Discussions over the prospects of relations between Saudi Arabia and Iran are often framed within the sectarian context. While the religious divide between the two nations constitutes one component of their reciprocal foreign policy behavior, it does not sufficiently explain the key reasons for the current tensions between them. Dr. Keynoush, author of *Saudi Arabia and Iran: Friends or Foes?* (Palgrave Macmillan; 2016) discusses her recent book to challenge commonly held religious and political misperceptions about this contentious relationship, reveal how the debate can be reframed by focusing on key structural determinants in the relations that really matter, and offer insights on how to rebuild a better Saudi-Iranian partnership.