

Shi'a-Sunni Dynamics and the Geopolitics of Sectarianism in the Middle East



with

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While much of the mainstream coverage of politics in the Middle East frames tensions there as an ancient Shi'a-Sunni rivalry, in reality, conflict and cooperation in the region are much more complicated and layered. How should we understand sectarianism and geopolitics in the contemporary context and the reality of diversity and pluralism in the Muslim world? This talk will focus on the cultural, religious and geopolitical nuances of this important relationship.

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