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Expertise

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Bio

Ray Takeyh is Hasib J. Sabbagh senior fellow for Middle East studies at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). His areas of specialization are Iran, political reform in the Middle East, and Islamist movements and parties.

Prior to joining CFR, Takeyh was senior advisor on Iran at the Department of State. He was previously a fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

Takeyh is the coauthor of [*The Pragmatic Superpower: Winning the Cold War in the Middle East*](#) and is the author of three previous books, [*Guardians of the Revolution: Iran and the World in the Age of the Ayatollahs*](#), [*Hidden Iran: Paradox and Power in the Islamic Republic*](#), and [*The Origins of the Eisenhower Doctrine: The US, Britain and Nasser's Egypt, 1953–1957*](#). He has also written more than 250 articles and opinion pieces in many news outlets including *Foreign Affairs*, the *New York Times*, and the *Washington Post*.

Takeyh has testified more than twenty times in various congressional committees and has appeared on PBS *Newshour*, *Charlie Rose*, ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, BBC, FOX, and CSPAN.

Takeyh has a doctorate in modern history from Oxford University.

Languages:

Persian (fluent); Arabic (working knowledge)