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The Hidden Enemy Michael Youssef 2018-03-06 What's going on in our world? Why are suicide bombers attacking our cities? Why are shooters invading our workplaces and malls? Why are students attacking speakers at their colleges? Why are there two versions of the truth on the Internet and in the media? Michael Youssef, popular teacher and Middle Eastern expert, explains in detail what's troubling today's world. Aggressive secularism is stripping our nation of the vestiges of truth, as many Christians are browbeaten into silence. What's ironic is that secularism is actually opening the door to the "might makes right" nature of radical Islam. In a post-truth world, the most powerful voice wins. What can save us and our children from this chilling future? Michael Youssef, in this groundbreaking book, shows how we can win the war against aggressive secularism, beat back the threat of radical Islam, and build a brighter future for both ourselves and the next generation. Be prepared for the times in which we live. Understand what's happening. Stand up for a brighter and hope-filled future for our children.

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation Turan Kayaoglu 2015-05-22 The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is the world's leading international Islamic organization. Turan Kayaoglu provides the first accessible and concise introduction and overview of this important organization. This book details the OIC's struggle to address popular Muslim demands balanced against the member states' reluctance to support the OIC politically and materially. Despite this predicament, the organization has made itself increasingly relevant over the last decade through increasing its visibility as the representative body of Muslim unity and promoting its role as a reliable interlocutor on behalf of Muslims in global society. Outlining the history, workings and goals of the OIC, the book also highlights key issues that may influence the OIC's ability to realize its potential in the future. This will be of great interest to students and scholars of international relations, international organizations and islamic studies.

Combatting Global Religious Intolerance Marc Limon 2014

American Ingrate Benjamin Weingarten 2020-03-17 She says that America was "founded by the genocide of indigenous people and on the backs of slaves," and that "ignorance really is pervasive" among Americans today. She says America must "dismantle" capitalism and "demilitarize" U.S. foreign policy, which she sees "from the perspective of a foreigner," tweeting "thousands of Somalis [were] killed by...American forces...#NotTodaySatan." She says American support for Israel is "all about the Benjamins baby," and that American Jews disloyally pledge "allegiance" to Israel's "apartheid...regime," which has "hypnotized the world." She says of the 9/11 attacks: "some people did something." Shockingly, Congresswoman Ilhan Omar's (D-MN) words merely scratch the surface of her hatred of America—and the West—and divert our gaze from the nefarious actions she is taking to sabotage it from within.

American Ingrate is the defining book on the size, scope, and nature of the threat posed by Representative Omar—the personification of the anti-American Left-Islamist nexus—heightened by her hidden collusion with like-minded adversaries foreign and domestic, and alleged criminality and corruption. This is a clarion wakeup call to the dangers epitomized by Rep. Omar. For she is not merely a lone radical in Congress, but the archetype of the new Democratic Party—and a uniquely dangerous figure at the heart of a uniquely dangerous challenge to America.

International Development Law Petra Minnerop 2019 This volume brings together articles on international development law from the Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law, the definitive reference work on international law. It provides an invaluable resource for scholars, students, and practitioners of international development law, giving an accessible, thorough overview of all aspects of the field. Each article contains cross-references to related articles, and includes a carefully selected bibliography of the most important writings and primary materials as a guide to further reading. The Encyclopedia can be used by a wide range of readers. Experienced scholars and practitioners will find a wealth of information on areas that they do not already know well as well as in-depth treatments on every aspect of their specialist topics. Articles can also be set as readings for students on taught courses.

Reconciling Religion and Human Rights Salama, Ibrahim 2022-04-14 Projecting a global interdisciplinary vision, this insightful book develops a peer-to-peer learning methodology to facilitate reconciling religion and human rights, both in multilateral contexts and at the national level. Written by leading human rights practitioners, the book illuminates the tension zones between religion and rights, exploring how the 'faith' elements in both disciplines can create synergies for protecting equal human dignity.

Blasphemy and Freedom of Expression Jeroen Temperman 2017-11-16 The tension between blasphemy laws and the freedom of expression in modern times is a key area of debate within legal academia and beyond. With contributions by leading scholars, this volume compares blasphemy laws within a number of Western liberal democracies and debates the legitimacy of these laws in the twenty-first century. Including comprehensive and up-to-date comparative country studies, this book considers the formulation of blasphemy bans, relevant

jurisprudential interpretations, the effect on society, and the ensuing convictions and penalties where applicable. It provides a useful historical analysis by discussing the legal-political rationales behind the recent abolition of blasphemy laws in some Western states. Contributors also consider the challenges to the tenability of blasphemy laws in a selection of well-balanced theoretical chapters. This book is essential reading for scholars working within the fields of human rights law, philosophy and sociology of religion, and comparative politics. State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations for 2015 United States. Congress. House. Committee on Appropriations. Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs 2014

Religious Discrimination and Cultural Context Kerry O'Halloran 2017-11-23 Generations of festering culture wars, compounded by actual wars in predominantly Muslim countries, the terrorism of Isis, and the ongoing migrant crisis have all combined to make religious discrimination the most pressing challenge now facing many governments. For the leading common law nations, with their shared Christian cultural heritage balanced by a growing secularism, the threat presented by this toxic mix has the potential to destabilise civil society. This book suggests that the instances of religious discrimination, as currently legally defined, are constrained by that cultural context, exacerbated by a policy of multiculturalism, and in practice, conflated with racial, ethnic or other forms of discrimination. Kerry O'Halloran argues that many culture war issues - such as those that surround the pro-choice/pro-life debate and the rights of the LGBT community - can be viewed as rooted in the same Christian morality that underpins the law relating to religious discrimination.

