

# Rethinking Turkey-Iraq Relations: A Comprehensive Analysis



## Rethinking Turkey-Iraq Relations: The Dilemma of Partial Cooperation (Middle East Today) by Asher Susser

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Turkey and Iraq, two neighboring countries in the Middle East, have a long and complex relationship. In recent years, their relations have been strained by a number of factors, including the rise of the Islamic State (ISIS), the Syrian civil war, and the Kurdish independence referendum. In this book, we provide an in-depth examination of the Turkey-Iraq relationship, exploring the historical, geopolitical, and economic factors that have shaped their interactions.

### Historical Background

Turkey and Iraq have a long history of interaction, dating back to the Ottoman Empire. The Ottomans ruled Iraq for over four centuries, and their legacy can still be seen in the country's architecture, language, and culture.

After the collapse of the Ottoman Empire in 1923, Turkey and Iraq became independent states. However, their relations have been marked by a number of disputes, including territorial disputes, water disputes, and ethnic tensions.

## **Geopolitical Factors**

Turkey and Iraq are located in a strategically important region of the Middle East. They are both bordered by Syria, Iran, and the Persian Gulf. This has made them both a target of foreign powers and a source of regional instability. In recent years, the rise of ISIS and the Syrian civil war have further complicated the geopolitical landscape of the region.

## **Economic Factors**

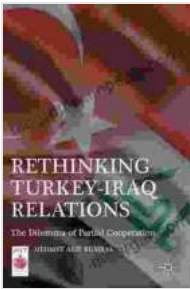
Turkey and Iraq have a significant economic relationship. Turkey is one of Iraq's largest trading partners, and Iraq is a major source of oil for Turkey. However, the economic relationship between the two countries has been strained in recent years by the fall in oil prices and the instability in Iraq.

## **Security Issues**

Turkey and Iraq face a number of security challenges, including terrorism, cross-border crime, and ethnic conflict. ISIS has been a major security threat to both countries, and the Syrian civil war has led to an increase in cross-border refugee flows. In addition, Turkey and Iraq have a long history of ethnic tensions, particularly between the Kurds and the Arabs.

The Turkey-Iraq relationship is a complex and evolving one. The two countries have a long history of interaction, and their relations have been shaped by a number of historical, geopolitical, and economic factors. In

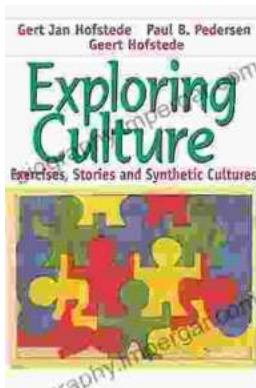
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