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Educational Leadership Issues and the Related Knowledge Production in West Asian Countries

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Educational leadership and management (EDLM) literature has been historically dominated by theoretical and empirical research from the western countries. However, EDLM research from non-Western context has been significantly increased in the recent years, specifically during the past decade. Researchers have developed an interest in revealing this body of knowledge from the developing world. My presentation will focus on the scope and content of the EDLM research in West Asian countries, including Arabic-speaking countries, Turkey, and Israel. By doing this, I will identify the most frequently studied topics and concepts for the corpus of studies in this particular region. In addition, I will try to explore the existing literature's connection with the educational leadership issues in this region, as well as its consistency with growing body of ELDM literature from other non-western context. In general, discussions will focus on issues associated with tendency of studying western oriented leadership models, high presence of authoritarian approaches to leadership, lack of focus on social justice and equality perspectives of leadership, and difficulties to link leadership to student outcomes.