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should the state be secular or religious here the author seeks to determine the extent of the role of religion in political life

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state is based on european ideas of state and law and not shari a or the islamic tradition bold pragmatic and deeply rooted in islamic history and theology islam and the secular state offers a workable future for the place of shari a in muslim societies

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throughout human history religion and politics have entertained the most intimate of connections as systems of authority regulating individuals and society while the two have come apart through the process of secularization secularism is challenged today by the return of public religion this cogent analysis unravels the nature of the connection disconnection and attempted reconnection between religion and politics in the west in a comparison of western europe and north america christianity and islam joppke advances far reaching theoretical historical and comparative political arguments with respect to theory it is argued that only a substantive concept of religion as pertaining to the existence of supra human powers opens up the possibility of a historical comparative perspective on religion at the level of history secularization is shown to be the distinct outcome of latin christianity itself and at the level of comparative politics the christian right in america which has attacked the wall of separation between religion and state and islam in europe with the controversial insistence on sharia law and other illiberal claims from some quarters are taken to be counterpart incarnations of public religion and challenges to the secular state this clearly argued sweeping book will provide an invaluable framework for approaching an array of critical issues at the intersection of religion law and politics for advanced students and researchers across the social sciences and legal studies as well as for the interested public

the concept of a secular state is important in many parts of asia and how this is resolved has important implications for the social economic and political development of various asian countries unfortunately problems of the secular state have all along been studied based on the historical experience of state formation in europe with little or no input from the asian perspective this book will for the very first time present mainly asian perspectives while drawing on western experience as well conceptual issues are discussed together with detailed accounts on how different countries and traditions understand and seek to implement the ideas of a secular state

throughout india s history religion has been the most powerful single factor in the development of her civilization today despite her religious tradition india is emerging as a secular state in this book donald e smith explores the origin of the concept of secularization as it is found both in indian culture and in the example of the western nations he emphasizes the important role of secularization in india s total democratic experiment and points out that the degree of its realization will undoubtedly affect the eventual character of democracy in india in addition the success or failure of the secular state in india cannot fail to influence the attitudes of her neighbors professor smith considers the many aspects and implications of india s attempt to secularize her government originally published in 1963 the princeton legacy library uses the latest print on demand technology to again make available previously out of print books from the distinguished backlist of princeton university press these editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions the goal of the princeton legacy library is to

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This book examines the political and religious context in which the Constitution and the Bill of Rights were adopted. Swomley reasons that those who wrote and adopted the Constitution and First Amendment intended a strict separation of church and state, a government that would neither aid nor impede religion. Religious liberty and the secular state refutes Chief Justice Rehnquist's position that the framers of the Constitution did not intend to ban all religious aid, only preferential aid. Swomley also refutes Rehnquist's claim that the Establishment Clause in the First Amendment was intended to prevent the establishment of a single national church. Swomley concludes that the Constitution was intended to prevent the federal government from establishing one or more churches and to prevent the tax support of churches on any basis. This book exposes the Supreme Court's erosion of the Establishment Clause while emphasizing the Free Exercise Clause. Swomley also explores civil religion, secular humanism, and the current counter-revolution against separation of church and state led by some religious and political conservatives who would profit from government aid. He also lists the benefits churches would realize under a secular government.

Exploring the relationship between religion and the state, focusing on the intersection of religion, law, and politics in contemporary liberal democracies, Blackford considers the concept of the secular state, revising and updating enlightenment views for the present day. Freedom of religion and the secular state offers a comprehensive analysis with a global focus of the subject of religious freedom from a legal as well as historical and philosophical viewpoint. It makes an original contribution to current debates about freedom of religion and addresses a whole range of hot button issues that involve the relationship between religion and the state, including the teaching of evolution in schools, what to do about the burqa, and so on.

The institutionalization of Islam in the West continues to raise many questions for a range of different constituencies. Secularization represents much more than the legal separation of politics and religion in Europe. For important segments of European societies, it has become the cultural norm. Therefore, Muslims' settlement and their claims for the public recognition of Islam have often been perceived as a threat. This volume explores current interactions between Muslims and the more or less secularized public spaces of several European states, assessing the challenges such interactions imply for both Muslims and the societies in which they now live. Divided into three parts, it examines the impact of state-church relations, Islamophobia, and the war on terrorism. It evaluates the engagement of Muslim leaders with the state and civil society and reflects on both individual and collective transformations of Muslim religiosity.

