Iran’s Political Economy since the Revolution

More than three decades after the Iranian Revolution reconfigured the strategic landscape in the Middle East, scholars are still trying to decipher its aftereffects. Suzanne Maloney provides the first comprehensive overview of Iran’s political economy since the 1979 revolution and offers detailed examinations of two aspects of the Iranian economy of direct interest to scholars and nonspecialist readers of Iran: the energy sector and the role of sanctions. Based on the author’s research and experience as both a scholar and government adviser, the book features the evolution of the Islamic Republic from its revolutionary beginnings to a system whose legitimacy is grounded in its ability to deliver development and opportunity to its citizenry. Moving chronologically from the early years under Khomeini, through the economic deprivations of the 1980s during the Iran-Iraq War, through liberalization under Khatami, to the present, Maloney offers fascinating insights into Iran’s domestic politics and how economic policies have affected ideology, leadership priorities, and foreign relations.

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