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Hunter's areas of expertise include the Middle East (especially the Persian Gulf region), the Mediterranean, Russia, Central Asia, and the Caucasus (North and South), and she has done extensive work on North-South relations, energy (Persian Gulf, Caucasus, Central Asia), developing-country issues (political, social, economic, security), and Islam (Russia, Europe, the United States).

Her books are *Reformist Voices of Islam: Mediating Religion and Modernity* (ed. and contributor, M.E. Sharpe, June 2008); *Islam and*



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*Human Rights: Advancing a U.S.-Muslim Dialogue* (ed., CSIS Press, 2005); *Modernization, Democracy and Islam* (co-ed. and contributor, Praeger, 2005); *Islam in Russia: the Politics of Identity and Security* (M. E. Sharpe, 2004); *Strategic Development in Eurasia After September 11* (ed., Frank Cass, 2003); *Islam: Europe's Second Religion* (ed., Praeger, 2002); *The Future of Islam-West Relations: Clash of Civilizations or Peaceful Coexistence?* (CSIS/Praeger, 1998); *Central Asia Since Independence* (CSIS/Praeger, 1996); *The Transcaucasus in Transition: Nation-Building and Conflict* (CSIS/Westview Press, 1994); *Iran After Khomeini* (Praeger, 1992); *Iran and the World: Continuity in a Revolutionary Decade* (Indiana, 1990); *The Politics of Islamic Revivalism* (ed., Indiana, 1988); and *OPEC and the Third World: Politics of Aid* (Indiana, 1984). Her books have been used widely in courses in major U.S. and foreign universities. Her books *Modernization, Democracy and Islam* and *The Future of Islam and the West* have been translated into Persian and Arabic.

Hunter's major monographs include *Iran between the Caspian Sea and the Gulf* (Emirate Center for Strategic Studies, 2000); *The Algerian Crisis: Origins, Evolution, and Implications for the Maghreb and Europe* (CEPS Paper No. 66, 1996); *Turkey at the Crossroads: Islamic Past or European Future?* (CEPS Paper No. 63, 1995); *Gulf Cooperation Council* (ed., CSIS, 1984); *Internal Developments in Iran* (ed., CSIS, 1985); and *The PLO After Tripoli* (ed., CSIS, 1984).

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