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Although Ayatollah

Khamenei has given no
signs of imminent
departure from the
political scene, both
the confrontational
nature of his recent
actions and the still-
ticking Iranian nuclear
clock raise important

questions about what will happen upon his death. Will the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps subordinate the new Supreme Leader and focus on domestic issues, thereby cementing its status as the main player in Iran's political, military, and economic spheres? Or will the new government become even more radical than Khamenei's and carry on his bellicose foreign policy? Answering these questions requires a clear understanding of the Islamic Republic's current power structure, its past approach to leadership transition, and the closed-door nature of its most important political decision. In this Policy Focus, Iran expert Mehdi Khalaji shows how the

succession question could present a unique opportunity for Washington to soften the regime's anti-American posture or, failing that, to ensure that the IRGC's ambitions do not jeopardize other regional states.

Taking Stock of a Quarter Century of the Islamic Republic of Iran
Bloomsbury Publishing
Iran's commander in chief and highest political authority, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, plays a critical role in Iran's direction. This monograph explores factors shaping the succession to Khamenei and outlines post-Khamenei scenarios.
The Politics of Presidential Term Limits Springer

Evolving Iran presents an overview of how the politics and policy decisions in the Islamic Republic of Iran have developed since the 1979 revolution and how they are likely to evolve in the near future. Despite the fact that the revolution ushered in a theocracy, its political system has largely tended to prioritize self-interest and pragmatism over theology and religious values, while continuing to reinvent itself in the face of internal and international threats. The author also examines the prospects for democratization in Iran. Since the early years of the twentieth century, Iranians have attempted to make their political system more democratic, yet

various attempts to produce a system where citizens have a meaningful voice in political decisions have failed. This book argues that greater democratization is unlikely to occur in the short term, especially in light of increased threats from the international community. This accessible overview of Iran's political system covers a broad array of subjects, including foreign policy, human rights, women's struggle for equality, the development and evolution of elections, and the institutions of the political system including the Revolutionary Guards and Assembly of Experts. It will appeal to undergraduates and the general public who seek to understand a

country and regime that has mystified Westerners for decades.

Whatever it Takes to End it Springer

The Iranian regime is becoming more authoritarian and repressive, fearing that compounding domestic pressures could threaten its hold on power. Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is driving this shift in response to popular protests, the COVID-19 pandemic, US sanctions, and political uncertainty in the lead-up to his succession. Iranian state security services, under the supreme leader's direction, are enhancing their capability to preempt and violently crush domestic unrest to ensure the regime's continued rule. The

regime is increasingly using advanced technologies, such as artificial intelligence and domestic surveillance infrastructure, for repression. Supreme Leader Khamenei has empowered a cadre of political and military figures who will maintain and possibly intensify this repressive behavior for the foreseeable future—even after Khamenei's passing. Iran's more repressive governance will affect how it engages the region and Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, requiring the US to recalibrate its policy vis-à-vis Tehran. The US should develop a broader strategy to counter the global spread of digital authoritarianism, manage expectations

of the nuclear deal, and highlight the regime's domestic abuses for the international community to see.

Supreme Succession

Rand Corporation

The 2013-14 Strategic Asia volume examines the role of nuclear weapons in the grand strategies of key Asian states and assesses the impact of these capabilities—both established and latent—on regional and international stability. In each chapter, a leading expert explores the historical, strategic, and political factors that drive a country's calculations vis-a-vis nuclear weapons and draws implications for American interests.

Political Islam in the Age of Democratization

Archway Publishing
Iran's nuclear program is one of this century's principal foreign policy challenges. Despite U.S., Israeli, and allied efforts, Iran has an extensive enrichment program and likely has the technical capacity to produce at least one nuclear bomb if it so chose. This study assesses U.S. policy options, identifies a way forward, and considers how the United States might best mitigate the negative international effects of a nuclear-armed Iran.

Democracy in Iran

Rowman & Littlefield

What will happen after Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's passing? How is the factional struggle for power in Iran over succession of Khamenei, between

technocratic elites within the regime led by President Hassan Rouhani on the one side, and the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps and its allies on the other, likely to impact the trajectory of the Islamic Republic and future of U.S.-Iranian relations? This book answers these questions, concluding that Khamenei's successor, whoever he may be, will, for all practical purposes, be beholden to the IRGC, which also will decide the fundamental tenet in U.S.-Iranian relations. Based on this scenario, U.S. policymakers involved in shaping policies toward Tehran must take into consideration the implications of succession rivalries in the Islamic Republic. U.S. policymakers must

also strategically plan how to face the challenges of a future transformation of the Islamic Republic into a military dictatorship, albeit one with a clerical figurehead. *Non-State Actors in the Middle East* US Institute of Peace Press This book analyzes the legitimacy of the Iranian regime finding that it lacks a legal-rational or traditional basis, and is losing the charismatic basis. It assesses that Iran's next Supreme Leader will be forced to adopt an aggressive foreign policy in pursuit of religious legitimacy and nationalist public support. *Islamic Government* American Bar Association There is no indication of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali

