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Islamic charities and  
Islamic humanism in

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troubled times is the fruit of twenty years' reflection on Islamic charities, both in practical terms (including allegations of complicity with terrorism) and as a

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key to understanding the crisis in contemporary Islam. On one hand Islam is undervalued as a global moral and political force whose admirable qualities are exemplified in its

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strong tradition of humanitarianism. On the other, it suffers from a crisis of authority that cannot be blamed entirely on the history of colonialism and

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stigmatisation to which Muslims have undoubtedly been subjected - most recently, as a result of the 'war on terror'. This study offers an in-depth analysis of the current

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status of Islamic  
charities from a wide  
range of approaches -  
theological, historical,  
diplomatic, legal,  
sociological and  
ethnographic - and makes

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use of primary data from the United States, Britain, Israel-Palestine, Mali and Indonesia. The discussion is widened to explore the potential for a twenty-first century

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'Islamic humanism',  
devised by Muslims in the  
light of the human  
sciences and consolidated  
in durable institutions  
throughout the Muslim  
world. With this in mind,



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contentious issues such as religious toleration and the meaning of jihad need to be addressed. The readership includes academics and students at all levels, professionals

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concerned with aid and development, and all who have an interest in the future of Islam.

In this innovative study of everyday charity practices in Jeddah, Nora

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Derbal employs a 'bottom-up' approach to challenge dominant narratives about state-society relations in Saudi Arabia. Exploring charity organizations in Jeddah, this book both

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offers a rich ethnography of associational life and counters Riyadh-centric studies which focus on oil, the royal family, and the religious establishment. It closely

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follows those who work on the ground to provide charity to the local poor and needy, documenting their achievements, struggles and daily negotiations. The lens of

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charity offers rare insights into the religiosity of ordinary Saudis, showing that Islam offers Saudi activists a language, a moral frame, and a worldly guide to

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confronting inequality.

With a view to the many forms of local community activism in Saudi Arabia, this book examines perspectives that are too often ignored or

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neglected, opening new theoretical debates about civil society and civic activism in the Gulf.

This text analyses how modern Jordanian identity was created and defined.



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The author studies two key institutions, the law and the military, and uses them to create an analysis of the making of modern Jordanian identity.

This book examines social

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policy in Muslim countries across the world and the status and role of Islamic teachings in such policies. It fills a gap in the literature by reviewing and comparing

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the experience of several Muslim countries from across the world. The existing social policy literature lacks a comprehensive appraisal of the social policy scene in

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Muslim societies,  
especially from a  
comparative perspective.  
This book will be of  
interest to a wide  
audience in the academic  
and policy forums related

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to and interested in  
Muslim societies and  
communities.

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Sacred Sites

Gender, Ethnicity, and the  
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Islamic charities and  
Islamic humanism in  
troubled times  
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Religion, Politics, and

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Trends in Arab

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and aspiration

This volume brings emerging  
research on religion and

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development into conversation with politics. Deploying innovative conceptual frameworks, and drawing on empirical research from across contemporary Asia, this collection makes an incisive



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contribution to the analysis of aid and development processes. The volume brings together cutting-edge political economy analyses of the Palestinian people: those living in the occupied territory of the West

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Bank and Gaza Strip, those living within Israel, and refugees in Arab states. It is a must-read for those who wish to understand the historical origins and contemporary realities that face Palestinians.

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comprehensive review of past and current literature on the subject Presents innovative ethnographic description and analysis of everyday Muslim politics in Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and North America

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and action around the world.

The 2009 Yearbook explores the framings, strategies and impacts of a range of actors on poverty and its alleviation. The overarching question is to whether such actors, in pressing

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for poverty alleviation actually achieve anything/empower the poor, or simply aid wealthy states in maintaining the status quo. The contributors are diverse, including scholars and practitioners from India,



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America, the UK, Australia, Thailand, and Mali. The Global Civil Society Yearbook remains the standard work on all aspects of contemporary global civil society for activists, practitioners, students and

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This book is the first  
ethnographic study of  
Muslim minorities'

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practice of Islamic law in contemporary China.

