

# **Geopolitical analysis of Iran-Saudi relations with an approach to the developments in Syria**

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**The Islamic Republic of Iran and Saudi Arabia, as two regional powers, have long been known as two main rivals in the Middle East. In recent years, relations between the two countries have become more complex and new dimensions. Meanwhile, one of the issues that has complicated the dark ties between the two countries in recent years is the Syrian crisis and civil war. In the course of the Syrian crisis, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Saudi Arabia have adopted contradictory positions based on their specific interests and interests in Syria. So, in this dissertation, the author uses descriptive analytical method and utilizes library studies in order to achieve the research goals and answer the research question, which are the effects of Syrian developments on Iran-Saudi Arabia geopolitical relations? Step is taken. Research findings indicate that Iran and Saudi Arabia have become the main rival of each other in the Middle East as well as in the Muslim world due to the geostrategic and geo-geomechanical characteristics of the Persian Gulf region as well as its specific geopolitical and ideological characteristics. Among the developments in Syria It has also exacerbated these rivalries. The developments in the Syrian crisis have also been effective in boosting regional competition between Iran and Saudi Arabia in the form of military alliances.**

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