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Iran under Ahmadinejad





A decade of political change

From Rafsanjani to Reform
Khatami

- Political change
- Social movements
- Economic restructuring
- A dialogue of civilisations?





The Principle-ist challenge



A strategy for hegemony

Coercion & repression

De-politicisation

Populism

- Economic mismanagement

Authoritarianism

Religion

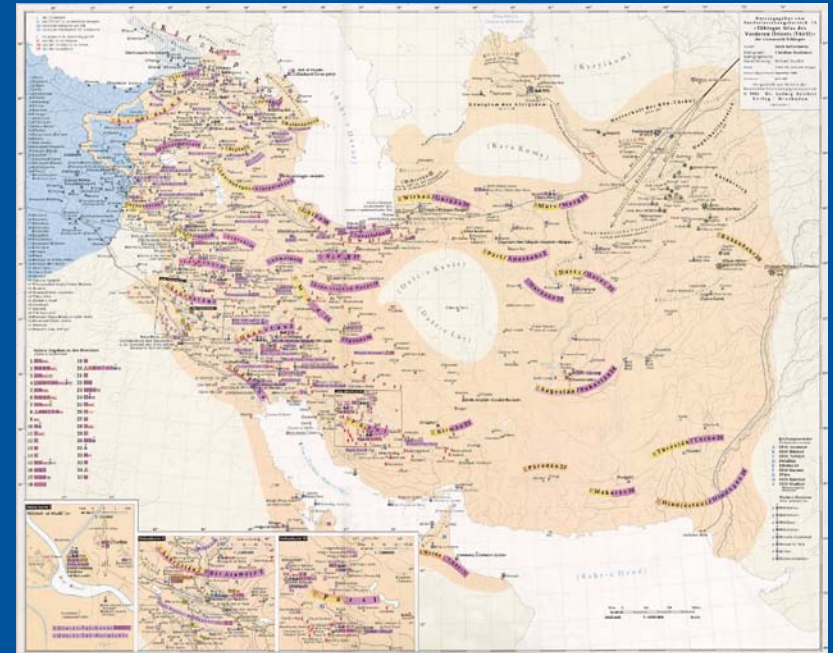
- millenarianism

nationalism



Foreign Policy

- An imperial mentality
- Soft power
- Post 9/11 opportunities
- The region
- The wider world
- The United States





The Pursuit of the Millennium (Cohn)

Socio-economic change:

- Overpopulation & Unemployment
- Industrialisation & Urbanisation
- Disparity in Wealth

Political tension

Pre-destination

Anti-clericalism

Preparing for the Utopia

Esoteric (*non-sensical*)

- Revelation



A national renaissance?

