

‘Through an erudite analysis of recent debates about the veil in France, ethno-religious tensions in South Asia, and ethno-nationalism in Japan, Giorgio Shani defends a “post-secular” approach to human security that openly embraces cultural diversity and religious difference. This lucid and wide-ranging book will interest students of globalisation, identity politics, post-colonialism, and critical security studies.’

Prof. Andrew Linklater, *Aberystwyth University, UK*

‘This excellent book is not only an original contribution to critical human security studies, but, more broadly, is an outstanding remapping of post-secular thinking on international relations.’

Prof. Mustapha Kamal Pasha, *Aberystwyth University, UK*

Religion, Identity and Human Security seeks to demonstrate that a major source of human insecurity comes from the failure of states around the world to recognize the increasing cultural diversity of their populations which has resulted from globalization. Shani begins by setting out the theoretical foundations, dealing with the transformative effects of globalization on identity, religion and security. The second part of the book then draws on different cases of sites of human insecurity around the globe to develop these ideas, examining themes such as:

- securitization of religious symbols;
- retreat from multiculturalism;
- rise of exclusivist ethno-religious identities post-9/11; and
- state religion, colonization and the ‘racialization’ of migration.

Highlighting that religion can be a source of both human security and insecurity in a globalizing world, Shani offers a ‘critical’ human security paradigm that seeks to de-secularize the individual by recognizing the culturally contested and embedded nature of human identities. The work argues that religion serves an important role in re-embedding individuals deracinated from their communities by neo-liberal globalization and will be of interest to students of international relations, security studies, and religion and politics.

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