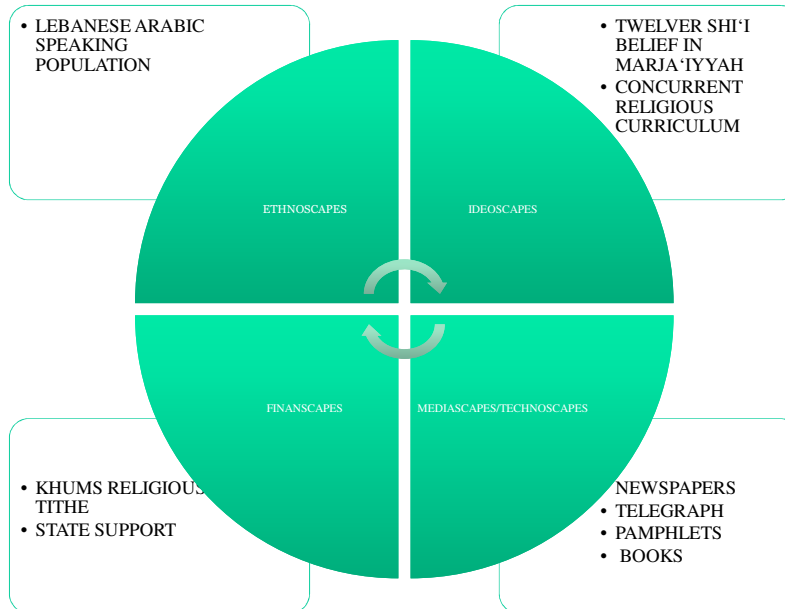




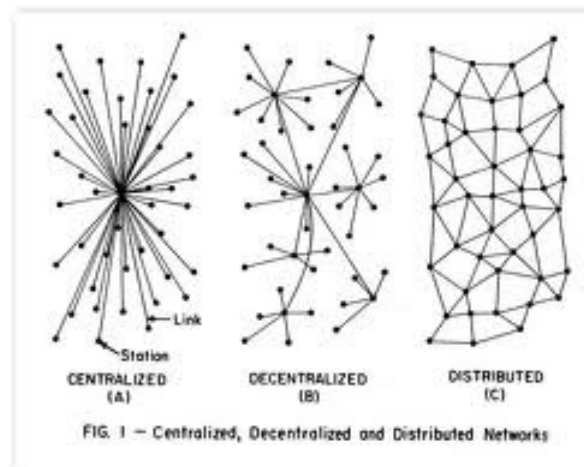
# Reform Movements of Early 20th Century Lebanese Shi'a Communities

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## APPADURAI'S DIMENSIONS OF CULTURAL FLOW APPLIED TO LEBANON c. 1910



## THREE MODELS OF ACTOR-NETWORK ANALYSIS



**Research Goal:** To clarify the historical development of religious authority structures in early 20th century in Lebanon and its transformations and regional effects.

**Hypothesis:** Reformist intellectual trends that developed in Lebanon in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century enacted long-term changes in the structures of authority in Arabic-speaking Shi'ite communities throughout the Middle East and transnationally