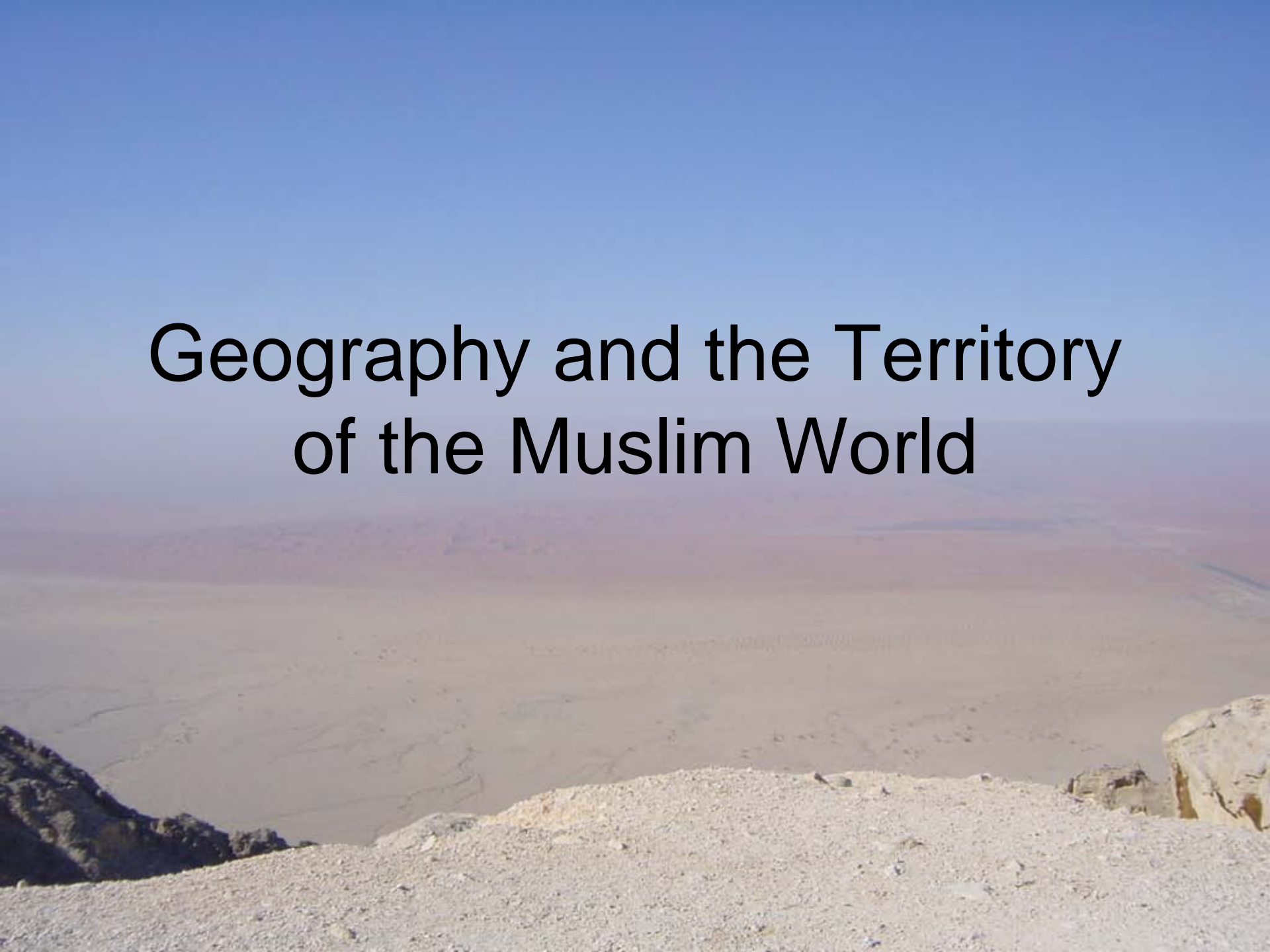
