



# MESF Book Launch - Iran and the West | A Non-Western Approach to Foreign Policy

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Andrew Thomas is a lecturer in Middle East studies and International Relations at Deakin University in Melbourne, Australia. Join us at the official launch of his book *"Iran and the West: A Non-Western Approach to Foreign Policy."*

This book explores non-Western approaches to foreign policy in the context of Iran in order to encourage wider consideration of non-Western scholarship in international relations. The aim of this book is to highlight the contemporary relevance of native Iranian and non-Western perspectives to IR analysis, returning complexity and critique to Iranian studies. To do this, Andrew examines four of Iran's political encounters with the West, including its resistance to sanctions policy and negotiations surrounding its nuclear program. Ultimately, the book argues that ignoring Iranian motivations of identity has routinely resulted in missed opportunities, growing tensions and failed coercive policy.

- Date:** Friday, April 5 2024  
**Time:** 12:00 - 14:00  
**Location:** Burwood Corporate Centre (BCC)  
221 Burwood Highway Burwood, VIC 3125  
**Zoom (optional):** Meeting ID: 858 4306 2174 (please RSVP for password)

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