Years of tremendous growth in response to complex emergencies have left a mark on the humanitarian sector. Various matters

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that once seemed settled  
are now subjects of  
intense debate. What is  
humanitarianism? Is it  
limited to the provision  
of relief to victims of  
conflict, or does it

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include broader objectives such as human rights, democracy promotion, development, and peacebuilding? For much of the last century, the principles of

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humanitarianism were guided by neutrality, impartiality, and independence. More recently, some humanitarian organizations have begun to relax these



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tenets. The recognition that humanitarian action can lead to negative consequences has forced humanitarian organizations to measure their effectiveness, to reflect

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on their ethical positions, and to consider not only the values that motivate their actions but also the consequences of those actions. In the indispensable

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Humanitarianism in  
Question, Michael Barnett  
and Thomas G. Weiss bring  
together scholars from a  
variety of disciplines to  
address the humanitarian  
identity crisis, including

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humanitarianism's  
relationship to  
accountability, great  
powers, privatization and  
corporate philanthropy,  
warlords, and the ethical  
evaluations that inform

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life-and-death decision  
making during and after  
emergencies.

This innovative and timely  
reassessment of political  
theology opens new lines  
of critical investigation

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into the intersections of religion and politics in contemporary Asia. Moving beyond a focus on the (post-) Christian West, this volume locates 'development' -

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conceptualised as a set of modern, transnational networks of ideas and practices of improvement that connect geographically disparate locations - as a vital

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Investigating the sacred dimensions of power through concepts of transcendence, sacrifice,



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and salvation, this  
collection demonstrates  
how European and Asian  
modernities are bound  
together through  
genealogical,

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institutional, and theo-  
political entanglements,  
as well as a long history  
of global interactions.  
With contributions by  
leading anthropologists,  
sociologists, and

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political scientists, this volume brings new theoretical approaches into conversation with detailed empirical case studies grounded in modern Asia. In doing so, it

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offers a fresh and critical analysis of the ways in which political theology is imagined, materialised, and contested both within and beyond nation-states.

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Muslim Lives in Eastern Europe examines how gender identities were reconfigured in a Bulgarian Muslim community following the demise of Communism and an influx of

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international aid from the Islamic world. Kristen Ghodsee conducted extensive ethnographic research among a small population of Pomaks, Slavic Muslims living in

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the remote mountains of southern Bulgaria. After Communism fell in 1989, Muslim minorities in Bulgaria sought to rediscover their faith after decades of state-

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imposed atheism. But instead of returning to their traditionally heterodox roots, isolated groups of Pomaks embraced a distinctly foreign type of Islam, which swept into



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their communities on the  
back of Saudi-financed  
international aid to  
Balkan Muslims, and which  
these Pomaks believe to be  
a more correct  
interpretation of their

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religion. Ghodsee explores how gender relations among the Pomaks had to be renegotiated after the collapse of both Communism and the region's state-subsidized lead and zinc

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mines. She shows how  
mosques have replaced the  
mines as the primary site  
for jobless and  
underemployed men to  
express their masculinity,  
and how Muslim women have

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encouraged this as a way to combat alcoholism and domestic violence. Ghodsee demonstrates how women's embrace of this new form of Islam has led them to adopt more conservative

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family roles, and how the Pomaks' new religion remains deeply influenced by Bulgaria's Marxist-Leninist legacy, with its calls for morality, social justice, and human

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**many faces of Hamas and  
examines its ongoing  
evolution as a resistance  
organisation in the context  
of the Israel/Palestine  
conflict. Specifically, the  
work interrogates Hamas'**



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**interpretation,  
reinterpretation and  
application of the twin  
concepts of muqawama  
(resistance) and jihad  
(striving in the name of  
God). The text frames the**

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**movement's capacity to  
accrue popular legitimacy  
through its evolving  
resistance discourses,  
centred on the notion of  
jihad, and the practical  
applications thereof. Moving**