Religion, State and the United Nations Anne Stensvold 2016-07-22 This volume approaches the UN as a laboratory of religio-political value politics. Over the last two decades religion has acquired increasing influence in international politics, and religious violence and terrorism has attracted much scholarly attention. But there is another parallel development which has gone largely unnoticed, namely the increasing political impact of peaceful religious actors. With several religious actors in one place and interacting under the same conditions, the UN is as a multi-religious society writ small. The contributors to this book analyse the most influential religious actors at the UN (including The Roman Catholic Church; The Organisation of Islamic Countries; the Russian Orthodox Church). Mapping the peaceful political engagements of religious actors; who they are and how they collaborate with each other - whether on an ad hoc basis or by forming more permanent networks - throwing light at the modus operandi of religious actors at the UN; their strategies and motivations. The chapters are closely interrelated through the shared focus on the UN and common theoretical perspectives, and pursue two intertwined aspects of religious value politics, namely the whys and hows of cross-religious cooperation on the one hand, and the interaction between religious actors and states on the other. Drawing together a broad range of experts on religious actors, this work will be of great interest to students and scholars of Religion and Politics, International Relations and the UN.

The Organization of Islamic Cooperation and Human Rights Marie Juul Petersen 2019-07-05 Established in 1969, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is an intergovernmental organization the purpose of which is the strengthening of solidarity among Muslims. Headquartered in Jeddah, the OIC today consists of fifty seven states from the Middle East, Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The OIC's longevity and geographic reach, combined with its self-proclaimed role as the United Nations of the Muslim world, raise certain expectations as to its role in global human rights politics. However, to date, these hopes have been unfulfilled. The Organization of Islamic Cooperation and Human Rights sets out to demonstrate the potential and shortcomings of the OIC and the obstacles on the paths it has navigated. Historically, the OIC has had a complicated relationship with the international human rights regime.

Palestinian self-determination was an important catalyst for the founding of the OIC, but the OIC did not develop a comprehensive human rights approach in its first decades. In fact, human rights issues were rarely, if at all, mentioned at the organization's summits or annual conferences of foreign ministers. Instead, the OIC tended to focus on protecting Islamic holy sites and strengthening economic cooperation among member states. As other international and regional organizations expanded the international human rights system in the 1990s, the OIC began to pay greater attention to human rights, although not always in a manner that aligned with Western conceptions. This volume provides essential empirical and theoretical insights into OIC practices, contemporary challenges to human rights, intergovernmental organizations, and global Islam. Essays by some of the world's leading scholars examine the OIC's human rights activities at different levels—in the UN, the organization's own institutions, and at the member-state level—and assess different aspects of the OIC's approach, identifying priority areas of involvement and underlying conceptions of human rights. Contributors: Hirah Azhar, Mashood A. Baderin, Anthony Tirado Chase, Ioana Cismas, Moataz El Feghery, Turan Kayaoglu, Martin Lestra, Ann Elizabeth Mayer, Mahmood Monshipouri, Marie Juul Petersen, Zeynep ?ahin-Mencütek, Heini Skorini, M. Evren Tok.

Freedom of Expression in Islam Muhammad Khalid Masud 2021-01-28 In Muslim countries, apostasy and blasphemy laws are defended on the grounds that they are based on Islamic Shari'a and intended to protect religion. But blasphemy and apostasy laws can be used both to suppress thought and debate and to harass religious minorities, both inside and outside Islam. This book – comprising contributions from Muslim scholars, experts and activists - critically and constructively engages with the theological, historical and legal reasoning behind the most restrictive state laws around the world to open up new ways of thinking. The book focuses on the struggle within Muslim societies in Iran, Egypt, Pakistan and Indonesia where blasphemy and apostasy laws serve powerful groups to silence dissent and stifle critical thought. The first part of the book covers the development of the law in shifting historical circumstances and surveys the interpretations of Qur'anic verses that seem to affirm freedom of religion. The second part examines the present politics and practices of prosecuting alleged blasphemers and/or apostates in Muslim countries. The third part looks to the future and where reforms of the law could be possible. Debates on Islam and freedom of expression are often cast in polarizing terms of rights versus religion, East versus West. This volume avoids such approaches by bringing together a diverse group of Muslim scholars and activists with the knowledge, commitment and courage to contest repressive interpretations of religion and provide a resource for reclaiming the human rights to freedom of expression and belief.

