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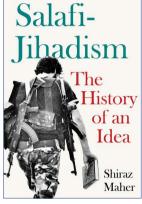
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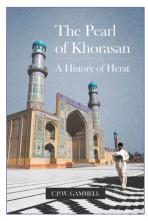
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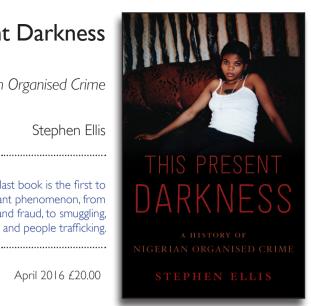
This Present Darkness

A History of Nigerian Organised Crime

Stephen Ellis

The late Stephen Ellis's last book is the first to chart this globally significant phenomenon, from '419' advance fees and fraud, to smuggling, and people trafficking.

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Nigeria and Nigerians have acquired an unfortunate reputation for involvement in drug-trafficking, fraud, cyber-crime and other types of criminal activity. Successful Nigerian criminal networks have a global reach, interacting with their Italian, Latin American and Russian counterparts. Yet in 1944, a British colonial official wrote that 'the number of persistent and professional criminals is not great' in Nigeria and that 'crime as a career has so far made little appeal to the young Nigerian.'

This last book by a celebrated Africanist traces the origins of Nigerian organised crime to the last years of colonial rule, when nationalist politicians acquired power at regional level. In need of funds for campaigning, they offered government contracts to foreign businesses in return for kickbacks, in a pattern that recurs to this day. Political corruption encouraged a wider disrespect for the law that spread throughout Nigerian society. When the country's oil boom came to an end in the early 1980s, young Nigerian college graduates headed abroad, eager to make money by any means. Nigerian crime went global at the very moment new criminal markets were emerging all over the world.

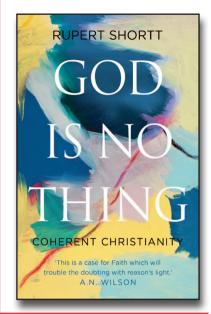
'This is quite simply a dynamite book, striking first of all for the sheer depth of research that has gone into it. It is remarkable, too, in the way that it is able to fit this material into a bigger picture, created not only by a thorough familiarity with Nigerian history and politics, but also by an awareness especially of the spiritual dimensions of Nigerian life, and the ways in which these feed through into crime as well as virtually every other aspect of Nigerian affairs.' - Christopher Clapham, University of Cambridge

Stephen Ellis was Desmond Tutu Professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences at the VU University, Amsterdam, and author of, amongst others, The Mask of Anarchy: The Religious Roots of the Liberian Civil War (2007), Season of Rains: Africa in the World (2012), and External Mission: The ANC in Exile, 1960-1990 (2013).

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God is No Thing

Coherent Christianity

Rupert Shortt

This coolly written tract offers an erudite and eloquent argument for the importance of Christian values in modern life.

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'This is a case for Faith which will trouble the doubting with reason's light' — A. N. Wilson

Rupert Shortt is religion editor of the Times Literary Supplement and a former Visiting Fellow at Oxford University. His books include Benedict XVI (2005), Christianophobia: A Faith under Attack (2012) and Rowan's Rule: The Biography of the Archbishop (2014).

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Religion

'God is no thing, but not nothing'. These words from the renowned thinker Herbert McCabe point to a fallacy at the heart of New Atheist polemics against religion: the deity rejected by Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens, Sam Harris and their followers is not God as taught in classical tradition, but merely a blown-up thing. From this basic error flow many more misunderstandings about Christianity and other creeds. As a result, debate on life's biggest questions has grown vitriolic as well as confused.

The problem is all the more acute because religion refuses to fade away. Even though parts of the Western world now appear almost totally secularised, Christianity remains the most potent worldview on earth alongside Islam. Globalisation and democratisation have only strengthened the two faiths still further. In this hard-hitting but constructive book, Rupert Shortt argues that Christianity is a much more coherent, progressive body of belief — philosophically, scientifically and culturally — than often supposed by its critics. Alert to the menace posed by religious fundamentalism, as well as to secularist blind spots, he shows how a self-critical faith is of huge consequence to wider human flourishing.

