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Dr. Shireen Hunter, a prominent scholar and diplomat, has focused her career on the intersections of international relations, culture, and religion, particularly in the Middle East and Central Asia. A former Iranian diplomat, she served in Iran's Foreign Service from 1965 to 1979 and later became a key figure at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), where she directed the Islam Program and contributed to policy analysis for over 20 years. At Georgetown University's Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, she held roles as Visiting Professor, Research Professor, and Honorary Fellow. Author of 16 books and over 100 scholarly articles, Shireen Hunter is renowned for her balanced perspectives on Iranian identity, Islam, and geopolitics, making her a leading voice in international affairs.



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Shireen Hunter's time at CSIS in Washington, D.C., where she led the Islam Program, was marked by influential research on Islam in international politics, shaping key policy discussions on the Middle East and leaving a lasting impact on global affairs.

As a Professor and Honorary Fellow at Georgetown's Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Shireen Hunter has shared her expertise on the Middle East in classrooms as well as in conferences and TV shows.

With over 16 books and numerous articles, Shireen Hunter has greatly contributed to understanding Middle Eastern geopolitics and the intersections of religion and identity. Her publications are essential resources for both students and policymakers.