Routledge Handbook on Human Rights and the Middle East and North Africa Anthony Tirado Chase 2016-11-10 Recent events such as 'Iran's Green Revolution' and the 'Arab Uprisings' have exploded notions that human rights are irrelevant to Middle Eastern and North African politics. Increasingly seen as a global concern, human rights are at the fulcrum of the region's on-the-ground politics, transnational intellectual debates, and global political intersections. The Routledge Handbook on Human Rights and the Middle East and North Africa: emphasises the need to consider human rights in all their dimensions, rather than solely focusing on the political dimension, in order to understand the structural reasons behind the persistence of

human rights violations; explores the various frameworks in which to consider human rights—conceptual, political and transnational/international; discusses issue areas subject to particularly intense debate—gender, religion, sexuality, transitions and accountability; contains contributions from perspectives that span from global theory to grassroots reflections, emphasising the need for academic work on human rights to seriously engage with the thoughts and practices of those working on the ground. A multidisciplinary approach from scholars with a wide range of expertise allows the book to capture the complex dynamics by which human rights have had, or could have, an impact on Middle Eastern and North African politics. This book will therefore be a key resource for students and scholars of Middle Eastern and North African politics and society, as well as anyone with a concern for Human Rights across the globe.

Jihadist Psychopath Jamie Glazov 2018-12-18 Every element of the formula by which the psychopath subjugates his victim, the Islamic Supremacist likewise uses to ensnare and subjugate non-Muslims. And in the same way that the victim of the psychopath is complicit in his own destruction, Western civilization is now embracing and enabling its own conquest and consumption.

The Changing Nature of Religious Rights under International Law Malcolm Evans 2015-03-19 The Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief, as proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 1981, is the only universal human rights instrument specifically focusing on religious intolerance and discrimination. However, recent years have seen increasing controversy surrounding this right, in both political and legal contexts. The European Court of Human Rights has experienced a vast expansion in the number of cases it has had brought before it concerning religious freedom, and politically the boundaries of the right have been much disputed. This book provides a systematic analysis of the different approaches to religious rights which exist in public international law. The book explores how particular institutional perspectives emerge in the context of these differing approaches. It examines, and challenges, these institutional perspectives. It identifies new directions for approaching religious rights through international law by examining existing legal tools, and assesses their achievements and shortcomings. It studies religious organisations' support for international human rights protection, as well as religious critique of international human rights and the development of an alternative religious 'Bills of Rights'. It investigates whether expressions of members belonging to religious minorities can be considered under the minority right to culture, rather than the right to religion, and discusses the benefits and shortcomings of such a route. It analyses the reach and limits of the provisions in the 1981 Declaration, identifies ways in which the right is being eroded as a concept, and suggests new ways in which the right can be reinforced and protected.

Due Process of Inquiry, says Waltz Joan Schmidt 2016-09-01 'Due Process of Inquiry, says Waltz' is a book about theory on political plate tectonics launched by Kenneth N. Waltz (1924 - 2013) in his very well-known book 'Theory of International Politics'; a book that establishes his work as neo-realism. Waltz's core theory depicts in a tentative axiomatic system his chief postulate of the two co-existing political systems namely the complementarity of hierarchy and anarchy; complementary as defined by Bohr. It is empirical theory that measures power in the political anarchy in polarity; judged on the standards of Sir Karl Popper. It is also theory that can serve as framework for logics of situation as they spring from the distributional structural dynamics. To capture the fundamental logic of pole's behaviour Waltz imported the principle of survival motive and the notion of 'selection' from Darwinian theory. Natural selection is the empirical principle that bridges Darwinian theory with Popperian falsificationism and Waltzian structural political theory. Natural selection simply resembles falsification. From the point of view of humanism, it is to be remembered that the Darwinian principle of survival and the mechanism of selection are no choices on the part of Darwin, Popper, Waltz, behaviourist scientists, or anybody else. It is no political preference. It is an empirical principle. It merely so happens in life.

International Law, Security and Ethics Aidan Hehir 2014-02-04 This book examines the different ways in which the laws governing the use of force and the conduct of warfare have become subject to intense scrutiny and contestation since the initiation of the war on terror. Since the end of the Cold War, the nature of security challenges has changed radically and this change has been recognised by the UN, governments and academics around the world. The 9/11 attacks and the subsequent launch of the 'war on terror' added a new dimension to this debate on the nature and utility of international law due to the demands from some quarters for a change in the laws governing self-defence and humanitarian intervention. This book analyses the nature of these debates and focuses on key issues that have led to the unprecedented contemporary questioning of both the utility and composition of international law on the use of force as well as the practicability of using force, including handling of 'prisoners' and 'security risks'. It also identifies the sources of division and addresses the capacities of security policy and international law to adapt to the changed international environment. This book will be of much interest to students of international law, war and conflict studies, and IR and Security Studies in general.

