The ongoing civil and regional war in Yemen makes opportunities for conventional field research in the country largely impossible. While some scholars have been able to travel to some parts of Yemen, conditions are uncertain and most scholars attempting to conduct research on Yemen are working with documents and conducting interviews outside of the country and/or online. This research guide reflects that reality.

The following list includes materials that I have taught over three iterations of my capstone seminar “Yemen: Politics of Disintegration” for senior undergraduate students in the United States. The readings tend toward empirical richness more than theoretical argument, with some exceptions; while there are a number of ethnographies on the list, the list as a whole is largely concerned with “politics” broadly construed. In many cases, the authors listed below have other significant work, but I have found the pieces here are accessible and effective for readers new to the study of Yemen. Motivated readers might simply work from this list of names in doing more advanced searches. While the list is organized by topic, several works were difficult to categorize and speak to more than one theme.

Please note that this list heavily favors material written about and published during the lifespan of the Republic of Yemen (1990-??). While there is a wealth of excellent material on the Yemen Arab Republic and the People’s Democratic Republic of Yemen, and any serious scholar of Yemeni history and politics will need to engage this material, many of the monographs listed here spend at least some time discussing conditions and dynamics that predate the 1990 unification. The list also favors scholars writing in English for academic audiences, with all the attendant problems this raises. The bibliographies of most of these works will guide readers of Arabic to work produced by Yemeni scholars, as well work in European languages.

In each subsection, the material is organized from most to least recent. While it is not typically the practice of AGAPS to include think tanks or NGOs in these resource guides, some of the most up-to-date material reflecting the realities of the war are produced by such venues. Their inclusion, and indeed the inclusion of any of the readings on this list, should not be taken as an uncritical endorsement.

**General Political Surveys**


**Regime and Opposition**

**Gender and Politics**

**Tribes and Politics**

**Northern Politics and Identity**

**Southern Politics and Identity**

**Religion and Politics**

**The 2011 Uprising**


**The Transitional Process**


**Yemen at War**


**Non-Governmental Resources on Contemporary Conflict**

- American Institute for Yemeni Studies
- Chatham House
- European Council on Foreign Relations
- International Crisis Group
- Sana’a Center for Strategic Studies
- Yemen Polling Center