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**beyond the dominant  
security-orientated  
approaches to Hamas, the  
book investigates the  
malleable nature of both  
resistance and jihad  
including their social,**

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**symbolic, political and ideational applications. The diverse interpretations of these concepts allow Hamas to function as a comprehensive social movement. Where possible,**

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**this volume attempts to  
privilege first-order or  
experiential knowledge  
emanating from the  
movement itself, its political  
representatives, and the  
Palestinian population in**

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**general. Many of these accounts were collected by the author during fieldwork in the Middle East. Not only does this work present new primary data, but it also investigates a variety of**

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**contemporary empirical  
events related to Palestine  
and the Middle East. This  
book offers an alternative  
way of viewing the  
movement's popular  
legitimacy grounded in**

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**theoretical, empirical and ethnographic terms. This book will be of much interest to students of Hamas, political violence, critical terrorism studies, Middle Eastern politics, security**



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**studies and IR in general.**

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resurgence of religion, even  
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Benthall explains precisely**

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**why societies are not bound  
to embrace western liberal  
rationality as an  
evolutionary inevitability.  
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**explain the long tradition of philanthropy in Muslim history and how it is constantly adapted to differing political contexts. The pervasive connections betwe.**

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**Jordan, and Yemen**

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## **Politics**

## **Poverty and Activism**

Humanitarianism as a moral concept and an organized practice has become a major factor in world society. It channels an enormous amount



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of resources and serves as an argument for different kinds of interference into the "internal affairs" of countries and regions. At the same time, and for these very reasons, it is an ideal testing ground for successful and

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unsuccessful cooperation across borders. Humanitarianism and the Challenges of Cooperation examines the multiple humanitarianisms of today as a testing ground for new ways of global cooperation. General

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trends in the contemporary transformation of humanitarianism are studied and individual cases of how humanitarian actors cooperate with others on the ground are investigated. This book offers a

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highly innovative, empirically informed account of global humanitarianism from the point of view of cooperation research in which internationally renowned contributors analyse broad trends and present case studies

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based on meticulous fieldwork.  
This book will be of great interest  
to students and researchers in  
the areas of political science,  
international relations and  
humanitarianism. It is also a  
valuable resource for

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humanitarian aid workers.

What happens when ethnographers go public via books, opinion papers, media interviews, court testimonies, policy recommendations, or advocacy activities? Calling for a

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consideration of this public moment as part and parcel of the research process, the contributors to *If Truth Be Told* explore the challenges, difficulties, and stakes of having ethnographic research encounter

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various publics, ranging from journalists, legal experts, and policymakers to activist groups, local populations, and other scholars. The experiences they analyze include Didier Fassin's interventions on police and



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prison, Gabriella Coleman's multiple roles as intermediary between hackers and journalists, Kelly Gillespie's and Jonathan Benthall's experiences serving as expert witnesses, the impact of Manuela Ivone Cunha's and

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Vincent Dubois's work on public policies, and the vociferous attacks on the work of Unni Wikan and Nadia Abu El-Haj. With case studies from five continents, this collection signals the global impact of the

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questions that the publicization of ethnography raises about the public sphere, the role of the academy, and the responsibilities of social scientists. Contributors.

Jonathan Benthall, Lucas

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Coleman, Manuela Ivone Cunha,  
Vincent Dubois, Nadia Abu El-  
Haj, Didier Fassin, Kelly  
Gillespie, Ghassan Hage,  
Sherine Hamdy, Federico  
Neiburg, Unni Wikan

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In the wake of 9/11 and the 'War on Terror', transnational Muslim NGOs have too often been perceived as illegitimate fronts for global militant networks such as al-Qaeda or as backers of national political parties and

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resistance groups in Palestine, Afghanistan and elsewhere. Yet clearly there is more to transnational Muslim NGOs. Most are legitimate providers of aid to the world's poor, although their assistance may sometimes

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differ substantially from that of secular NGOs in the West.