Khamenei abdicating or being removed from leadership in the near term, and biology has traditionally been the most likely midwife for leadership change in the Islamic Republic. However, the question of political succession in Iran remains pertinent: What will happen after Khamenei's passing? This paper does not claim to prophesize who will succeed Khamenei. However, from an analysis of the political dynamics at play during the 1979 systemic transition and 1989 succession as well as a study of the discrepancy between the constitution and the political praxis of the regime, the paper predicts that: 1. In line with earlier instances, the rules and procedures for political

succession enshrined in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic will be ignored and retroactively adjusted to legitimize the individual or group prevailing in the factional struggle over succession. 2. Relations with the United States will be a theme in the factional succession struggle because of the (perhaps false) perception that those in charge of Iran's policy toward the United States also will have a better chance of appointing Khamenei's successor. 3. As opposed to the 1989 succession, during which the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps was almost absent from the factional struggle, the IRGC will use its economic, political, and military power to

mobilize public support, marginalize opponents among Iran's civilian technocratic elites, and emerge as kingmaker by identifying and supporting Khamenei's successor. 4. Accordingly, the future "Leader of the Islamic Revolution," or supreme leader in political parlance, whoever he may be, will, for all practical purposes, be beholden to the IRGC. Based on this scenario, U.S. policymakers involved in shaping policies toward Tehran must take into consideration the implications of succession rivalries. U.S. policymakers must also strategically plan how to face the challenges of a future transformation of the Islamic Republic into a military-style

dictatorship, albeit one with a clerical figurehead.

Leadership Change in North Korean Politics

Springer Nature Scholar and journalist Kim Hakjoo's latest book on North Korea is a timely analysis of the rise of the Kim Il Sung family dynasty and the politics of leadership succession in Pyongyang. It includes coverage of the death of Kim Jong Il and the advent of his young son Kim Jong Eun as the new supreme leader. Drawing on official North Korean statements and leaked confidential documents, journalistic accounts, defector reports, and the observations of foreigners, the book synthesizes virtually all that is known about the history of the

secretive family and how it operates within a bizarre governing system. Particularly valuable for a Western audience is the author's extensive use of South Korean studies of the Kim family, many of which have never been translated into English. Dynasty is insightful reading for officials, journalists, scholars, and students interested in the Korean Peninsula and its prospects.

The Iran Primer
Bookbaby

This book is one of the many Islamic publications distributed by Ahlulbayt Organization throughout the world in different languages with the aim of conveying the message of Islam to the people of the

world. You may read this book carefully and should you be interested to have further study on such publications you can contact us through www.shia.es Naturally, if we find you to be a keen and energetic reader we shall give you a deserving response in sending you some other publications of this Organization.

Evolving Iran: An Introduction to Politics and Problems in the Islamic Republic RAND Corporation

William Rothwell honored with the ASTD Distinguished Contribution Award in Workplace Learning and Performance. The definitive guide to a timely and timeless topic-- now fully revised and updated. As baby boomers

continue to retire en masse from executive suites, managerial offices, and specialized or technical jobs, the question is—who will take their places? This loss of valuable institutional memory has made it apparent that no organization can afford to be without a strong succession program. Now in its fourth edition, *Effective Succession Planning* provides the tools organizations need to establish, revitalize, or revise their own succession planning and management (SP&M) programs. The book has been fully updated to address challenges brought on by sea changes such as globalization, recession, technology, and the aftereffects of the terror attacks. It

features new sections on identifying and assessing competencies and future needs; management vs. technical succession planning; and ethics and conduct; and new chapters on integrating recruitment and retention strategies with succession planning programs. This edition incorporates the results of two extensive new surveys, and includes a Quick Start guide to help begin immediate implementation as well as a CD-ROM packed with assessments, checklists, customizable guides, and other practical tools.

Living on the Edge
Cambridge University
Press

In this book, the

authors explore the controversial Iranian nuclear programme through the conceptual lens of nuclear hedging. In 2002, revelations regarding undeclared nuclear facilities thrust Iran's nuclear activities under the spotlight and prompted concerns that Tehran was pursuing nuclear weapons. Iran has always denied nuclear weapons aspirations, yet it cannot be disputed that the Islamic Republic has gone well beyond what is required for a civil nuclear programme based on energy production and scientific research. What, then, is the nature and significance of Iran's nuclear behaviour? Does it form part of a coherent strategy? What can

Iran's actions in the nuclear field tell us about Tehran's intentions? And what does the Iranian case teach us about proliferation behaviour more generally? This book addresses these questions by exploring the nature of nuclear hedging and how this approach might be identified, before applying this logic to the Iranian case. It provides fresh insights into the inherently opaque area of nuclear proliferation and a more nuanced interpretation of the Iranian nuclear challenge.

