

Iraqi Arab Nationalism

Authoritarian, Totalitarian and Pro-Fascist Inclinations, 1932-1941

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Peter Wien presents a provocative discussion on the history of Iraq and the growth of nationalism during the 1930s and early 1940s. He deconstructs the established view that a large proportion of the nationalist movement in Iraq during this period was heavily influenced by Nazi Germany, arguing that the admiration for Germany was highly nuanced, and only rarely translated into admiration for Nazism. National unity and patriotism were important, but models of leadership were overwhelmingly based on Iraqis and leaders of neighboring states, and not Hitler.

Analyzing the activities of the Iraqi youth and Jewish Iraqis, *Iraqi Arab Nationalism* gives an understanding of Iraqis from diverse backgrounds. It incorporates source material not previously used in discussions of Iraq and nationalism and contains autobiographical and biographical material from officers, intellectuals and politicians, along with contemporary journalistic writings, which sheds new light on Iraqi nationalism

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