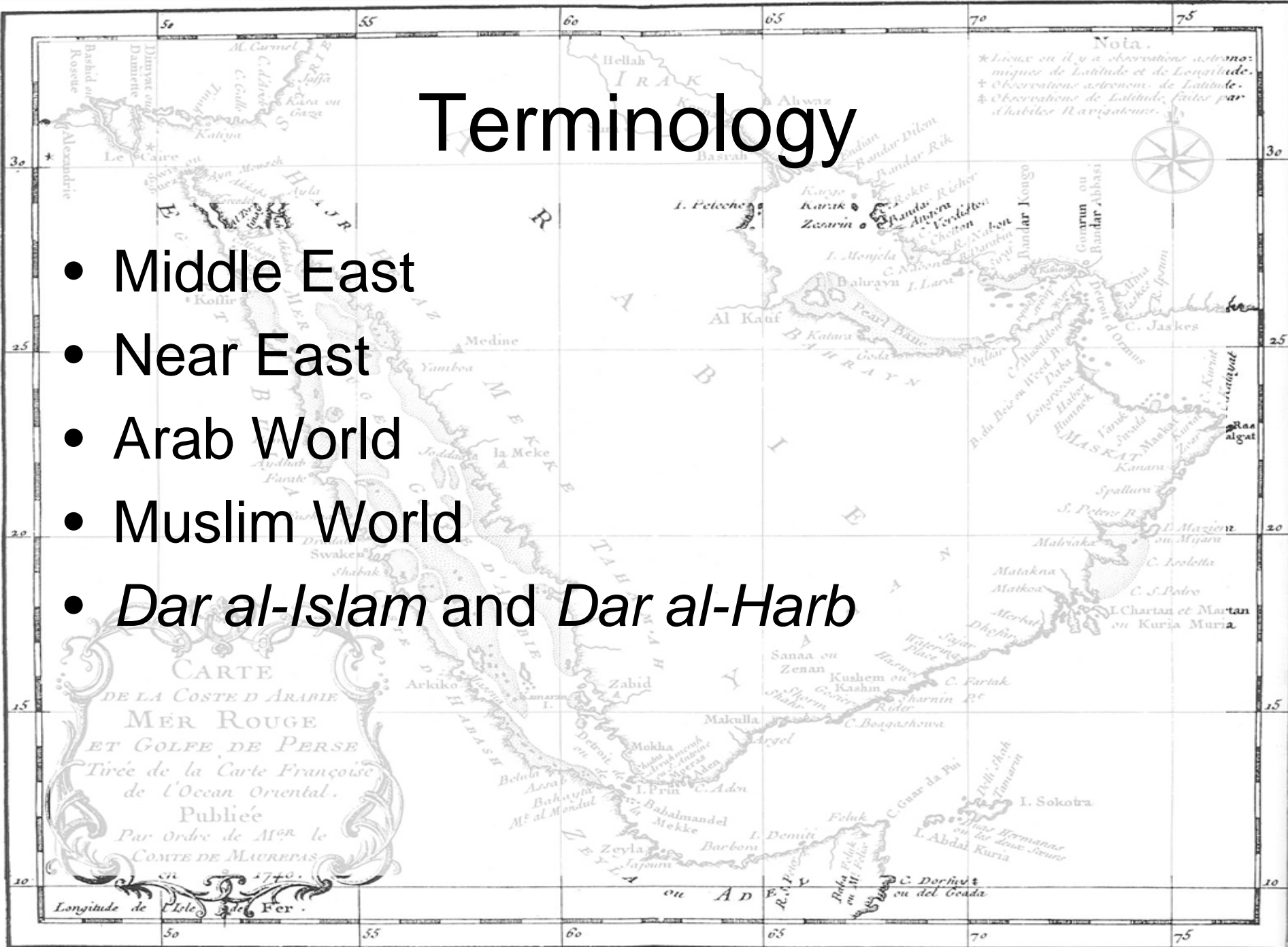