In the first book of its kind, M. Hakan Yavuz and John L. Esposito explore recent reformations of Islam and culture in Turkey and the successful Islamist modernist Fethullah Gülen movement as one of the most significant religious movements to emerge in Turkey in the past fifty years. The Gülen movement combines a devotion to Islam with love for modern learning, especially modern science. This groundbreaking work focuses on and explains the nexus of complex historical and political developments that have contributed to the transformation of Islam in Turkey and to the movement's sphere of influence stretching into the Balkans and Central Asia through the establishment of schools outside Turkey. The book cogently traces the origin of Gülen's ideology and his early efforts to propagate his views through educational activities. It details the

various strategies employed by gülen s followers to put his ideas into practice both in turkey and around the world contributors describe its intellectual and religious formation its spread across turkey and central asia and its influence on citizens outside the movement including leading turkish politicians

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how safe is turkey s liberal democracy the rise to power in 2002 of the right leaning islamic justice and development party ignited fears in the west that turkey could no longer be relied upon to provide a buffer against the growth of islamic fundamentalism in the middle east once hailed by the west as a model of secularism and moderation in the muslim world turkey is now seen to be under the influence of the creeping islamisation of the jdp or akp as it is known in turkey yet to what extent has this affected the lives of turkish citizens evangelia axiarlis here explores the contribution of the jdp to civil liberties and basic freedoms long suppressed by secular and statist kemalist ideology and how this has remained unexamined despite more than a decade in government in this the first detailed study of the policies and ideology of prime minister recep tayyip erdo an s government the author examines the extent to which the jdp has worked to improve civil life in turkey and critically addresses whether a government built on islamic principles can champion political reform exploring how islam and democracy are neither monoliths nor mutually exclusive this is a timely contribution to the wider understanding of political islam

this book gives a persuasive answer to the need for public theology today rudolf von sinner can draw from a rich basis of scholarship and experience related to the topic of public theology his clear awareness of the contextuality of public theology is the reason for his repeated assurance in this book that we cannot speak about public theology but always only of a public theology at the same time it is very clear for him that there is also an intercontextuality one of the great strengths of this book is its embeddedness into an international discourse on public theology with a special emphasis on the south south exchange it is a contribution to public theology scholarship in its best sense i proudly welcome its publication in our series bishop prof dr heinrich bedford strohm evangelical church in germany

words in both law and religion can shape power relationships and are often highly disputed shari'a lies within the overlap of these two spheres and provides a unique subject for the study of meaning in that liminal space this book contributes important insights related to islamic jurisprudence and secularism in the turkish context and regarding the role of language in contested legal and religious contexts the study begins by providing a historical framework for the ideas and terms covered including concepts of religion in general shari'a in particular and secularism in the turkish state it goes on to examine empirical research to describe and analyze contemporary turkish understandings of religion and shari'a the author's research indicates that there is often a disconnect between supporting the adoption of shari'a and supporting the regulation of everyday behavior through civil codes thus shari'a seems to have taken on new meanings as groups have sought either to appropriate or criticize it it is a quintessential example of fractured and contextual meaning at the center of both religious and legal traditions this book is essential reading for both academics and those interested in law linguistics history political science anthropology sociology religious studies or near eastern studies

on the basis of original empirically rich and theoretically sound social research the chapters in this volume reveal and analyze the complex relations between the secular government of turkey and the religious persons and society within the turkish state

religion violence and the secular state assesses contemporary religious violence in the context of tensions between state secularism and religious ethics and ultimately concludes that the west must reemphasize its own religious tradition in order to successfully combat the rise of a violent fundamentalism the book presents an argument in three parts first an examination of the nature of religious violence second the effects of the present secularism of the american state on our ineffective ethical framework and third an advocacy for both the reasonableness of religious belief and the value of religiously based ethics i.e. jewish christian and muslim as an influence within the modern state the conclusion is that with the arrival of violent islam in the west the presence of traditional religious influence in the united states needs to be reemphasized to combat religious terrorism islam represents a challenge to america and the west as a religious ideal that can only be successfully met by an energetic renewal of our own religious resources

presents a comparative study of two major attempts to build secular states india and turkey in the non western world

contemporary nation states have seen the rise of religious pluralism within their borders brought about by global migration and the challenge of radical religious movements secular states and religious diversity explores the meaning of secularism and religious freedom in these new contexts the contributors chart the impact of globalization the varying forms of secularism in western states and the different kinds of relations between states and religious institutions in the historical traditions and contemporary politics of islamic india and chinese societies they also examine the limitations and dilemmas of governmental responses to religious diversity and grapple with the question of how secular states deal and should deal with such pluralism this volume brings in perspectives from the non western world and engages with viewpoints that might increase states capacities to accommodate religious diversity positively

what constitutes the core values tenets cultural historic and ideological parameters of secularism in international contexts in twelve chapters this edited work examines current tensions in liberal secular states where myriad rights and freedoms compete regarding education healthcare end of life choices clothing sexual orientation reproduction and minority interests it explores the legal complexity of defining a religion through judicial decisions and scrutinises christianity hinduism and islam s relative success in accommodating religious pluralism part one explores the religious practice and persecution nexus covid 19 s effect on religious freedom religious education burqas headscarves and religious culture in civil law part two explores the constitutional principle of secularism in member states of the council of europe us religious clauses and religious freedom in south africa uk australia and india

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