

Could lessons from Asia, Oceania and the Middle East help Europe overcome the challenge of religious diversity?

Religious diversity is one of the toughest challenges that today's European societies face in their search for identity, equality and cohesion in an increasingly globalised world. This book engages critically with the different models and approaches for managing religion adopted in Europe, Asia and Oceania in order to seek answers to this pressing normative, conceptual and policy issue. A truly intercontinental volume, this collection brings together high level scholarship from renowned scholars and rising stars in the fields of political theory, Islamic studies, sociology and law.

Key Features

- Presents a de-centred perspective on the governance of religious diversity and the study of secularism that has been dominated in the Anglophone literature by Euro- and West-centric analyses.
- Distinguishes secularism from atheism, as well as secularism from democracy (or authoritarianism) and explores alternative conceptions of the secular arising from the search for a civic basis of national unity or from a religious sense of nationhood.
- Discusses the relationship between national and religious identity in a context of increasing diversity both of ethnic and religious groups.
- Offers case studies covering Britain, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Australia and Israel, as well as several comparative European studies.

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