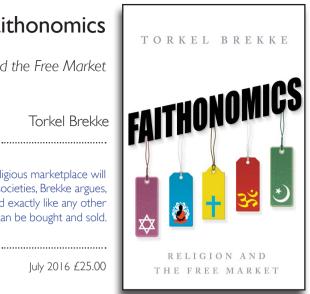
Faithonomics

Religion and the Free Market

Torkel Brekke

Deregulation of the religious marketplace will foster more harmonious societies, Brekke argues, with religions being treated exactly like any other commodity that can be bought and sold.

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Faithonomics uses economic theory to provide a new and unorthodox view of religion in today's world. Drawing on state-of-the-art research and on case studies from around the globe, this book shows that religion should be analysed as a market similar to markets for other goods and services, like bottled water or haircuts.

Faithonomics is about today's religious markets. but in sweeping detours through the histories of Christianity, Islam, Buddhism and Hinduism, Brekke shows us the religious markets of the past. although these were sometimes heavily regulated by states. He argues that government 'control' over religious markets is often the cause of unforeseen and negative consequences. Many of today's problems related to religion, like religious terrorism or rent-seeking by religious political parties, are easier to understand if we think like economists. Religious markets work best when they are relatively free. Religious organisations should be free to sell their products without unnecessary restrictions, but we have no good reason to grant them privileges in the form of subsidies or tax-breaks.

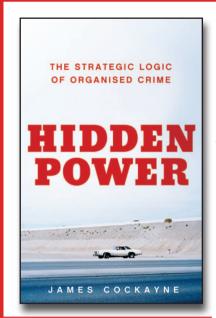
Torkel Brekke is Professor in the History of Religions at the University of Oslo. He has written and edited twelve books and numerous articles, mostly about religion and politics, including Fundamentalism: Prophecy and Protest in an Age

of Globalisation (2012). •••••

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Religion / Economics



Hidden Power

The Strategic Logic of Organised Crime

James Cockayne

Forcing us to rethink our distinctions between politics, conflict and crime, Cockayne uncovers a world in which states and mafias compete in a 'market for government', and not only states, but also some criminal groups, make war:

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What should we make of the outsized role organised crime plays in conflict and crisis, from drug wars in Mexico to human smuggling in North Africa, from the struggle in Crimea to scandals in Kabul? How can we deal with the convergence of politics and crime in so-called 'mafia states' such as Guinea-Bissau, North Korea or, as some argue, Russia?

Drawing on unpublished government documents and mafia memoirs, James Cockayne discovers the strategic logic of organised crime, hidden in a century of forgotten political-criminal collaboration in New York, Sicily and the Caribbean. He reveals states and mafias competing – and collaborating – in a competition for governmental power. He discovers mafias influencing elections, changing constitutions, organising domestic insurgencies and transnational terrorism, negotiating peace deals, and forming governmental joint ventures with ruling groups. And he sees mafias working with the US government to spy on American citizens, catch Nazis, try to assassinate Fidel Castro, invade and govern Sicily, and playing unappreciated roles in the Bay of Pigs fiasco and the Cuban Missile Crisis.

James Cockayne is an Australian strategist, writer and international lawyer who works at the UN. His research and practice focus on armed groups, organised crime, counter-terrorism and the protection of human rights.

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Icons of Dissent

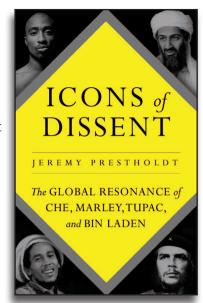
The Global Resonance of Che, Marley, Tupac and Bin Laden

Jeremy Prestholdt

Through the medium of popular heroes, Prestholdt traces the development of shared global imagery, highlighting the mutability of common references and the commodification of political sentiment since the 1960s.

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The global icon is an omnipresent but poorly understood element of mass culture. This book asks why audiences around the world have embraced a small number of iconic figures and what this tells us about cross-border, trans-cultural interrelations since the Cold War. Prestholdt addresses these questions by examining one type of iconic figure: the 'anti-system' hero. These hero icons are symbols of alienation and aspiration that can be integrated into diverse political and consumer cultures.

To illustrate these points the book examines four of the most evocative global popular heroes of the past fifty years: Ernesto 'Che' Guevara, Bob Marley, Tupac Shakur and Osama bin Laden. Each has embodied a convergence of emancipatory politics, dissent and consumerism, and the popularity of each reveals the dissonance between shared, global references and locally contingent traditions. By examining four diverse popular heroes, *Icons of Dissent* offers new insights into transnational symbolic idioms, the mutability of common references and the commodification of political sentiment in the contemporary world.

