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Michael Bonine's last book, Is There a Middle East?: The Evolution of a Geopolitical Concept, was co-edited with Abbas Amanat and Michael Ezekiel Gasper (Stanford, CA,) and includes Bonine's article "Of Maps and Regions: Where Is the Geographer's Middle East?".

In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: The Evolution of a Geopolitical Concept. Edited by Michael E. Stanford University Press, There is indeed a Middle East. The Evolution of a Geopolitical Concept brings together an impressive array of scholars with wide-ranging areas of expertise. Through ten rich chapters divided into three sections , this book illustrates how the term, the idea, and the framework of the Middle East has been constructed as an abstract geopolitical and economic entity over the last several decades. As the editors briefly outline in the preface and introduction, the book follows the evolution of the concept of the Middle East, but also seeks to problematize it and to examine the impacts of its construction. Tracing its usage in several European languages in the nineteenth century, Yilman posits that it was the Eastern Question, or European geopolitics of the weakening Ottoman Empire, from which the Middle East emerged. With great detail, Yilman shows that the Middle East is a Eurocentric construction that emerged from geopolitical discourse. In the third chapter, Bonine adds a geographical analysis by summarizing the fluctuations of geographical delineations of the Middle East in world-regional geography textbooks, atlases, and maps. In the final chapter of this section, Rouighi provides an in depth study [End Page] of how different institutions within the Maghrib use this Eurocentric concept. He highlights that the concept is not widely adopted, but when it is used, it generally refers to somewhere east of the Maghrib. With the premise of the book well established in the first sectionâ€”that there are incredible variations and ambiguities of this term, of its Eurocentric origins, and the lack of internal adoptionâ€”the second section provides depth and detail on various constructions of the Middle East. Sood examines vernacular geographies in the eighteenth century through the writings of merchants working and living around the Arabian Sea. His rich discussion shows that geography was relative; there were no clear boundaries, frontiers, or states. In the third chapter of this section, Varisco considers how the Holy Land, as a geographical precursor to the Middle East, was perceived by pilgrims. Varisco stresses, in contradiction to Edward Said, that this region was idealized as a utopia and hence not inferior to Europe. The last chapter of this section draws on environmental history to debunk myths that Arabs mishandled and degraded the land. The third section of this book then moves on to examine the contemporary Middle East from a global perspective. Gelvin provides a political economic history of the region, underscoring the global connections of the economic order. The eclecticism of perspectives and foci presented in this book make for a valuable contribution to any You are not currently authenticated. View freely available titles:

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