

# Anthropology of the Middle East

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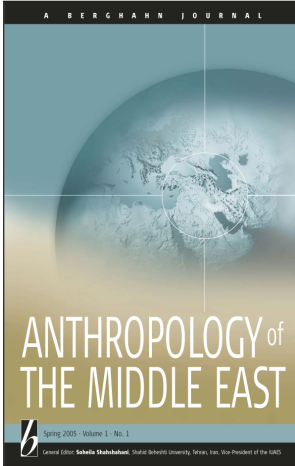
### Thematic Focus: Rural Anthropology of the Middle East

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During the past decades, research on the Middle East has focused on women, religion, politics and other urban issues. The rural world, despite massive rural emigration, still holds large populations (for example, 49% in Syria, 40% in Iran) and definitely needs anthropological attention. In this special issue of *Anthropology of the Middle East*, we would like to challenge this neglect. Articles could address any of the following questions:

- What have been the consequences of land reforms which have changed the status of ownership and the structures of collective participation and ownership in rural areas?
- How have the agricultural and herding modes of production evolved? Here both technical aspects as well as social and communal changes are relevant (for example, the evolution of family and community cooperation).
- Have there been changes in modes of life (for example, housing, architectural styles, clothing, cooking, linguistic practices, education, use of national or international media, religious practices, etc.)? All in all, how are the distinctions between peasantry and urban life styles lived today?
- Having migrated to cities, do formerly rural populations maintain contact with their rural origins? How have they kept their ways of life and how have they changed? Which aspects have changed and in what order do they change? These can show the proximity of rural-urban lives.



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