Foretold Kingdoms of the Islamic Anti-Christ Johnny Spencer 2018-09-24 If you don't wish to be left in the dark and base your admiration and acceptance of the religion of Islam on what is less than true, assuming it is just as every other religion in the world, then you must read Foretold Kingdoms of the Islamic Anti-Christ to learn of Islam's true origin and true destiny from the Holy Bible that most Muslim scholars are totally unaware about their own religion. Discover why the religion of Islam has survived through fourteen centuries of cultural and theocratic evolution until today and explore the Bible's true prophetic purpose of Islam's existence "whether it is to bring peace on earth and goodwill toward man or for a more sinister purpose for the world. This bold new revelation on the end of Islam and its coded presence in Bible prophecy is openly expressed for all to see in this gripping unveiling of true ancient Islam!

Blasphemies Compared Anne Stensvold 2020-11-30 This volume examines both historical developments and contemporary expressions of blasphemy across the world. The transgression of religious boundaries incurs more or less severe sanctions in various religious traditions. This book looks at how religious and political authorities use ideas about blasphemy as a means of control. In a globalised world where people of different faiths interact more than ever before and world-views are an increasingly important part of identity politics, religious boundaries is a source of controversy. The book goes beyond many others in this field by widening its scope beyond the legal aspects of freedom of expression. Approaching blasphemy as effective speech, the chapters in this book focus on real life situations and ask: who are the blasphemers; who are their accusers and what does blasphemy accomplish? Utilising case studies from Europe, the Middle East and Asia that encompass a wide variety of faith traditions, the book guides readers to a more nuanced appreciation of the historical roots, political implications and

religious rationale of attitudes towards blasphemy. Incorporating historical and contemporary approaches to blasphemy, this book will be of great use to academics in Religious Studies and the Sociology of Religion as well as Political Science, Media Studies, History.

Freedom of Religion Or Belief Heiner Bielefeldt 2016 "Freedom of Religious or Belief: An International Law Commentary is the first commentary to look comprehensively at the international provisions for the protection of freedom of religion or belief, considering how they are interpreted by various United Nations Special Procedures and Treaty Bodies." -- Back cover.

The OIC, the UN, and Counter-Terrorism Law-Making Katja Samuel 2014-07-18 The increasingly transnational nature of terrorist activities compels the international community to strengthen the legal framework in which counter-terrorism activities should occur at every level, including that of intergovernmental organizations. This unique, timely, and carefully researched monograph examines one such important yet generally under-researched and poorly understood intergovernmental organization, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation ('OIC', formerly the Organization of the Islamic Conference). In particular, it analyses in depth its institutional counter-terrorism law-making practice, and the relationship between resultant OIC law and comparable UN norms in furtherance of UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy goals. Furthermore, it explores two common (mis)assumptions regarding the OIC, namely whether its internal institutional weaknesses mean that its law-making practice is inconsequential at the intergovernmental level; and whether its self-declared Islamic objectives and nature are irrelevant to its institutional practice or are instead reflected within OIC law. Where significant normative tensions are discerned between OIC law and UN law, the monograph explores not only whether these may be explicable, at least in part, by the OIC's Islamic nature, and objectives, but also whether their corresponding institutional legal orders are conflicting or cooperative in nature, and the resultant implications of these findings for international counter-terrorism law- and policy-making. This monograph is expected to appeal especially to national and intergovernmental counter-terrorism practitioners and policy-makers, as well as to scholars concerned with the interaction between international and Islamic law norms. From the Foreword by Professor Ben Saul, The University of Sydney Dr Samuels book must be commended as an original and insightful contribution to international legal scholarship on the OIC, Islamic law, international law, and counter-terrorism. It fills significant gaps in legal knowledge about the vast investment of international and regional effort that has gone into the global counter-terrorism enterprise over many decades, and which accelerated markedly after 9/11. The scope of the book is ambitious, its subject matter is complex, and its sources are many and diverse. Dr Samuel has deployed an appropriate theoretical and empirical methodology, harnessed an intricate knowledge of the field, and brought a balanced judgement to bear, to bring these issues to life.

Offensive Speech, Religion, and the Limits of the Law Nicholas Hatzis 2021-03-29 Is a government justified in restricting speech offensive to religious belief? If so, what principles are at stake? Drawing on constitutional theory and social and political philosophy, this book discusses the normative reasons that support or negate government interference and their interaction with individual and collective religious freedom.