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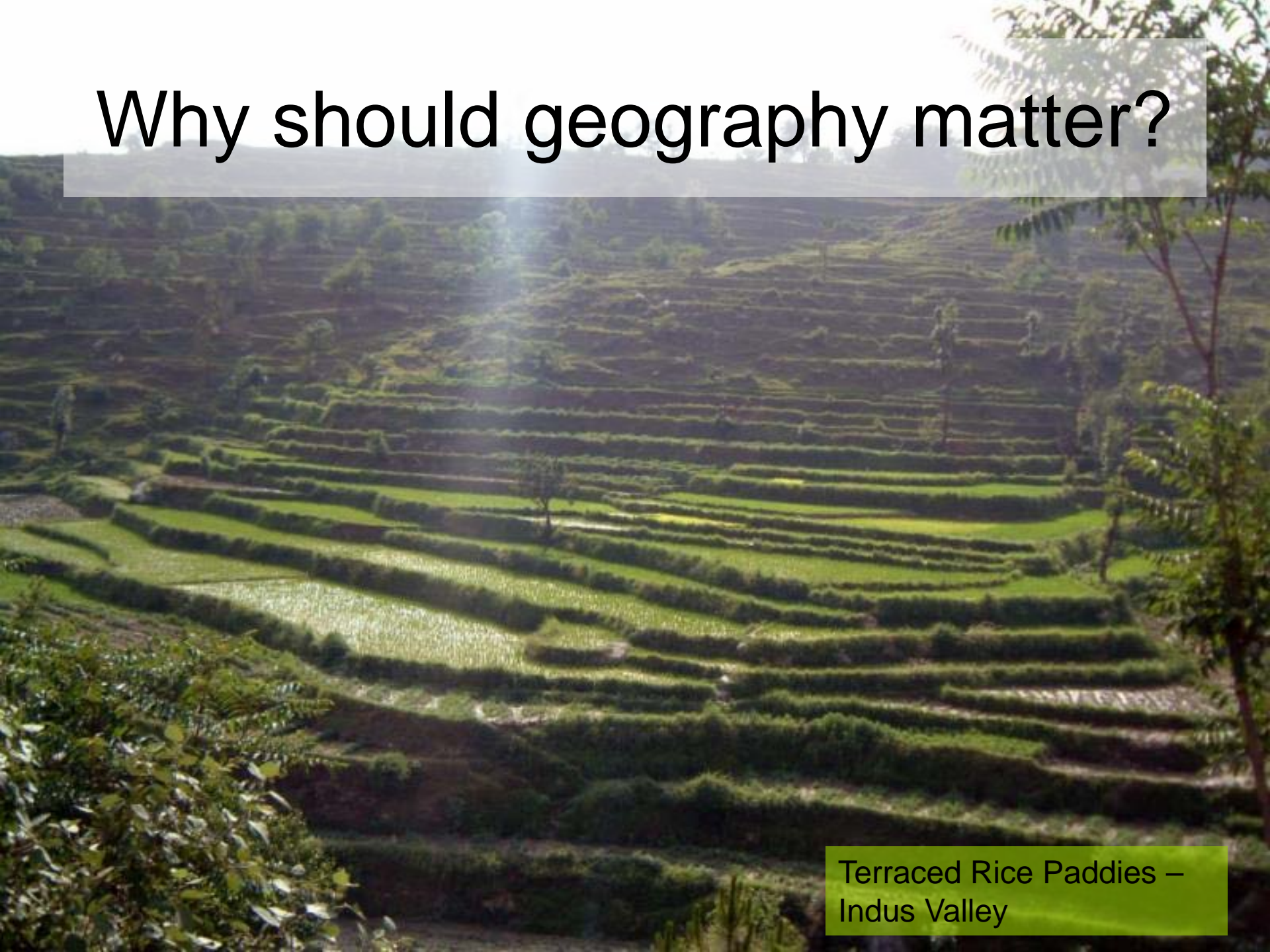