Jeremy Prestholdt is Associate Professor of History at the University of California, San Diego and author of Domesticating the World: African Consumerism and the Genealogies of Globalization.

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Popular Culture / Sociology



Six Authors in Search of Justice

Engaging With Political Transitions

Michael Newman

Newman offers the reader a nuanced understanding of the complex relationships between injustice, justice and political transition through the prism of six writers of the Left.

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'This book is highly original. It is, in effect, literary criticism written by a political scientist, albeit one who is deeply sensitive to the art of his subjects. All were on the left, and all suffered greatly from varying degrees of attraction to and revulsion from violence, and from the pain of disillusionment. Newman's engagement with them is compassionate and lucid.' — Bill Bowring, Professor of Law, Birkbeck, University of London

Michael Newman is Emeritus Professor of Politics at London Metropolitan University and now teaches at New York University in London. His previous books include Humanitarian Intervention: Confronting the Contradictions (2009), Socialism: A Very Short Introduction (2005), Ralph Miliband and the Politics of the New Left (2002), and Democracy, Sovereignty and the European Union (1996).

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Literary Studies / Law

This book makes an original and readable contribution to defining the nature of justice in the aftermath of a repressive regime. While considering transitional justice as conventionally defined, this work explores broader conceptions of justice and is distinct in approaching the subject through a discussion of the lives and works of six writers: Victor Serge in Stalinist Russia, Albert Camus in Vichy France, Jorge Semprun in Spain under Franco, Ngugi wa Thiong'o in colonial and postcolonial Kenya, Ariel Dorfman in Chile under Pinochet, and Nadine Gordimer in apartheid South Africa. Each lived under a brutal regime, was prepared to take substantial risks in order to contribute to its overthrow, and survived a transition to a new regime. Each thought deeply about the evolving situation with viewpoints derived from a combination of lived experience and intellectual and artistic creation. Each illuminated key questions with reference to a particular country, while developing wider insights.

Newman demonstrates that their writings provide a valuable addition to academic analysis and external policy advice that too often fails to take sufficient account of reflective understanding, social and cultural context and the specificity of each situation. He also highlights the evolving and multi-dimensional nature of justice and injustice in political transitions.

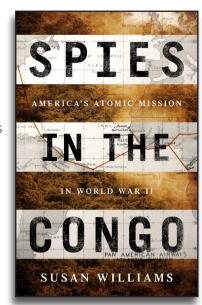
Spies in the Congo

America's Atomic Mission in World War II

Susan Williams

A thrilling account of the extraordinary efforts of Allied intelligence in gaining control of Belgian Congo's uranium mines and keeping them from Hitler and Stalin

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This book is the true story of American spies in Africa in the Second World War, which until now has never been researched or told. It is set against the background of one of the most tightly-guarded secrets of the war — America's struggle to secure enough high quality uranium to build atomic bombs. These efforts were focused on the Shinkolobwe Mine in the Belgian Congo, which was described within the Manhattan Project as the 'most important deposit of uranium yet discovered in the world'. Uranium from this mine was used to build the bombs dropped on Japan in 1945.

Given the very real possibility that Germany was also working on an atomic bomb, it was an urgent priority for the US to prevent uranium from the Congo being diverted to the enemy. This task was given to the newly-created Office of Strategic Services in Washington, which sent some of their best Secret Intelligence agents under cover to the Belgian Congo to track the ore and to hunt for Nazi collaborators. Their assignment was made even tougher by the complex colonial reality and by tensions with British officials. Spies in the Congo tells the story of the men — and one woman — who were sent on this dangerous wartime mission.

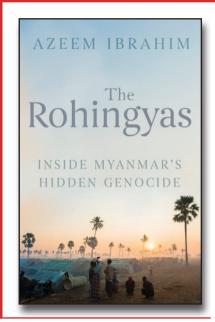
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History / Africa



The Rohingyas

Inside Myanmar's Hidden Genocide

Azeem Ibrahim

Ibrahim's searing book documents the slowmotion genocide of the Muslim Rohingyas and exposes the culpability of the Buddhist clergy in fomenting the religious cleansing of Myanmar.

