The Sociology of Islam: Knowledge, Power and Civility

Armando Salvatore

DESCRIPTION

The Sociology of Islam provides an accessible introduction to this emerging field of inquiry, teaching and debate. The study is located at the crucial intersection between a variety of disciplines in the social sciences and the humanities. It discusses the long-term dynamics of Islam as both a religion and as a social, political and cultural force.

The volume focuses on ideas of knowledge, power and civility to provide students and readers with analytic and critical thinking frameworks for understanding the complex social facets of Islamic traditions and institutions. The study of the sociology of Islam improves the understanding of Islam as a diverse force that drives a variety of social and political arrangements.

Delving into both conceptual questions and historical interpretations, The Sociology of Islam is a transdisciplinary, comparative resource for students, scholars, and policy makers seeking to understand Islam’s complex changes throughout history and its impact on the modern world.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Armando Salvatore is Professor of Global Religious Studies at McGill University, Montreal, and Professor at the Centre for Arab & Islamic Studies of the Australian National University, Canberra. His work as a social scientist emphasizes transregional...
comparison and explores the Islamic ecumene’s socio-political trajectories as well as transcultural interconnections. As a complement to *The Sociology of Islam* he is editing *The Wiley Blackwell History of Islam*. Among his previous works are *Islam and the Political Discourse of Modernity* (1997), *Public Islam and the Common Good* (edited with Dale F. Eickelman, 2004), *The Public Sphere: Liberal Modernity, Catholicism and Islam* (2007), and *Islam and Modernity: Key Issues and Debates* (edited with Muhammad Khalid Masud and Martin van Bruinessen, 2009).