup by general hafez al assad in 1970 put in place a powerful autocratic machinery at the core of the state which continues till today under the control of his son bashar here radwan ziadeh presents a fresh and penetrating analysis of syria s political structure a despotic state monopoly a bureaucratic climate marked by fear and the administrative structure through which centralized control is exercised with a focus on syria s intelligence services which have significant influence in legal and policy decisions and the conditions and patterns of foreign policy decision making particularly vis a vis the us power and policy in syria is essential reading for all those interested in syria the modern middle east international relations and security studies

Cycle of Fear

2015

throughout the turbulent history of the levant the alawis a secretive resilient and ancient muslim sect have aroused suspicion and animosity including accusations of religious heresy more recently they have been tarred with the brush of political separatism and complicity in the excesses of the assad regime claims that have gained greater traction since the onset of the syrian uprising and subsequent devastating civil war the contributors to this book provide a complex and nuanced reading of syria s alawi communities from loyalist gangs shabiha to outspoken critics of the regime drawing upon wide ranging research that examines the historic political and social dynamics of the alawi and the syrian state the current tensions are scrutinised and fresh insights offered among the themes addressed are religious practice social identities and relations to the ba ath party the syrian state and the military apparatus the analysis also extends to lebanon with a focus on the embattled alawi community of jabal mohsen in tripoli and state relations with hizballah amid the current crisis

Inheriting Syria

2005-04-15

in the early 1980 s syria s powerful army and prevasive security apparatus crushed opposition to the regime of hafez asad with great violence killing at least 10 000 citizens and jailing thousands more this report charges that in the intervening years the government s respect for fundamental human rights has barely improved

Syria Under Hafiz Al-Asad

1975

following the arab spring syria descended into civil and sectarian conflict it has since become a fractured warzone which operates as a breeding ground for new terrorist movements including isis as well as the root cause of the greatest refugee crisis in modern history in this important book former special envoy of the netherlands to syria nikolaos van dam explains the recent history of syria covering the growing disenchantment with the asad regime the chaos of civil war and the fractures which led to an immense amount of destruction in the refined social fabric of what used to be the syrian nation through an in depth examination van dam traces political developments within the asad regime and the various opposition groups from the arab spring to the present day and provides a deeper insight into the conflict and the possibilities and obstacles for reaching a political solution

The New Lion of Damascus

2005

this report analyzes the current unrest in syria and the u s response to the syrian government s crackdown against demonstrators it also provides background information on u s sanctions against the asad regime and its supporters

Power and Policy in Syria

2012-12-20

the syrian regime ruled by the bath socialist party and headed by presidents from the alawi minority faces problems of legitimacy vis à vis its people which it tackles through powerful security organizations and the state

media the government media machine exists to express the regime s viewpoint in both local and external spheres and to promote acceptance of the legitimacy of asad s presidency and government the media also attempts to mobilize the masses to act in the service of the state by disseminating information which reflects asad s position on current issues the organs of the regime army party security services national and local authorities are proclaimed as acting by order of the president while personal commitment to the legitimacy of hafiz all asad is the principal article of faith this message is supported by complementary messages asad being true to the moslem faith asad as historic leader asad as the focus of identity of all syrian citizens the crimes of the moslem brotherhood etc and vociferous political discourse

The Alawis of Syria

2015

in syria and the middle east peace process alasdair drysdale and raymond a hinnebusch two noted middle east scholars present the first detailed examination of syria s role in the long struggle for an arab israeli peace they paint a surprising portrait of a county whose power is out of proportion to its size economy and resources they explore the reasons behind this phenomeno most importantly the machiavellian brilliance of its leader hafez al asad the authors address the origins of the asad regime syrias strategy toward its arab neighbors its conflict with israel and the history of its relationships with the soviet union and the united states the authors argue forcefully that syrian involvement is vital in an effort to resolve the arab israeli conflict

Human Rights in Syria

1990

historical dictionary of the syrian uprising and civil war introduces readers to the events and main players that shaped the conflict in syria since 15 march 2011 as the country entered a new era in its modern history the syrian revolution was part of the arab spring that was launched in tunisia egypt and other countries in the middle east in late 2010 the syrian situation turned into a winter which merits such an all encompassing book that reveals the complex dynamics of the syrian civil war many of the key players places and unfolding events were making headlines for a short period before vanishing from memory but this book records their emergence and influence the book traces the political opposition initially in the form of street level unrest targeting the rule of the al asad family that ruled for over five decades the book provides a picture of the fighting groups and their varying agendas including the islamic state in iraq and syria isis and other extremist groups it depicts a picture of a country whose civil war caused one of the biggest crises in the 21st century it contains a chronology an introduction and an extensive bibliography the dictionary section has more than 200 cross referenced entries on the major events places and actors in the syrian war this book is an excellent resource for students researchers and anyone wanting to know more about the syrian uprising

Destroying a Nation

2017-07-30

historical dictionary of syria fourth edition covers the recent events in syria as well as the history that led up to these events the cross referenced dictionary section has over 500 entries on significant persons places and events political parties and institutions literature music and the arts

Unrest in Syria and U.S. Sanctions Against the Asad Regime

2011

this book provides a multi disciplinary understanding of the processes of change in contemporary syria as well as its historical social and cultural underpinnings a number of distinguished anthropologists historians political scientists and literateurs examine key issues such as the changing syrian family political factionalism the sedentarization of nomads bureaucratic corruption rural urban migration the development of the bath party syria s political isolation religious resurgence and the continued importance of sects in syrian life this book strikes a balance between examining the consequences of syria s geographical and strategic position in international politics and the implications of its internal and highly complex ethnic and class structure and culture it argues that the religious culture of syria is as important as the leadership of asad and more generally that an understanding of syrian politics must be matched by an understanding of syrian society and culture

Asad in Search of Legitimacy

2006-11

this text offers and analysis of the political domestic message of the syrian press

Syria and the Middle East Peace Process

1991

Historical Dictionary of the Syrian Uprising and Civil War

2021-05-21

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