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Azeem Ibrahim has a PhD from the University of Cambridge. He has been a Research Fellow with the International Security Program at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard, a World Fellow at Yale, Fellow and member of the board of directors at the Institute for Social Policy Understanding, and an Adjunct Research Professor at the Strategic Studies Institute, US Army War College. He founded and chairs a private grant-giving foundation (www.ibrahimfoundation. com) focusing on innovative community projects, and served as a reservist in the UK's 4th Battalion Parachute Regiment.

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Politics / East Asia

The Rohingyas are a Muslim group who live in Rakhine state (formerly Arakan state) in western Myanmar (Burma), a majority Buddhist country. According to the United Nations, they are one of the most persecuted minorities in the world. They suffer routine discrimination at the hands of neighbouring Buddhist Rakhine groups, but international human rights groups such as Human Rights Watch have also accused Myanmar's authorities of being complicit in a campaign of ethnic cleansing against the Rohingya Muslims. The Rohingyas face regular violence, arbitrary arrest and detention, extortion, and other abuses, a situation that has been particularly acute since 2012 in the wake of a serious wave of sectarian violence. Islam is practised by around 4 per cent of the population of Myanmar, and most Muslims also identify as Rohingya. Yet the authorities refuse to recognise them as one of the 135 ethnic groups or 'national races' making up Myanmar's population. On this basis, Rohingya individuals are denied citizenship rights in the country of their birth, and face severe limitations on many aspects of an ordinary life, such as marriage or movement around the country.

This exposé of the plight of the Rohingyas is sure to gain widespread attention.

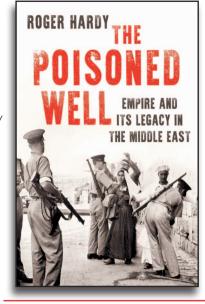
The Poisoned Well

Empire and its Legacy in the Middle East

Roger Hardy

Hardy examines the unfortunate legacies of intervention that continue to fester almost fifty years after the Great Powers left the Middle East and reveals how the imperialists viewed their mission.

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The conflicts and crises of today's Middle East are rooted in the colonial era. To understand them, we need to grasp how Western imperialism shaped the region and its destiny in the halfcentury between 1917 and 1967. That is the challenging argument of this book, which provides a vivid account of the struggle against European colonial rule in ten states stretching from north Africa to south Arabia. Drawing on a rich cast of eve-witnesses - ranging from nationalists and colonial administrators to soldiers, spies, and courtesans – the book brings to life the story of the making of the Middle East, highlighting the great dramas of decolonisation such as the end of the Palestine mandate, the Suez crisis, the Algerian war of independence, and the retreat from Aden. It argues that imperialism sowed the seeds of future conflict – and poisoned relations between the Middle East and the West.

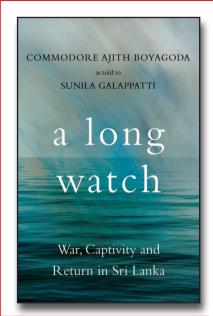
Roger Hardy worked for more than twenty years as a Middle East analyst with the BBC World Service. He is the author of The Muslim Revolt: A Journey through Political Islam (2010) and is a Research Associate at the Centre for International Studies in Oxford.

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History / Middle East



A Long Watch

War, Captivity and Return in Sri Lanka

Commodore Ajith Boyagoda as told to Sunila Galappatti

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Ajith Boyagoda is a former Sri Lankan Navy Commodore who is now pursuing various business interests.

Sunila Galappatti has worked with other people to tell their stories, as a dramaturg, theatre director and editor. She started her working life at the Royal Shakespeare Company and Live Theatre, Newcastle and is a former Director of the Galle Literary Festival. She has recently been a Fulbright Visiting Fellow at Brown University; reflecting on processes carried out in different parts of the world to curate public histories. She lives in Sri Lanka.

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South Asia / Memoir

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A Long Watch is the story of the highest-ranking prisoner detained by the Tamil Tigers during Sri Lanka's civil war, a naval officer pulled from a dark ocean after a battle at sea. For eight years Commodore Boyagoda lived at close quarters with his declared enemy, his imprisonment punctuated by high-level talks about his fate, but also by extended conversations with his jailers and scratch games of cricket played in jungle clearings. Throughout, he observed his captors and fellow prisoners acutely, and with discreet empathy for the lives of others undone by war.

