

DEPARTMENT FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

Rewley House, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JA
Tel: +44 (0)1865 270360 Fax: +44 (0)1865 280760
enquiries@conted.ox.ac.uk www.conted.ox.ac.uk



READING LIST

Course Title: Iran, Arabia and the Sunni-Shia Divide
Location: Ewert House, Oxford
Term Dates: 28 Sep 2026 to 30 Nov 2026
Tutor: Trevor Mostyn

The reading list below was supplied by the course tutor.

If you have enrolled on a course starting in the autumn, you can become a borrowing member of the Rewley House library from 1st September. If you are enrolled on a course starting in other terms, you can become a borrowing member once the previous term has ended. For example, students starting in January can join the Library in early December and those starting in April can join in early March.

If you are planning to purchase any books, please keep in mind that courses with insufficient students enrolled will be cancelled. The Department accepts no responsibility for books bought in anticipation of a course running.

Preparatory Reading List

The items on this list are to give you some background to the materials and ideas that we will be covering on the course.

Author	Title
Azar Nafisi	<i>Reading Lolita in Tehran (Book group reflecting fear)</i>
Christopher de Bellaigue	<i>In The Rose Garden of the Martyrs</i>
David Blow	<i>Persia, through writers' eyes (Anthology)</i>
Jack Straw	<i>The English Job, Understanding Iran (As former UK Foreign Secretary and a lover of Iran, this book combines a clear background with vivid personal analysis)</i>
Michael Axworthy	<i>Revolutionary Iran</i>

Course Reading List

The items on this list are to support your learning while you are taking the course.

Author	Title
Aeschylus	<i>The Persians and Other Plays</i>

DEPARTMENT FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

Rewley House, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JA
Tel: +44 (0)1865 270360 Fax: +44 (0)1865 280760
enquiries@conted.ox.ac.uk www.conted.ox.ac.uk



Ali Ansari	<i>Confronting Iran: The Failure of American Foreign Policy and the roots of Mistrust</i>
Ali Ansari	<i>Iran, Islam and Democracy</i>
Ali Rahnema	<i>Political History of Modern Iran: Revolution, Reaction and Transformation, 1905 to the Present</i>
Antony Wynn	<i>Persia in the Great Game: Sir Percy Sykes - explorer, consul, soldier, spy</i>
Baqer Moin	<i>Khomeini, sign of God</i>
Christopher de Bellaigue	<i>Patriot of Persia: Muhammad Mossadegh and a very British Coup</i>
Dilip Hiro	<i>Cold War in the Islamic World, Saudi Arabia, Iran and the Struggle for Supremacy</i>
Fariba Adelhah	<i>Being Modern in Iran</i>
Ferdowsi	<i>The Shahnameh</i>
Freya Stark	<i>In the Valley of the Assassins</i>
Homa Katouzian	<i>The Persians</i>
John Ghazvinian	<i>America and Iran: a history, 1720 to the present</i>
John McHugo	<i>A Concise History of Sunnis and Shi'is</i>
Kamin Mohammadi	<i>The Cyprus Tree, A love Letter to Iran</i>
Kim Ghattas	<i>Black Wave: Saudi Arabia, Iran and the Rivalry that Unravelling the Middle East</i>
Lesley Hazleton	<i>After the Prophet: The Epic Story of the Shia-Sunni Split in Islam</i>
Mariane Satrapi	<i>Persepolis</i>
Michael Axworthy	<i>Iran, Empire of the Mind</i>
Roger Cooper	<i>Death Plus Ten Years</i>
Ryszard Kabuscinski	<i>Shah of Shahs</i>
Sadegh Hedayat	<i>The Blind Owl</i>
Scott Anderson	<i>King of Kings: The Fall of the Shah and the Revolution that Forged Modern Iran</i>
Shams al-Din Mohammad Hafez	<i>The Faces of Love (Penguin Classics)</i>
Shaul Bakhash	<i>The Reign of the Ayatollahs</i>

DEPARTMENT FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

Rewley House, 1 Wellington Square, Oxford, OX1 2JA
Tel: +44 (0)1865 270360 Fax: +44 (0)1865 280760
enquiries@conted.ox.ac.uk www.conted.ox.ac.uk



Trevor Mostyn	<i>Censorship in Islamic Societies</i>
Trevor Mostyn	<i>Major Political Events in Iran, Iraq and the Arabian Peninsula</i>
Vali Nasr	<i>Iran's Constitutional Revulion of 1906: Narratives of the Enlightenment</i>