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Oil, Politics and the Middle East

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If it wasn't for oil, relations between the West and countries in the Middle East would surely be very different. How did Middle East oil become the lifeblood of the West and attain such influence? How does oil shape foreign policy today? Learn about the background to our current predicament and consider what the future may hold, over four compelling weeks: 1) The history of oil and energy in the Middle East; 2) How the West came to the Middle East amid war and political machinations in search of oil; 3) The epic secret pact that governed the oil, The Redline Agreement; 4) What the world will do if the oil flow is interrupted. Based on his four bestsellers:

**Banking on Baghdad
Internal Combustion
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