Terminology

- Middle East
- Near East
- Arab World
- Muslim World
- *Dar al-Islam* and *Dar al-Harb*



Why should geography matter?



Terraced Rice Paddies –
Indus Valley

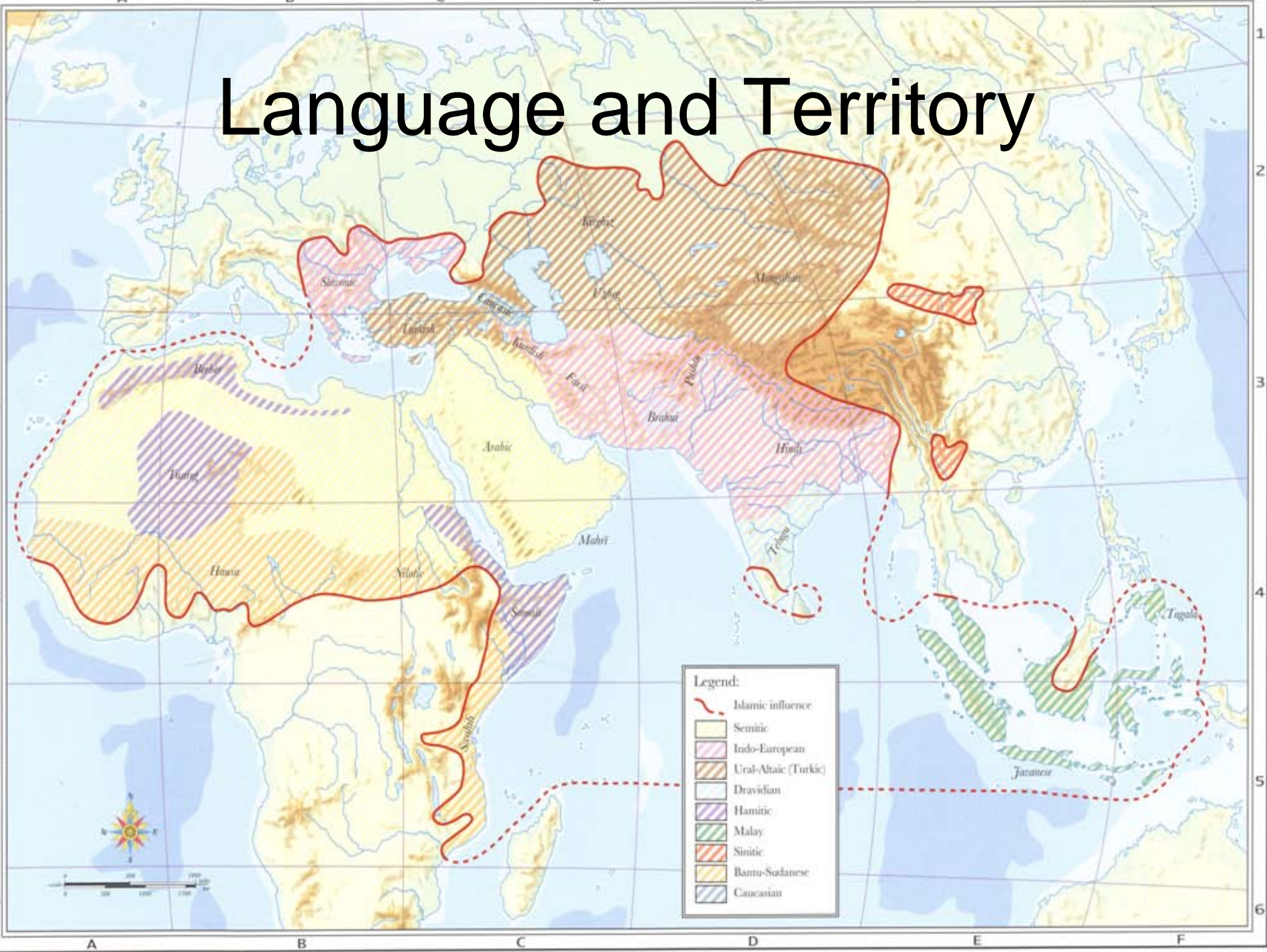
The politics of place

The marshes of Southern Iraq

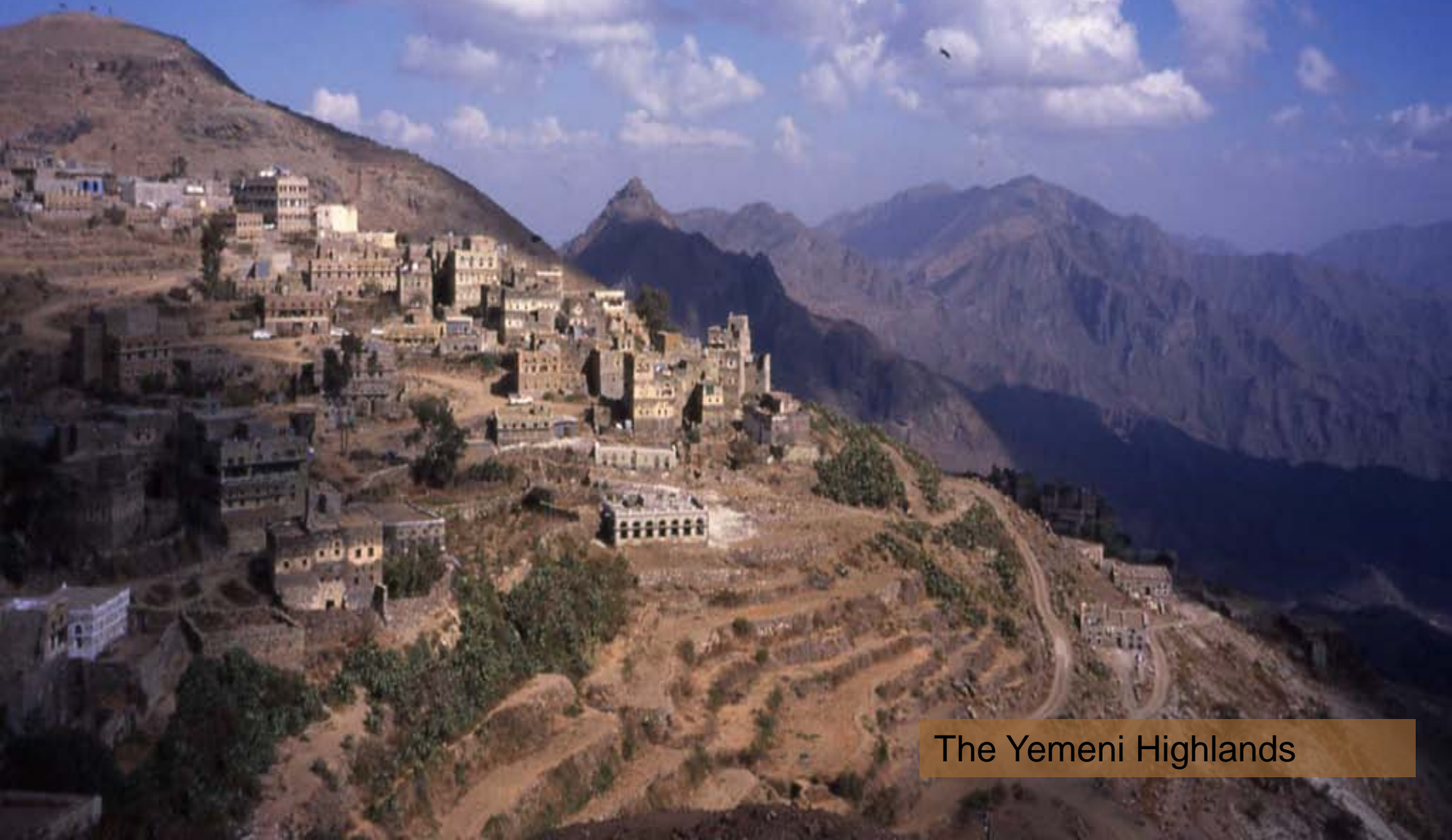
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Language and Territory