The Debasement of Human Rights Aaron Rhodes 2018-04-17 The idea of human rights began as a call for individual freedom from tyranny, yet today it is exploited to rationalize oppression and promote collectivism. How did this happen? Aaron Rhodes, recognized as "one of the leading human rights activists in the world" by the University of Chicago, reveals how an emancipatory ideal became so debased. Rhodes identifies the fundamental flaw in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the basis for many international treaties and institutions. It mixes freedom rights rooted in natural law—authentic human rights—with "economic and social rights," or claims to material support from governments, which are intrinsically political. As a result, the idea of human rights has lost its essential meaning and moral power. The principles of natural rights, first articulated in antiquity, were compromised in a process of accommodation with the Soviet Union after World War II, and under the influence of progressivism in Western democracies. Geopolitical and ideological forces ripped the concept of human rights from its foundations, opening it up to abuse. Dissidents behind the Iron Curtain saw clearly the difference between freedom rights and state-granted entitlements, but the collapse of the USSR allowed demands for an expanding array of economic and social rights to gain legitimacy without the totalitarian stigma. The international community and civil society groups now see human rights as being defined by legislation, not by transcendent principles. Freedoms are traded off for the promise of economic benefits, and the notion of collective rights is used to justify restrictions on basic liberties. We all have a stake in human rights, and few serious observers would deny that the concept has lost clarity. But no one before has provided such a comprehensive analysis of the problem as Rhodes does here, joining philosophy and history with insights from his own extensive work in the field.

ISLAMOPHOBIA: Roots, Consequences and Solutions Mahmoud Refaat 2021-09-06 These many competing voices now make the religious, cultural, and political ideas that support public debate and define Muslim life (and the objects and behaviors that symbolize these ideas) more and more familiar to the world around them. Non-Muslim origin (Lewis, 2007). Media reports related to British military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan; national and international terrorism (such as acts on behalf of Al Qaeda, the Taliban, or Islamic State); British media coverage of Muslims and Islamic culture has increased the number of Muslims living in the UK The image of Muslims has aroused people's interest in the religion, culture, and politics that shape the identity of Muslims. Understanding of these ideas and symbols and considerable and obvious misunderstandings are used to inform the debate, not only in the Muslim community but also in modern British society as a whole. The issues that shape the Muslim population in the UK inform and promote discussions (popular and academic) related to a wider range of topics and themes. Topics include national identity and citizenship; domestic and foreign policies; multicultural and social cohesion; the nature of religion and secularism; patriarchy and feminism; gender and sexual orientation issues; issues related to immigration; and access to public services and criminal justice chance. These themes sparked debates that resonated with different and sometimes different perspectives and linked a wide range of national interest issues to specific elements of British Muslim life and experiences within the Muslim community. Many questions about British Muslims can be described as a lens through which you can see the changing and changing nature of the entire British society; the way non-members view minority communities and the way these communities view the entire society shaping and reshaping National and cultural identity. Therefore, the study of the relationship between British Muslims and non-Muslim groups (and their thoughts and values) can not only reveal how a person perceives or be seen by others, but can also reveal how everyone perceives themselves. He also

contributed to the debate surrounding the Muslim population in Britain. It focuses on a controversial concept that has been used to describe the relationship between the British Muslim population and various other groups: non-Muslim communities, state institutions, and the media: "Islamophobia". 1 This concept is commonly used to Define intolerance of the case. , Prejudice and hostility towards Muslims and Islamic beliefs. However, its use has become the subject of discussion, speculation, and controversy.

Jews, Antisemitism, and the Middle East Michael Curtis 2017-09-08 Will animosity towards Jews and the State of Israel never end? This book ventures to rectify the misrepresentations, propaganda, obsessions, and falsifications widely disseminated in the media and public discourse, explaining the motivations behind them. The issues Michael Curtis scrutinizes are complicated and controversial, sometimes even baffling, but he reviews them in as objective and rigorous a manner as possible. Curtis divides his arguments into five key areas: political correctness and the obsessive attack on Israel; the surprising and disturbing rise of antisemitism; the Arab world and the Islamist threat; the Palestinian narrative; and the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. The first section focuses on the censorious attitude toward Israel taken by many in the international community. A second section consists of essays on the increase of contemporary antisemitism in Arab and Muslim countries as well as European democracies. In the third section, the author addresses changes in the Arab world, the threat of Iranian ambitions, the new alliance of Sunni Islamist states, and the growing strength and danger of Islamic fundamentalism and extremist behavior. His fourth section, on the Palestinian Narrative, details the acceptance by many critics of Israel and the international media of the Palestinian narrative of victimhood. Finally, the section on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict details the continuing struggle within the Middle East between Israelis and Palestinians. This book is a must read for historians, political scientists, Jewish studies scholars, and all those interested in one of the most volatile and controversial regions in the world today.

Freedom or Submission: On the Dangers of Islamic Extremism & American Complacency Pamela Geller 2013-02-23 Author's Introduction We are at war. Our mortal enemy has made no secret of its goal and stated aim: "eliminating and destroying Western civilization from within and sabotaging its miserable house," and installing a universal caliphate. Pretending that fourteen hundred years of Islamic imperialism and expansionism didn't happen doesn't change reality. Ayn Rand said that you can avoid reality, but you cannot avoid the consequences of avoiding reality. If you refuse to fight, you forfeit. If you forfeit, you lose. And I mean, lose everything. The stakes couldn't be higher. Islamic supremacists are more assertive in the United States than they ever have been before. They're building large mega-mosques in communities where the local Muslims can neither fill nor afford them. They're demanding—and receiving—special privileges for Muslims in workplaces and special installations for Islamic prayers in public universities, as well as in airports and other public facilities. (Islamic law places Muslims in a special class, giving them rights that non-Muslims do not have.) They're bringing back prayer in public schools—but only for Muslims: they are seeking special legal status for Islam. They're shutting down the national debate that we urgently need to have about Islam and Islamization. They are demonizing as "bigots," "racists," and "Islamophobes" anyone who suggests any anti-terror measure or who asks the Muslim community in the U.S. to do something effective about the jihadists and Islamic supremacists in their midst. Fight back. The question isn't who is going to let you, it's who is going to stop you.

