



Islam, the people and the state: political ideas and movements in the Middle East

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Abstract

Book synopsis: The recent prominence of Islamic politics in the Middle East has raised important questions about society, politics and culture. It has posed a challenge to the main theoretical approaches in the social sciences from Marxism to modernization theory and it has given some credence to the idea that the world of Islam is essentially distinct from Europe, and follows a course of development dictated by its own history and culture. In this book, Sami Zubaida challenges these diverse opinions in favor of a general political sociology capable of dealing with the historical and cultural personalities of societies and situations in the region. He argues that rather than being "revivals" of historical ideas and institutions, current political and social developments in the Islamic World are, in fact, uniquely modern phenomena.

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expressed this view in speeches. Prominent Indian analyst and participant in the Middle East Dialogue, Kumaraswamy Polur Raman, believes that the Islamists' contribution to the overthrow of dictators was minimal and may be disputed altogether, though their electoral victory cannot be denied. Recent papers in Islamic Movements and Political Islam. Papers. People. Islamic political movements in the world politics are mostly responded by the state through repressive policies. Those groups are banned; their members are arrested, and even killed. Hizb ut-Tahrir is one example of an Islamic political more. Government and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa: Development, Democracy, and Dictatorship (9th edition). The latest edition of this renowned textbook explores the states and regimes of the Middle East and North Africa. Presenting heavily revised, fully updated chapters contributed by the world's leading experts, it analyzes the historical more. There exist a number of perspectives on the relationship of Islam and democracy among Islamic political theorists, the general Muslim public, and Western authors. Some modern Islamic thinkers, whose ideas were particularly popular in the 1970s and 1980s, rejected the notion of democracy as a foreign idea incompatible with Islam. Others have argued that traditional Islamic notions such as shura (consultation), maslaha (public interest), and 'adl (justice) justify representative government institutions