Seeking to broaden our understanding of these organisations, Marie Juul Petersen explores how Muslim NGOs conceptualise their

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provision of aid and the role Islam plays in this. Her book not only offers insights into a new kind of NGO in the global field of aid provision; it also contributes more broadly to understanding 'public Islam' as something more



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and other than political Islam.

The book is based on empirical case studies of four of the biggest transnational Muslim NGOs, and draws on extensive research in Britain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Jordan and

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Bangladesh, and more than 100 interviews with those involved in such organisations.

Structured around key elements at the regional, political, institutional, and personal levels of analysis, this is a complete

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and forward-leaning view of Hamas that provides a deep and detailed examination of the history, ideology, political prospects, and regional opportunities of an often poorly understood organization that is

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redefining 21st-century terrorism.

- Provides a detailed and contemporary look at an influential organization that has enormous potential to shape the role that radicalized Islam will play in the Middle East over the

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next decade • Enables a deeper understanding of how Hamas is poised—in light of its ideological, political, and military objectives—to influence the development of the Middle East region in the coming years •

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Offers insightful new analysis about Hamas' approach to violence and political engagement that identifies what their methodologies can tell us about violent non-state actors, political engagement, and

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regional alliances of the future,  
and predicts whether  
policymakers' and strategists'  
future efforts to engage (or not  
engage) with radical political  
parties will likely be effective  
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***The task environment of NGOs is changing rapidly and significantly, making new demands on their management and leadership. This Companion discusses***

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*the complexities involved. It illustrates how NGOs can maintain performance and remain agile amidst increasing uncertainties. These factors include the position of NGOs in civil*

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***society, their involvement  
in governance and coping  
with the effects of the  
securitisation of  
international aid.***

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of Islamic law and an  
ideal introduction to key  
personalities and  
concepts. While capturing  
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*chapter presents bold new avenues for research and will help readers appreciate the contested nature of key concepts and topics in Islamic law. This Handbook will be a*

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*major reference work for  
scholars and students of  
Islam and Islamic law for  
years to come.*

*The global humanitarian  
movement, which originated  
within Western religious*

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***organizations in the early  
nineteenth century, has  
been of most important  
forces in world politics  
in advancing both human  
rights and human welfare.  
While the religious groups***

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*that founded the movement originally focused on conversion, in time more secular concerns came to dominate. By the end of the nineteenth century, increasingly*

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*professionalized yet  
nominally religious  
organization shifted from  
reliance on the good book  
to the public health  
manual. Over the course of  
the twentieth century, the*

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***secularization of humanitarianism only increased, and by the 1970s the movement's religious inspiration, generally speaking, was marginal to its agenda.***

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***However, beginning in the 1980s, religiously inspired humanitarian movements experienced a major revival, and today they are virtual equals of their secular brethren.***

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***From church-sponsored AIDS prevention campaigns in Africa to Muslim charity efforts in flood-stricken Pakistan to Hindu charities in India, religious groups have***



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***altered the character of  
the global humanitarian  
movement. Moreover, even  
secular groups now gesture  
toward religious  
inspiration in their work.  
Clearly, the broad,***

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*inexorable march toward  
secularism predicted by so  
many Westerners has  
halted, which is  
especially intriguing with  
regard to humanitarianism.  
Not only was it a highly*

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*secularized movement just  
forty years ago, but its  
principles were based on  
those we associate with  
"rational" modernity:  
cosmopolitan one-worldism  
and material (as opposed*

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*to spiritual) progress.  
How and why did this  
happen, and what does it  
mean for humanitarianism  
writ large? That is the  
question that the eminent  
scholars Michael Barnett*

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*and Janice Stein pose in  
Sacred Aid, and for  
answers they have gathered  
chapters from leading  
scholars that focus on the  
relationship between  
secularism and religion in*

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***contemporary  
humanitarianism throughout  
the developing world.  
Collectively, the chapters  
in this volume comprise an  
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*reshaped the global  
humanitarian movement in  
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David Tittensor offers a