A memoir retold in Ajith Boyagoda's temperate voice, his is an unblinking relation of experiences difficult, moving and ironic. From going to sea, to war, imprisonment and eventual homecoming, he accepted successive realities as ordinary, in order to survive them.

His book is a rare first-hand account of a close encounter between the protagonists of Sri Lanka's civil war. Refusing sensationalism, A Long Watch offers a statement of human complexity amid the polarised narratives of a brutal conflict.

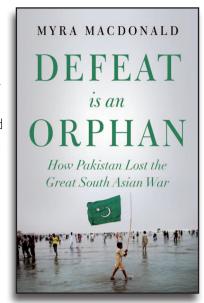
Defeat is an Orphan

How Pakistan Lost the Great South Asian War

Myra MacDonald

A full and frank history of an enduringly bitter relationship, covering the years 2001–2014, set against the background of Islamist militancy in Pakistan and India's economic liberalisation.

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When India and Pakistan held nuclear tests in 1998, they restarted the clock on a competition that had begun half a century earlier. Nuclear weapons restored strategic parity, erasing the advantage of India's much larger size and conventional military superiority. Yet in the years that followed Pakistan went on to lose decisively to India. It lost any ability to stake a serious claim to Kashmir, a region it called its jugular vein. Its ability to influence events in Afghanistan diminished. While India's growing economy won it recognition as a rising world power, Pakistan became known as a failing state. Pakistan had lost to India before but the setbacks since 1998 made this defeat irreversible.

Defeat is an Orphan follows the rollercoaster ride through post-nuclear India-Pakistan, from bitter conflict in the mountains to military confrontation in the plains, from the hijacking of an Indian plane to the assault on Mumbai. Nuclear weapons proved to be Pakistan's undoing. They encouraged a reckless reliance on militant proxies even as the jihadis spun out of control outside and inside Pakistan. By shielding it from retaliation, the nuclear weapons also sealed it into its own dysfunction—so much so that the Great South Asian War, fought on-and-off since 1947, was not so much won by India as lost by Pakistan.

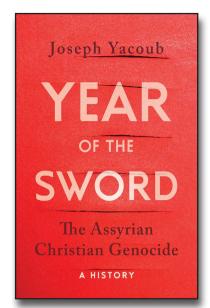
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She lives in Scotland.

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South Asia / Politics



Year of the Sword

The Assyrian Christian Genocide A History

Joseph Yacoub Translated by James Ferguson

The first general history published in English of the mass killings of 1915 in which the Ottomans sought to extirpate the Aramaic-speaking Assyrian, Syriac and Chaldean Christians of the Middle East.

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'Yacoub's work is essential reading and sheds light on a dark chapter of twentieth century Middle Eastern history that has been deliberately silenced.' — Vicken Cheterian, Webster University, Geneva, author of Open Wounds: Armenians, Turks and a Century of Genocide (2015)

Joseph Yacoub is Emeritus Professor at the Catholic University of Lyon and the author of several books on minorities and Christians in the Middle East.

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History / Middle East

The Armenian genocide of 1915 has been well documented. Much less known is the Turkish genocide of the Assyrian, Chaldean and Syriac peoples, which occurred simultaneously in their ancient homelands in and around ancient Mesopotamia – now Turkey, Iran and Iraq. The advent of the First World War gave the Young Turks and the Ottoman government the opportunity to exterminate the Assyrians in a series of massacres and atrocities inflicted on a people whose culture dates back millennia and whose language, Aramaic, was spoken by Jesus. Systematic killings, looting, rape, kidnapping and deportations destroyed countless communities and created a vast refugee diaspora. As many as 300,000 Assyro-Chaldean-Syriac people were murdered and a larger number forced into exile.

The 'Year of the Sword' (*Seyfo*) in 1915 was preceded over millennia by other attacks on the Assyrians and has been mirrored by recent events, not least the abuses committed by Islamic State.

Joseph Yacoub, whose family was murdered and dispersed, has gathered together a compelling range of eye-witness accounts and reports which cast light on this 'hidden genocide.' Passionate and yet authoritative in its research, his book reveals a little-known human and cultural tragedy. A century after the Assyrian genocide, the fate of this Christian minority hangs in the balance.

The Caliphate at War

The Ideological, Organisational and Military Innovations of Islamic State

Ahmed S. Hashim

Innovation is key to military success, as Ahmed Hashim explains in his study of how Islamic State functions as a fighting, social media and administrative entity.

