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**Week 1: Introduction**

**Week 2: Anti-Democratic Arguments**

1. Bernard Lewis, *Islam and Liberal Democracy*.
2. Forough Jahambakhsh, *Islam and Democracy*, pp.1-48.

**Week 3: Anti-Democratic Arguments**

1. Soroush, *Reason, Freedom and Democracy*, Chapters 8 and 9.
2. Enayat, H., *Modern Islam Political Thought*, Chapters 3 and 4.

**Week 4: Secularism**

1. Elmessiri and Davutoglu, in “Islam and Secularism in the Middle East,” Tamimi and Esposito (ed.).
3. Fitzgerald, *Faithful Sociology*.
4. P. Berger, *Desecularization of the World*.
5. Soroush, Chapter 4.
1. Yves Lambert, *Religion in Modernity as a New Axial Age*.

**Weeks 5: Pro-Democratic Arguments: Justice, Shura, Bay’ aH**

1. Enayat, Chapters 3 and 4.
2. Jahambakhsh, pp 1-48.
3. Soroush, Chapter 8.
4. Arthur Lowrie, *Islam, Democracy, the State and the West: A Roundtable with Dr. Hasan Turabi*.

**Week 6: Presumptions of Democracy: Human Rights, Rights and Duties, Liberties**

1. Soroush, Chapter 8.
2. D. Little, et al., *Human Rights and the Conflict of Culture*, Part 1, Chapter 1 and Part 2, Chapter 3.
3. Elizabeth Mayer, pp. 1-63.
4. Abdullahi An-na’im, *Human Rights, Religion and Secularism*.

**Week 7: Presumptions of Democracy: Human Rights, Rights and Duties, Liberties**

1. Berlin, *Two Concepts of Liberties*.
2. Encyclopedia of Islam, Hurriah.
3. Heiner Bielefeldt, *Muslim Voices in the Human Rights Debate*.

**Week 8: Justice and Equality**

1. Khadduri, *Islamic Conception of Justice*, Chapters 1, 2, and 8.
2. Rawls, *Theory of Justice*, Chapter 1.

**Week 9: Pluralism**

1. Soroush, *Pluralism*.
2. A. Sachedina, *Islamic Roots of Democratic Pluralism*, Chapter 2.
3. Soroush, Chapter 2.

**Week 10: Iranian Intellectuals and Democracy**

1. Jahambakhsh, pp. 50-end.
2. Kurzman, Chapters 3, 7, 21, 26.

**Week 11: Prodemocratic Arguments (Revisited): Types of Religiosity**

1. Soroush, *Types of Religiosity*
2. Soroush, *Pluralism*
3. Soroush, "Evolution and Devolution of Religious Knowledge," in *Liberal Islam*.

**Week 12: Certainty and Relativism/ Conclusion**

1. Gellner, *Postmodernism, Reason and Religion*, pp. 1-75
2. Kurzman, Introduction.