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groundbreaking new perspective on the Gulen movement, a Turkish Muslim educational activist network that emerged in the 1960s and has grown into a global empire with an estimated worth of \$25 billion. Named after its leader Fethullah Gulen, the movement has established more than

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1,000 secular educational institutions in over 140 countries, aiming to provide holistic education that incorporates both spirituality and the secular sciences. Despite the movement's success, little is known about how its schools are run, or how Islam is operationalized. Drawing on

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thirteen months of ethnographic fieldwork in Turkey, Tittensor explores the movement's ideo-theology and how it is practiced in the schools. His interviews with both teachers and graduates from Africa, Indonesia, Central Asia, and Turkey show that the movement is a missionary

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organization, but of a singular kind: its goal is not simply widespread religious conversion, but a quest to recoup those Muslims who have apparently lost their way through proselytism and to show non-Muslims that Muslims can embrace modernity and integrate into the wider community. Tittensor also

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examines the movement's operational side and shows how the schools represent an example of Mohammad Yunus's social business model: a business with a social cause at its heart. The House of Service is an insightful exploration of one of the largest transnational Muslim

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associations in the world today, and will be invaluable for those seeking to understand how Islam will be perceived and practiced in the future. Gulf Charities and Islamic Philanthropy in the "Age of Terror" and Beyond is the first book to be published on the charities of Saudi Arabia and the



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Arabian Gulf, covering their work both domestic and international. From a diversity of viewpoints, the book addresses: the historical roots of Islamic philanthropy in religious traditions and geopolitical movements; the interactions of the Gulf charities with "Western" relief and development

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institutions - now under pressure owing to budgetary constraints; numerous case studies from the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia; the impact of violent extremism on the sector, with the legal repercussions that have followed - especially in the USA; the recent history of attempts to

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alleviate the obstacles faced by bona fide Islamic charities, whose absence from major conflict zones now leaves a vacuum for extremist groups to penetrate; the prospects for a less politicized Islamic charity sector when the so-called "war on terror" eventually loses its salience.

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This anthology explores the dynamics of shared religious sites in Turkey, the Balkans, Palestine/Israel, Cyprus, and Algeria, indicating where local and national stakeholders maneuver between competition and cooperation, coexistence and conflict. Contributors probe the notion of coexistence and

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the logic that underlies centuries of "sharing," exploring when and why sharing gets interrupted—or not—by conflict, and the policy consequences. These essays map the choreographies of shared sacred spaces within the framework of state-society relations, juxtaposing a site's political and

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religious features and exploring whether sharing or contestation is primarily religious or politically motivated. Although religion and politics are intertwined phenomena, the contributors to this volume understand the category of "religion" and the "political" as devices meant to

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distinguish between the theological and confessional aspects of religion and the political goals of groups. Their comparative approach better represents the transition in some cases of sites into places of hatred and violence, while in other instances they remain noncontroversial. The

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essays clearly delineate the religious and political factors that contribute to the context and causality of conflict at these sites and draw on history and anthropology to shed light on the often rapid switch from relative tolerance to distress to peace and calm.

Persistent societal problems and



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wealth creation in the Arab region are driving a new generation of actors to commit their resources for the greater public welfare. Widely known as philanthropy, voluntary contributions to causes that serve a public good are a longstanding and important aspect of cultures in the Arab region. What is of

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particular interest today is the proliferation of ways in which this private giving is being channeled into new institutional forms. In significant ways, some local philanthropy is becoming more strategic in its aims--by which is meant utilizing resources effectively to address the

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underlying causes of important social problems. Through an examination of philanthropic trends in eight key Middle Eastern countries, this book seeks to shed light on the forms of institutionalized giving that currently exist, as well as to provide recommendations for how charitable

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contributions can be most effective as vehicles of future social change.

Drawing on data collected from endowed corporate foundations, public-private partnerships between business leaders and governmental agencies, and small-scale community-based organizations, this study marks the

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first attempt to map the dynamic  
contemporary landscape of  
philanthropy in the Arab region.