Adapting to the terrain



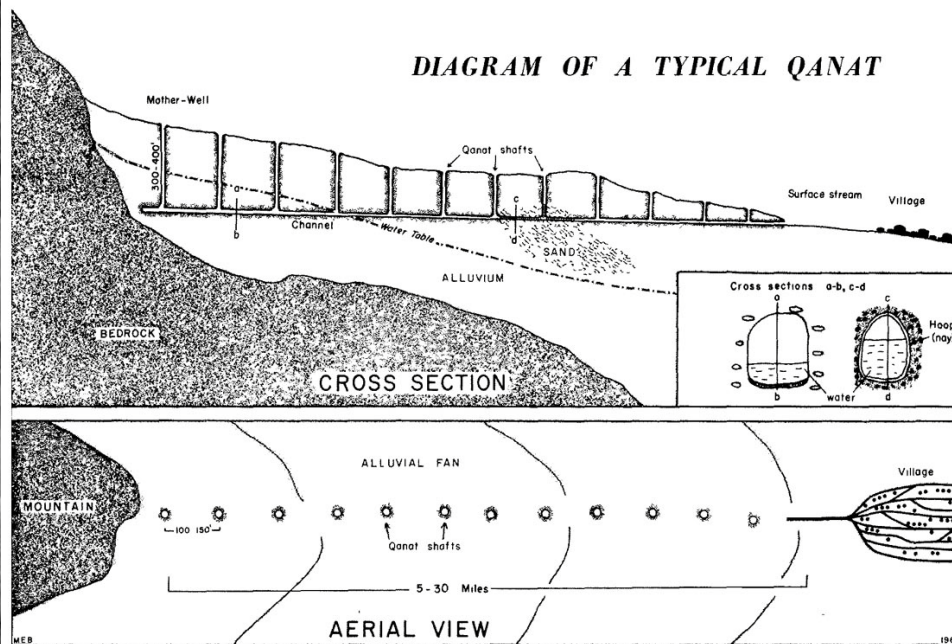
The Yemeni Highlands

The Importance of Water



Noria or waterwheels of Hama,
Syria

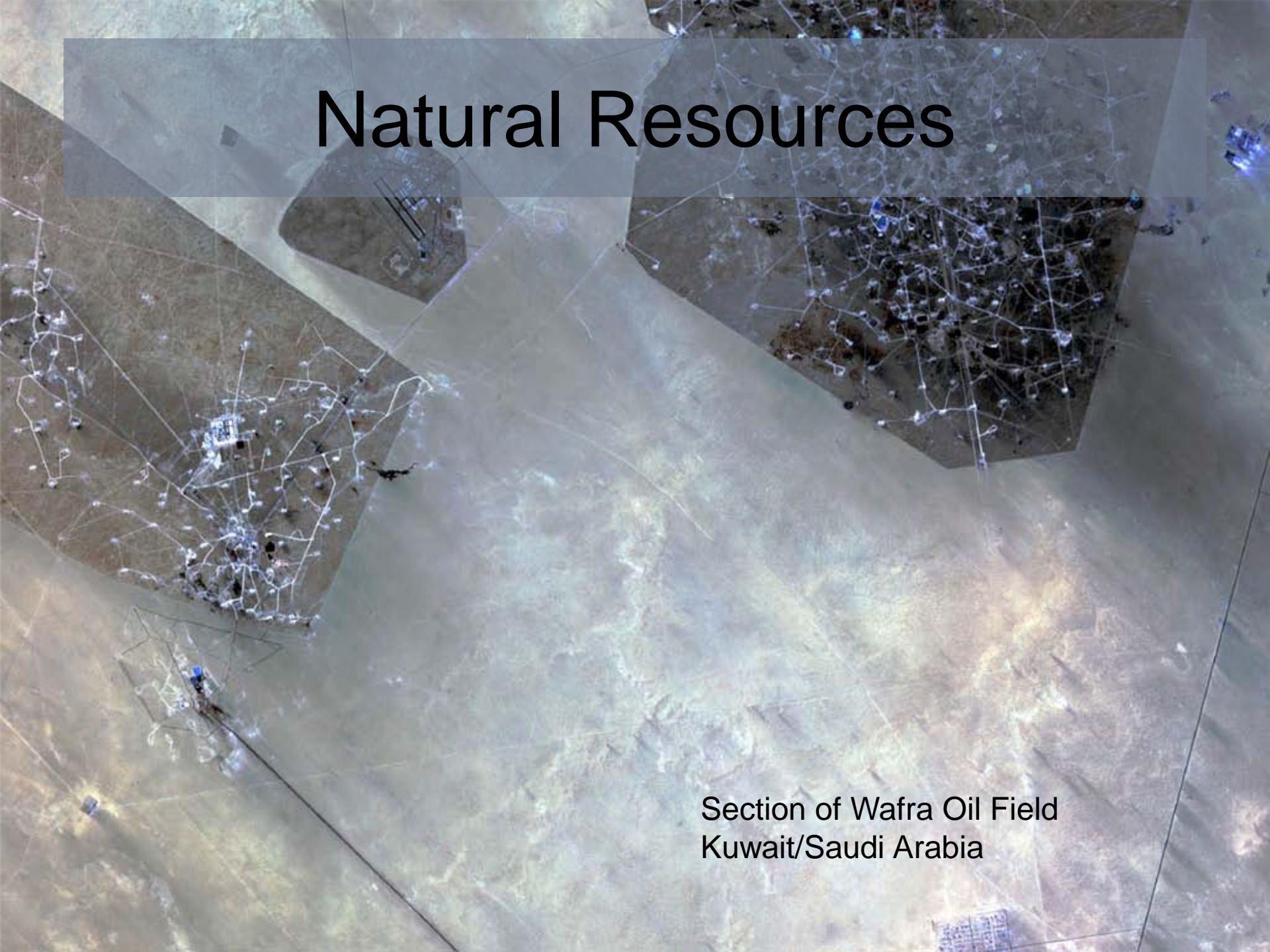
DIAGRAM OF A TYPICAL QANAT



Qanat System -- Iran

Natural Resources

Section of Wafra Oil Field
Kuwait/Saudi Arabia



The Built Environment



Village outside of Aleppo, Syria
circa 1900



Urban Sprawl, Aleppo, Syria
circa 2000

Conquering the Landscape or The Landscape as Conqueror

