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AN UTTERLY IMPERFECT AND INCOMPLETE READING LIST ON YEMENI POLITICS

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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.

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- Robert Burrowes. 1987. *The Yemen Arab Republic: The Politics of Development, 1962-1986.* Westview.

Regime and Opposition

- Sarah Phillips. 2011. *Yemen and the Politics of Permanent Crisis.* Routledge.
- Michaelle Browers. 2009. *Political Ideology in the Arab World: Accomodation and Transformation.* Cambridge University Press.

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- Steve Caton. 2006. *Yemen Chronicle: An Anthropology of War and Mediation.* Hill and Wang.

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Southern Politics and Identity

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- Susanne Dahlgren. 2010. *Contested Realities: The Public Sphere and Morality in Southern Yemen.* Syracuse University Press.

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- Stacey Philbrick Yadav. 2013. *Islamists and the State: Legitimacy and Institutions in Yemen and Lebanon.* I.B. Tauris.
- Laurent Bonnefoy. 2011. *Salafism in Yemen: Transnationalism and Religious Identity.* Hurst.
- Jillian Schwedler. 2006. *Faith in Moderation: Islamist Parties in Jordan and Yemen.* Cambridge University Press.

- Janine Clark. 2004. *Islam, Charity, and Activism.* Indiana University Press.

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- Atiaf al-Wazir. 2016. "Yemen's Enduring Resistance: Youth Between Politics and Informal Mobilization." *Mediterranean Politics* 21 (1): 170-191.
- Laurent Bonnefoy and Marine Poirier. 2012. "The Structuration of the Yemeni Revolution: Exploring a Process in Motion." Revue Française de Science Politique 62 (5): 895-913.
- Stacey Philbrick Yadav. 2011. "Antecedents of the Revolution: Intersectoral Networks and Post-Partisanship in Yemen." *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism* 11(3): 550-563.

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- Peter Salisbury. 2017. "Bickering While Yemen Burns: Poverty, War, and Political Indifference." Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington.
- International Crisis Group. "Yemen's Al Qaeda: Expanding the Base." Report 174, 2 February 2017.
- Adam Baron. "Yemen Beginning to Come Apart at the Seams." European Council on Foreign Relations, 30 May 2017.
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- Chatham House
- European Council on Foreign Relations
- International Crisis Group
- Sana'a Center for Strategic Studies
- Yemen Polling Center