Islamic Law and International Human Rights Law Anver M. Emon 2012-10-11 The relationship between Islamic law and international human rights law has been the subject of considerable, and heated, debate in recent years. The usual starting point has been to test one system by the standards of the other, asking is Islamic law 'compatible' with international human rights standards, or vice versa. This approach quickly ends in acrimony and accusations of misunderstanding. By overlaying one set of norms on another we overlook the deeply contextual nature of how legal rules operate in a society, and meaningful comparison and discussion is impossible. In this volume, leading experts in Islamic law and international human rights law attempt to deepen the understanding of human rights and Islam, paving the way for a more meaningful debate. Focusing on central areas of controversy, such as freedom of speech and religion, gender equality, and minority rights, the authors examine the contextual nature of how Islamic law and international human rights law are legitimately formed, interpreted, and applied within a community. They examine how these fundamental interests are recognized and protected within the law, and what restrictions are placed on the freedoms associated with them. By examining how each system recognizes and limits fundamental freedoms, this volume clears the ground for exploring the relationship between Islamic law and international human rights law on a sounder footing. In doing so it offers a challenging and distinctive contribution to the literature on the subject, and will be an invaluable reference for students, academics, and policy-makers engaged in the legal and religious debates surrounding Islam and the West.

The Rule of Law, Freedom of Expression and Islamic Law Hossein Esmaeili 2017-12-14 The importance of the rule of law is universally recognised and of fundamental value for most societies. Establishing and promoting the rule of law in the Muslim world, particularly in the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia, has become a pressing but complicated issue. These states have Muslim majority populations, and the religion of Islam has an important role in the traditional structures of their societies. While the Muslim world is taking gradual steps towards the establishment of rule of law systems, most Muslim majority countries may not yet have effective legal systems with independent judiciaries, which would allow the state and institutions to be controlled by an effective rule of law system. One important aspect of the rule of law is freedom of expression. Given the sensitivity of Muslim societies in relation to their sacred beliefs, freedom of expression, as an international human rights issue, has raised some controversial cases. This book, drawing on both International and Islamic Law, explores the rule of law, and freedom of expression and its practical application in the Muslim world.

Identity, Islam and the Twilight of Liberal Values Terri Murray 2018-10-31 Since its publication in 1992, an array of commentators have criticised Francis Fukuyama's optimism in *The End of History and the Last Man* for supposing that liberal democracy is the one political model with sufficient moral and practical resilience to endure through the vicissitudes of future historical events. In hindsight, it seems Fukuyama underestimated liberal democracy's ethno-religious rivals, and religious fundamentalism's powerfully resistant bulwark against liberal democracy. This book offers a trenchant analysis of the post-millennial cultural shift away from the defining liberal social values of the post-war and post-colonial global revolutionary movements. It dissects the incoherent reasoning by which the liberal values of racial equality, tolerance, diversity, feminism, and gender have been evacuated of their past meanings and put into the

service of a reactionary politics that uses superficially plausible bait to sell the same regressive ideology that religious social conservatives have been peddling for decades.

State-Religion Relationships and Human Rights Law Jeroen Temperman 2010 This book presents a human rights-based assessment of the various modes of state religion identification and of the various forms of state practice that characterize these different state religion models. This book makes a case for the recognition of a state duty to remain impartial with respect to religion or belief in all regards so as to comply with people's fundamental right to be governed, at all times, in a religiously neutral manner. As this book demonstrates through the various case studies there is increasing interest and concern at the manner in which questions concerning the enjoyment of the right to the freedom of religion or belief bear upon key questions concerning the governance of democratic society. Issues raised involve matters concerning employment, education, expression, association and, more generally, the interface between religion and political life. The existing literature often traces these concerns back to the need to consider the place of religion in contemporary society but leaves matters there. Another body of academic literature explores the theoretical dimensions of that relationship but fails to connect it to the practice of states in order to test out the propositions which are the product of these reflections. The great virtue of this work is that it seeks to unite these various enterprises and engages head on with the challenges which this produces. The aim is to demonstrate and illustrate the key contention: that there is an emergent right to religiously neutral governance, and that this is incompatible with the continuation of systems which offer preference to particular forms of belief system religious or otherwise. A chief virtue of this book is that it works through the consequences of this claim in a fearless fashion, posing challenges for those states which continue to use their legal frameworks to offer support (directly or indirectly) for historical, dominant or favoured forms of religion or belief. It challenges received assumptions and, by driving the logic of contemporary human rights thinking to the foundations of state-religion relationships performs a valuable service for those engaging with this most difficult and timely of questions. Malcolm D. Evans, Professor of Public International Law, University of Bristol