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De-development and Beyond

Returning to Religion

Faith and Humanitarianism

How might understandings of

environmentalism and the

environmental humanities shift by

incorporating Islamic perspectives? In

this book, Anna M. Gade explores the

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religious and cultural foundations of Islamic environmentalisms. She blends textual and ethnographic study to offer a comprehensive and interdisciplinary account of the legal, ethical, social, and empirical principles underlying Muslim commitments to the earth. Muslim Environmentalisms

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shows how diverse Muslim communities and schools of thought have addressed ecological questions for the sake of this world and the world to come. Gade draws on a rich spectrum of materials—scripture, jurisprudence, science, art, and social and political engagement—as well as



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fieldwork in Indonesia and Southeast Asia. The book brings together case studies in disaster management, educational programs, international development, conservation projects, religious ritual and performance, and Islamic law to rethink key theories. Gade shows that the Islamic tradition

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leads us to see the environment as an ethical idea, moving beyond the established frameworks of both nature and crisis. Muslim Environmentalisms models novel approaches to the study of religion and environment from a humanistic perspective, reinterpreting issues at the intersection of numerous

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academic disciplines to propose a postcolonial and global understanding of environment in terms of consequential relations.

What do we mean by 'gifts' in International Relations? Can foreign aid be conceptualized as a gift? Most foreign aid transactions are unilateral

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and financially unreciprocated, yet donors expect to benefit from them. Previous research dealing with foreign aid has analyzed the main donor motives and interests in providing financial support. This book offers an in-depth analysis of the invisible political or social 'exchange'

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taking place between recipient countries and donors when a grant agreement is signed. Focusing on Egypt, Jordan, Palestine and Israel - the main beneficiaries of Western foreign aid – the book uses gift theories and theories of social exchange to show how international

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social bonds are shaped by foreign aid and in what ways recipient countries are obliged to return the 'gift' they receive. Foreign aid is a means of buying 'stability' or 'democracy' in the region but Beata Paragi is interested here to understand the actual feasibility of Western assistance.

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Looking at the context of the Arab Spring, the book examines how aid impacts on a recipient country's domestic political events such as war, the quest for self-determination, the struggle against occupation and the fight for dignity. An original contribution to Middle East Studies and

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International Relations, the research presents an alternative interpretation of foreign aid and show how external funds interact with local developments and realities.

This book addresses the discourses, agendas and actions of Muslim faith-based organizations and activists to



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empower Muslim communities in contemporary sub-Saharan Africa. The individual chapters discuss how traditional Muslim welfare and charity institutions, zakat (obligatory or mandatory almsgiving), sadaqa (voluntary almsgiving and donations) and waqf (pious endowments), are

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used to improve social welfare, focusing on instrumentalization and institutionalization in the collection and distribution of zakat. The book includes case studies from West Africa (Ghana, Burkina Faso, Cote d ' Ivoire, Ghana and Senegal), the Horn of Africa (Somalia) and East Africa

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(Kenya and Tanzania), highlighting the role and interplay of local, national and international Sunni, Shia and Ahmadiyya Muslim faith-based organizations and NGOs. Chapters "Muslim NGOs, Zakat and the Provision of Social Welfare in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Introduction" and

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"Discourses on Zakat and Its Implementation in Contemporary Ghana" are available open access under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License via [link.springer.com](http://link.springer.com).

Analysis of North African revolt against authoritarianism, known as the ' Arab

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Spring ' , embraced reductionist explanations such as the social media, youth unemployment and citizens ' agitations to regain dignity in societies humiliated by oppressive regimes. This book illustrates that reductionist approaches can only elucidate some symptoms of a social problem while

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leaving unexplained the economic and political structures which contributed to it. One outcome of quiescence, resource-based ethnic and sectarian conflicts and faulty development paradigm is deepened inequality and a wedge between winners and losers or affluence, wealth and power vis-à-vis

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poverty and hunger among humiliated jobless and hope-less masses. The book blends theories of development and transition to explain the complex factors which contributed to North Africans ' revolt against authoritarianism and its long-term consequences for political

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development in the Arab World. This timely book is of great interest to researchers and students in Development Studies, Economics and Middle Eastern Studies as well as policy makers and democracy, human rights and social justice activists in the Arab world.