Leadership and Political Culture in Korea Lulu.com

North Korea's opaqueness combined with its military capabilities make the country and its leader

dangerous wild cards in the international community. Brookings Senior Fellow Jung H. Pak, who led the U.S. intelligence community's analysis on Korean issues, tells the story of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un's upbringing, provides insight on his decision-making, and makes recommendations on how to thwart Kim's ambitions. In her deep analysis of the personality of the North Korean leader, Pak makes clearer the reasoning behind the way he governs and conducts his foreign affairs.

Ethnic Religious Minorities in Iran

Georgetown University Press
As the recent revolutions in the Middle East have

demonstrated, civil society in this part of the world is on the move. The increasingly important role of non-state actors - a phenomenon of globalization- has characterized developments throughout the region, affecting the struggle for democracy and for peace. This volume brings together scholars primarily from the region to analyse the varied activities and contributions of NGOs, the private sector and the new media, from Morocco to Iran, along with the involvement of diaspora groups. The chapter on facebook in the recent Egyptian revolution captures the role of this new media while the study on similar technology in Iran outlines the

barriers raised by the authorities in the current struggles there. Even the fledgling process of democratization in Saudi Arabia is driven by non-state actors while the veteran women's movements in the Maghreb serve as an example for the post-Arab spring era in those countries.

Providing one of the first assessments of the role of non-state actors in the Middle East, this book will be essential reading for students of Political Science, Sociology and Civil Society, amongst others.

Iran After the Bomb □□
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Ayatollah 'Ali Hosseini Khamenei, Supreme Leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran, is one of the most controversial and

influential Muslim leaders in the world today. As Iran's main decision-maker, his theocratic ideology and decisions carry global consequences. The Political Ideology of Ayatollah Khamenei is the first book to identify and analyze the development and evolution of the theocratic ideology of the Supreme Leader from 1962 to 2014, using his own writings, speeches, and biographies, as well as literature published in the Islamic Republic of Iran. This work provides new insights into Khamenei's political thought and behavior and their impact on Iran's domestic, regional, and international policies. Correlating the development of Khamenei's

personality, character, and political behavior with Iran's internal and external challenges, this study explores key issues of the Middle East region, in particular Iran's political posture toward Israel, the United States, and the Muslim world, and the diplomatic crises unfolding over Iran's nuclear development program. This work provides a comprehensive chronological and thematic survey of Khamenei's life. This book will be of interest to students, scholars, researchers, diplomats, and policymakers focusing on Middle Eastern politics, Iranian affairs, Islamic studies, and international relations; and could serve as an essential resource for those

striving to understand Iran's policies toward Israel, the United States, and the Muslim world, as shaped by its supreme autocrat.

Containing Iran CQ Press

2011 Updated Reprint. Updated Annually. US-Iran Political & Economic Relations Handbook

Unthinkable

Princeton University Press

The Model Rules of Professional Conduct provides an up-to-date resource for information on legal ethics. Federal, state and local courts in all jurisdictions look to the Rules for guidance in solving lawyer malpractice cases, disciplinary actions, disqualification issues, sanctions questions and much more. In this volume, black-letter

Rules of Professional Conduct are followed by numbered Comments that explain each Rule's purpose and provide suggestions for its practical application. The Rules will help you identify proper conduct in a variety of given situations, review those instances where discretionary action is possible, and define the nature of the relationship between you and your clients, colleagues and the courts.

US-Iran Political and Economic Relations Handbook - Strategic information and Developments

AMACOM

The Group of Eleven billionaires were determined to change the unbroken descent of humanity away from

murder and disgusting behavior toward peace with justice. They had met twice a year for more than twenty years to arrive at a plan that could and would bring the world toward their goals without starting a thermonuclear war. Their aim was to bring the countries of the world toward redemption rather than the destructive and disgusting direction it has migrated toward for over three thousand years. It is not at all certain that this can be achieved, but they mean business and are determined to try. This is their story. *SAYONARA!* Routledge

This book explores the experiences of the ethnic and religious minorities of Iran, such as Jews, Yarsani,

Christian, Sabeian, Mandaean, Bahai, Zoroastrian, Baluch, Kurd, and others and provides a historical overview of their position in society before and after the 1979 Islamic revolution and highlights their contribution to the country's history, diversity, and development. It also focuses on the historical, sociopolitical, and economic factors that affected the minorities' development during the last century. Author Behnaz Hosseini has shaped

this book with authentic material and has assembled the experiences and opinions of academics of diverse backgrounds who approach the minorities' issues in Iran in a constructive and ingenious way: from debating their efforts to preserve their identity and cultural heritage and ensure their survival to discussing their relations with the majority and other minorities, the role of religion in everyday life, and their contribution to the rich cultural history of Iran.