The Complete Infidel's Guide to Free Speech (and Its Enemies) Robert Spencer 2017-07-24 "JUST STAY QUIET AND YOU'LL BE OKAY." That's what Mohamed Atta told the doomed airline passengers on 9/11. And we still hear the exact same message today from the powerful but shadowy lobby that is working behind the scenes to gut the First Amendment and prohibit "hate speech"—or any criticism—of Islam. As bestselling author Robert Spencer shows in his startling new book, *The Complete Infidel's Guide to Free Speech (and Its Enemies)*, aggressive Muslims and their appeasers have mounted a dangerous and disturbingly successful campaign against our constitutional rights. Spencer reveals: How social media behemoths Facebook and Twitter—not to mention student groups at American college campuses—are doing the bidding of anti-First Amendment Muslim activists. Why core Islamic teachings make criticism of Islam punishable by death. How American representatives at the United Nations have already agreed to limit freedom of speech. How Curt Schilling and other outspoken conservatives have lost their jobs for criticizing Islam. Why Twitter and Facebook now regularly censor speech critical of Islam—while allowing death threats against its critics. How blasphemy laws in Muslim countries are used as a pretext for arresting, even lynching Christians. How European "hate speech" laws are used to prosecute and harass critics of Islam. Why appeasement of Islam is endangering our First Amendment freedoms and could lead to your prosecution for "hate speech." If you value your First Amendment rights, you owe it to yourself to read *The Complete Infidel's Guide to Free Speech (and Its Enemies)*. It will give you the information and tools you need to fight back—because Islam and its progressive fellow travelers have only begun their campaign to define what you can read, say, and think.

Reflections on Turkey Mehmet Kalyoncu 2013-09-06 This book is a collection of the essays on Turkey that analyze the international, regional and national political developments in the last several years covering a wide variety of issues from the transformation of Turkish politics to the changing role of Turkey in its region, and from the ups and downs in the Turkish-Israeli relations to the looming threat posed by Iran's nuclear program to the issue of Islamophobia and the rise of xenophobic political ideologies in Europe and the US. The book in general takes a critical look at the evolving Turkish foreign policy towards its immediate neighbors and the international system. Kalyoncu does intend to take stock of the past five years (2007-2012) in terms of the political and social developments that has made Turkey, Turkish-American-Israeli relations and the Middle East, what they are today.

America's Vision vs. God's Standard of Justice Walt Thrun 2015-09-28 This book examines God's standard of righteousness and justice as revealed to the nation of Israel and then compares those standards with America's progressive vision. It discusses this nation's three major branches of government—i.e., executive, legislative, and judicial—relative to America's perception of national authority and justice. It also considers specific contemporary domestic, economic, and foreign policy issues to determine if America's priorities compare with God's revealed standards. A major Scripture reference will be, "Now all these things happened to them (Israelites) as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come." (1 Corinthians 10:11) A comprehensive chapter on the Middle East entitled "The Fertile Crescent: Geographic Center of Prophecy" presents biblical evidence that this age will end where it all began. The study also offers in this context a unique perspective on the final world kingdom based on both biblical prophecy and Islamic literature. More than five hundred Scripture passages containing more than one thousand verses are referenced and quoted from twenty-six books of the Old Testament and twenty-four books of the New Testament. This book is ideally suited for group Bible studies in addition to enhancing individual understanding of the requirements for national success based on biblical teachings.

Smart Technologies for the Digitisation of Industry: Entrepreneurial Environment Agnessa O. Inshakova 2021-10-01 This book discusses fusion of technology and body of knowledge through elaboration of theoretical concepts and conceptual frameworks to ensure the economic growth of the Russian Federation by utilizing the huge potential for innovation and entrepreneurship in Russia. The book presents recent research to solve the most challenging problems facing digitalization in the field of entrepreneurship in the country. Some of them need specialized personnel training; the considerable financial resources needed for the maintenance of digital technologies; how to market enterprises and organizations; and financial instruments designed to support industrial development. The proposed results will create the conditions for a systemic approach to tilting towards supporting new ventures through an improved regulatory framework—currently virtually absent in the field of entrepreneurship at the national level. The book defines prospects for investment in renewable energy sources, circulation of energy resources, and energy efficiency improvements to gain positive economic effects from the introduction of new technologies.

Secular Power Europe and Islam Sarah Wolff 2021-06-08 *Secular Power Europe and Islam* argues that secularism is not the central principle of international relations but should be

considered as one belief system that influences international politics. Through an exploration of Europe's secular identity, an identity that is seen erroneously as normative, author Sarah Wolff shows how Islam confronts the EU's existential anxieties about its security and its secular identity. Islam disrupts Eurocentric assumptions about democracy and revolution and human rights. Through three case studies, Wolff encourages the reader to unpack secularism as a bedrock principle of IR and diplomacy. This book argues that the EU's interest and diplomacy activities in relation to religion, and to Islam specifically, are shaped by the insistence on a European secular identity that should be reconsidered.

