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* The Emerging Middle East-East Asia Nexus (co-editor) (New York: NY, Routledge, 2015), 192pp;
* The Foreign Policies of Middle East States (co-editor) (Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 2014), 399pp;
* Dynamics of Change in the Persian Gulf: Political Economy, War and Revolution (New York, NY: Routledge, 2013), 292pp;
* Iran and the International System (co-editor) (New York, NY, Routledge, 2012), 224pp;
* The International Politics of the Red Sea (with Emma Murphy) (New York, NY: Routledge, 2011), 265pp;
* Competing Powerbrokers of the Middle East: Iran and Saudi Arabia (Abu Dhabi: Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research, 2009), 59pp;
* Reform in the Middle East Oil Monarchies (co-editor) (Reading: Ithaca Press, 2008), 309pp;
* Globalization and Geopolitics in the Middle East: Old Games, New Rules (New York, NY: Routledge, 2007), 258pp;
* Iran and the Rise of its Neoconservatives (with Mahjoob Zweiri) (London: I.B. Tauris, 2007);
* The Middle East’s Relations with Asia and Russia (co-editor) (London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2004), 166pp;
* The Changing Balance of Power in Asia (Abu Dhabi: ECSSR, 1998), 62pp;
* Syria and Iran: Middle Powers in a Penetrated Regional System (with Ray Hinnebusch) (London: Routledge, 1997), 238pp;
* Islamic Fundamentalism (co-editor) (Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1996), 284pp;
* After Khomeini: The Iranian Second Republic (London: Routledge, 1995), 244pp;
* From the Gulf to Central Asia: Players in the News Great Game (editor) (Exeter: University of Exeter Press, 1994), 242pp;
* Iran and the International Community (co-editor) (London: Routledge, 1991), 191pp;
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* The ‘Asianization’ of the international system.
* Foreign and security policies of Middle East states since the end of the Cold War.
* The Arab region in transition: Role of state and non-state actors.
* Good governance in the Middle East.