Rolling Paper #1 and #2

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Rolling Paper# 1
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The assignment is to assess the accuracy of the following statement with reference to the readings assigned in the course between January 16 and February 13. Be sure you refer to at least 5 of the assigned articles on Turkey, the two kan books, and at least two of the kan articles.

There is no relationship between Kínzér's study and Chubin's study, and reading Kinzer does not help one understand any of Chubin's points. From the readings, including the articles on Turkey and on Iran, one gets a strong sense that domestic change in these countries is minor, and that neither domestic change nor prior foreign policy experience has much impact on their relationship to the US. Finally, the readings illustrate that there is no contrast between Shi'ite Grand Ayatollah Montazeri's views and the political system of Turkey.

Specifications:

- The paper is 5-6 pages long, typed double space. It is due in class on February 22. Late papers will be penalized one letter grade.

- In assessing the claims of this statement, your paper must substantiate its views with references to specific passages of the assigned readings.

- These references must cite specific pages. Any style of citation is acceptable so long as the reader can follow the citation to find the passage in the readings (footnotes, end notes, or references in the text are acceptable; choose one format and use it throughout the paper).

- The paper must be your own work.

- It is advisable to do a draft or two of the paper but what you hand in must NOT look like a first draft!

Rolling Paper# 2
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The assignment is to assess the accuracy of the following statement with reference to the course readings through Meital on the assignment sheet. Be sure your discussion explicitly refers to at least three readings including Kinzer prior to February 13 and six readings between February 13 and April 26, including Packer and the Baker-Hamilton report.

From the readings assigned in the syllabus through Meital's book one gets a strong sense that domestic factors in Middle Eastern states are trivial, and that neither domestic factors nor prior foreign policy experience has much impact on the relationship of Middle East countries to the US. Another underlying theme of the readings is the thinness of US understanding of the Middle East region, but the books see this point, differently from how most of the assigned articles see it.

Specifications:

- The paper is 9-10 pages long, typed double space. It is due in class on April 26 but papers will be accepted without penalty in class on May 1. Late papers that appear after that time will be penalized one letter grade.

- In assessing the claims of this statement, your paper must substantiate its views with references to specific passages of the assigned readings.

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