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Oceanic Islam : Muslim Universalism and European Imperialism / Sugata Bose,
Ayesha Jalal (Eds.)

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The Indian Ocean interregional arena is a space of vital economic and strategic importance characterized by specialized flows of capital and labor, skills and services, and ideas and culture. Islam in particular and religiously informed universalism in general once signified cosmopolitanism across this wide realm. This historical reality is at variance with contemporary conceptions of Islam as an illiberal religion that breeds intolerance and terrorism. The future balance of global power will be determined in large measure by policies of key actors in the Indian Ocean and the lands that abut it rather than in the Atlantic or the Pacific. The interplay of multiple and competing universalisms in the Indian Ocean arena is in urgent need of better understanding.

Oceanic Islam: Muslim Universalism and European Imperialism is a fresh contribution to Islamic and Indian Ocean studies alike, placing the history of modern South Asia in broader interregional and global contexts. It refines theories of universalism and cosmopolitanism while at the same time drawing on new empirical research. The essays in the volume bring the best academic scholarship on Islam in South Asia and across the Indian Ocean in the age of European empire to the readers.

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Islam in the West : Identity Crisis, Multiculturalism and Conflicts / Yinka
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John Archers (Publishers) Ltd, Ibadan, Nigeria 2020

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This book explores complexities on evolving concepts on Muslims in the West. It does this by explaining and evaluating the symbiotic relationship between Islam and the West. In particular, it analyses the behavior of Muslims and their pursuance of a religious identity in western societies.

It also provides fresh debates on the concept of religious nationalism within western societies and the antecedent of conflict.

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The Living Conditions of The Talakawa and The Shari'ah in Contemporary Nigeria
/ Abubakar Siddique Mohammed, Sa'idu Hassan Adamu and Alkasum Abba

CEDDERT,Zaria, Nigeria 2000

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Islam in a Secular State : Muslim Activism in Singapore / Walid Jumblatt Abdullah
(Series Ed) Martin Ramstedt

Amsterdam University Press Amsterdam, Netherlands 2021

306p. ; 156x234mm.

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The overtly secular state of Singapore has unapologetically maintained an authoritarian approach to governance in the realm of religion. Islam is particularly managed by the state. Muslim activists thus have to meticulously navigate these realities - in addition to being a minority community - in order to maximize their influence in the political system. Significantly, Muslim activists are not a monolith: there exists a multitude of political and theological differences amongst them. This study analyses the following categories of Muslim activists: Islamic religious scholars (ulama), liberal Muslims, and the more conservative-minded individuals. Due to constricting political realities, many activists attempt to align themselves with the state, and call upon the state to be an arbiter in their disagreements with other factions. Though there are activists who challenge the state, these are by far in the minority, and are typically unable to assert their influence in a sustained manner.

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Pathways to Contemporary Islam : New Trends in Critical Engagement / (Ed)
Mohamed Nawab Mohamed Osman (Series Ed) Martin Ramstedt

Amsterdam University Press, Amsterdam, Netherlands 2020

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Pathways to Contemporary Islam: New Trends in Critical Engagement highlights that the current tensions in Islam and the Muslim world are the result of historical dynamics as opposed to an alleged incompatibility between religious tradition and modernity. The emphasis on pathways indicates that critical engagement and contestation have always been intrinsic to the history of Islam. The aim of the book is to elaborate the contemporary pathways and analyse the trends that contest the Islamic intellectual tradition, the relationship between religion and politics, and the individual and collective practice of religion. The collection of essays analyses the current efforts of critical re-engagement with the Islamic intellectual tradition and underlines the historical diversity of Islamic orthodoxies that led to the establishment of various pathways in the practice and role of religion in Muslim societies.

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