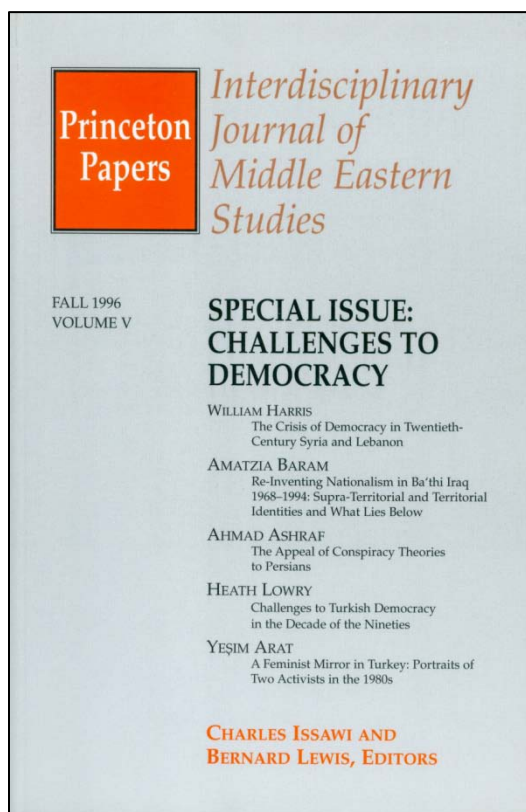


## Princeton Papers Issue V



*Special Challenges to Democracy*. Editors Charles Issawi and Bernard Lewis.

This issue provides in five essays background information of some of the most current problems affecting the modern Middle East.

Ahmad Ashraf analyzes the appeal of modern conspiracy theories to Iranians, including the social, cultural, political and psychological factors contributing to its attraction to Persians.

Amatzia Baram offers an account of the development and metamorphoses of regime-sponsored national ideology in Iraq under the Bacth Party.

William Harris describes the absence of democracy in Lebanon and Syria in the 1990s. He reflects on whether the confessional democracy and civil society of Lebanon has been pulverized by Syria in the 1990s, and whether the Syrian population considers democracy an irrelevant concept after living under dictatorship for more than a quarter of a century.

Heath W. Lowry outlines a series of elite-imposed ideological taboos on history, religion, ethnicity, pan-Turkism and the legacy of Ataturk, which have hampered the development of democratic institutions in Turkey, and analyzes the effects that the removal of these

taboos have had on Turkish politics and society in the 1990s.

Thereafter Yesim Arat describes two kinds of feminist movements in Turkey in the 1980s.