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The House of Service

Hamas: Terrorism, Governance, and  
Its Future in Middle East Politics

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## Religious and Social Foundations

Philanthropy is a vital lens through which to examine the dynamics of the Muslim world. Islamic charities harness enormous material and human resources, as well as organizational capacity. Many in the West view Muslim philanthropic enterprises with

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considerable skepticism because of accusations of material support for, or condoning of, acts of violence against civilians. Drawing on CSIS's regional and functional expertise, *Understanding Islamic Charities* explores the variety of roles that Muslim philanthropies play in different countries, their interactions

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with national and international institutions, and the boundaries and connections between their philanthropic roles and their political impacts.

Since 9/11 and the global War on Terror, practitioners of Islam in Europe and beyond have been scrutinised and surveyed under suspicion of disloyalty

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and as potential disrupters of national social cohesion. Seemingly benign, altruistic practices, such as charity, are viewed as potential threats to national security and have increasingly become subject to counter-terrorism policies. This work seeks to critically assess the assumptions behind the lesser-known

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financial War on Terror, through exploration of the effects of current policies on Muslim charitable practices in the UK. The consequences of current policies are multi-faceted – from the stigmatization and suspicion of Muslim charities and communities, individual loss of status and financial standing, to a

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decrease of living standards and/or loss of lives. Engaging with the everyday socio-political activities of Muslim individuals, this book gives voice to the motivations, apprehensions and challenges faced by Muslim charitable practitioners. A must read for anyone wanting to challenge policy assumptions

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behind increased surveillance of charities and individual donors, whilst outlining the repercussions of current policies on Muslim individuals and charities.

The Routledge Handbook of Africa-Asia Relations is the first handbook aimed at studying the



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interactions between countries across Africa and Asia in a multi-disciplinary and comprehensive way. Providing a balanced discussion of historical and on-going processes which have both shaped and changed intercontinental relations over time, contributors take a thematic approach to examine the ways in which

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we can conceptualise these two very different, yet inextricably linked areas of the world. Using comparative examples throughout, the chronological sections cover:

- Early colonialist contacts between Africa and Asia;
- Modern Asia–Africa interactions through diplomacy, political networks

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and societal connections; • Africa–Asia contemporary relations, including increasing economic, security and environmental cooperation. This handbook grapples with major intellectual questions, defines current research, and projects future agendas of investigation in the field. As such, it will

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be of great interest to students of African and Asian Politics, as well as researchers and policymakers interested in Asian and African Studies. Throughout the Middle East, Islamist charities and social welfare organizations play a major role in addressing the socioeconomic needs of

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Muslim societies, independently of the state. Through case studies of Islamic medical clinics in Egypt, the Islamic Center Charity Society in Jordan, and the Islah Women's Charitable Society in Yemen, Janine A. Clark examines the structure and dynamics of moderate Islamic institutions and their social and

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political impact. Questioning the widespread assumption that such organizations primarily serve the poorer classes, Clark argues that these organizations in fact are run by and for the middle class. Rather than the vertical recruitment or mobilization of the poor that they are often presumed

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to promote, Islamic social institutions play an important role in strengthening social networks that bind middle-class professionals, volunteers, and clients. Ties of solidarity that develop along these horizontal lines foster the development of new social networks and the diffusion of new ideas.

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Zakat Chamber to control the Zakat  
collection and distribution. It argues that

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these reforms are founded on the extension of fiqh sources introducing modern interpretations of Zakat and based on the prioritization between the Zakat categories according to their definition of 'the public interest'. Thus, the Zakat Chamber funds service projects such as water services for the poor. The study is

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the first in-depth empirical research on the politics of the Zakat Chamber in Sudan. It gives a novel understanding of internal dynamics of the state and civil society in Sudan.