Islam and the Infidels David Bukay 2016-03-01 This book discusses Islam, its relationship with the world, and how Muslims perceive the world and their role within it. Using Islamic scriptures and the works of important Muslim clerics, the author explores the Islamic notion that Muslims represent the best of humanity, and as such, have the duty and the right to propagate their faith throughout the world by any means, including violence. Islam and the Infidels warns of the dangers Muslim immigration poses to free societies. Using a diplomacy of deceit, Islamists immigrate to Western societies. Having done so, they establish closed ethnic communities that are estranged from their host countries, and are breeding grounds for native-born malcontents who may attack and destroy Western nations from within. The author is especially critical of Western apologists who not only pretend that Islam is not inherently aggressive and dangerous, but also denigrate those who point out the threat to liberal values posed by fundamentalist Islamic ideology. Bukay argues that to meet the Islamic threat, the West must understand Islam's true nature, and the best way of doing so is by analyzing its scriptures and history. Bukay argues that Western societies should embrace the Judeo-Christian tradition, which is the root of their cultural heritage. In light of the mounting Muslim threat to liberalism in Western societies, citizens should resist oppressive Islamic practices and doctrines rather than accept them.

Free Speech, Religion and the United Nations Heini í Skorini 2019-08-14 This book explores the political struggle to interpret and define the meaning, the scope and the implications of human rights norms in general and freedom of expression in particular. From the Rushdie affair and the Danish cartoon affair to the Charlie Hebdo massacre and draconian legislation against blasphemy worldwide, the tensions between free speech ideals and religious sensitivities have polarized global public opinion and the international community of states, triggering fierce political power struggles in the corridors of the UN. Inspired by theories of norm diffusion in International Relations, Skorini investigates how the struggle to define the limits of free speech vis-à-vis religion unfolds within the UN system. Revealing how human rights terminology is used and misused, the book also considers how the human rights vision paradoxically contains the potential to justify human rights violations in practice. The author explains how states exercise power within the field of international human rights politics and how non-democratic states strategically apply mainstream human rights language and secular human rights law in order to justify authoritarian religious censorship norms both nationally and internationally. This interdisciplinary book will appeal to scholars and students researching international human rights, religion and politics. The empirical chapters are also relevant for professionals and activists within the field of human rights.

Don't Abolish Free Speech Martin Reott 2013-06-05 In this third book in "The Islamorealist Series" the authors fully explain just how close we are to losing the Freedom of Speech which was guaranteed to USA citizens in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Working with the United Nations and the Organization for Islamic Cooperation (2nd largest voting bloc in the UN), Barack Hussein Obama and his administration have secretly signed-on to UN Resolution 16/18, criminalizing criticism of Islam. In Islamic countries, blasphemy laws allow for the beheading, or other form of death, of anyone who criticizes or ridicules Islam, the Qur'an, or Mohammed. Thousands of people have been slaughtered under these laws. Now there is a concerted effort to make blasphemy laws apply to U.S. citizens. Just in case you think it can't happen in the USA, you need to know that 60% of Muslims LIVING IN AMERICA agree that criticism of Islam should be criminalized. There is a worldwide movement to abolish our freedoms as U.S. citizens and you need to know everything you can about what is happening. In "Don't Abolish Free Speech" you can learn about: * Threats to the First Amendment of the Constitution* The United Nations and the OIC - Who? What? Where? And Why?* Sharia (Islamic) Law versus the Constitution* The Qur'an, taqiyya, kitman, abrogation and a bunch of other Islamic words and ideas* Blasphemy and Anti-blasphemy* The "Best of Men" and the "Worst of Creatures"* "An eye for an eye" and "turning the other cheek"* Important Islamic Quotes That Every American Should Know* Islamic Global Goals* What You Can Do To Protect Your Rights* And Much More... Find out what you need to know to protect your freedoms and the freedoms of those you love. Get Your Copy TODAY! P.S. The book also includes a link to a FREE REPORT about the things you should know about Islam.

Through These Blues D.C. Watson 2013 An account of the author's "thoughts on what I've seen happen across the American landscape and what I've experienced while squaring off with apologists and enablers for Islamic jihad, who operate inside American borders under the pretense of wanting to promote mutual understanding"--P. 4.

Islam, Oil, and Geopolitics Elizabeth Van Wie Davis 2006-11-06 Once an obscure and little-known region, Central Asia has become an important test of America's ability to consistently promote global liberal change, of Russia's true foreign policy agenda, and of China's readiness to translate economic power into political influence. Terrorism, economics, and politics all converge in this strategic region, with important implications for Asia and the world. A set of international contributors focuses on three important issues that are usually—and unfortunately—analyzed separately: Islamic political issues, energy security, and geopolitical maneuvering. This significant and timely volume helps readers understand current events in Central Asia and how those events affect the rest of the world.