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The military victories of ISIS have overturned the geopolitical map of the Middle East. Media attention has focused on ISIS' savage treatment of its enemies and its ability to attract foreign fighters. However, in order to explain its success, a dispassionate account of its innovations in insurgency, ideology and governance is needed.

The first effort to build an 'Islamic state' in Iraq was defeated by US and Iraqi forces in 2011. That the second attempt, dating from 2014, has been more successful calls for explanation. Hashim argues that by focusing their ideology first and foremost on extreme anti-Shia sectarianism — rather than on Western 'infidels' — ISIS' founders were able to present themselves as the saviours of what they saw as the embattled Sunni 'nation' in Iraq. This enabled them to win the support of Sunni communities.

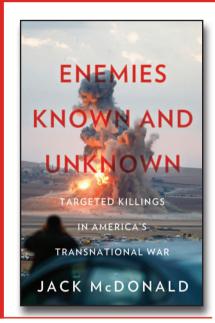
Moreover, ISIS' stunning ability to take major cities is a result of its innovative tactics. It sows terror in advance of its attacks by using targeted assassinations to kill key city leaders, and its decentralised regional command structure facilitates an unusual degree of coordination between small assault units. Meanwhile, it is making a serious effort to engage in state-building and population control.

Ahmed Hashim is Associate Professor of Strategic Studies at RSIS at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. He has published extensively on insurgency and counterinsurgency, his most recent book being When Counterinsurgency Wins: Sri Lanka's Defeat of the Tamil Tigers (2013).

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Politics / Middle East



Enemies Known and Unknown

Targeted Killings in America's Transnational War

Jack McDonald

McDonald's book lays bare the legal and political consequences of Washginton's pursuit of militarised counterterrorism in the post-9/11 era.

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President Obama was elected on an anti-war platform, yet targeted killings have increased under his command of the 'War on Terror'. The US thinks of itself as upholding the rule of international law and spreading democracy, yet such targeted killings have been widely decried as extra-judicial violations of human rights. This book examines these paradoxes, arguing that they are partially explained by the application of existing legal standards to transnational wars.

Critics argue that the kind of war the US claims to be waging — transnational armed conflict — doesn't actually exist. McDonald analyses the concept of transnational war and the legal interpretations that underpin it, and argues that the Obama administration's adherence to the rule of law produces a status quo of violence that is in some ways more disturbing than the excesses of the Bush administration.

America's interpretations of sovereignty and international law shape and constitute war itself, with lethal consequences for the named and anonymous persons that it unilaterally defines as participants. McDonald's analysis helps us understand the social and legal construction of legitimate violence in warfare, and the relationship between legal opinions formed in US government departments and acts of violence half a world away.

Jack McDonald is a research associate and teaching fellow at the Centre for Science and Security Studies, in the Department of War Studies, King's College London.

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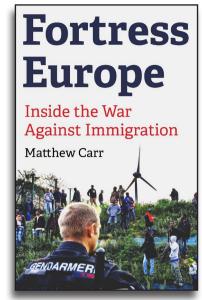
Fortress Europe

Inside the War Against Immigration

Matthew Carr

Revised and updated for 2015, Carr's searing investigation is the most authoritative account of Europe's migration crisis.

November 2015 £9.99



When the Berlin Wall crumbled in 1989, a euphoric continent hailed the advent of a new 'borderless' Europe in which such barriers would become obsolete. More than twenty-five years later, in the midst of the continent's worst refugee crisis since the Second World War, European governments have enacted the most sustained and far-reaching border enforcement programme in history. Detention and deportation, physical and bureaucratic barriers, naval patrols and satellite technologies: all these have been part of Europe's undeclared 'war' against undocumented immigration. These efforts have generated a tragic confrontation between some of the richest countries in the world and a stateless population from the poorest. The human consequences of that confrontation have become impossible to ignore, as migrants drown in unprecedented numbers in the Mediterranean or find themselves trapped in chokepoints like Calais, Hungary and Greece. As Europe's leaders argue among themselves, the continent's 'hard borders' are breaking down and it is increasingly unclear what will replace them.

Fortress Europe is an urgent investigation into Europe's militarised borders. Carr speaks to border officers and police, officials, migrants, asylum-seekers and activists from across the continent in a unique and ground-breaking critique of an epic political, institutional and humanitarian failure that now threatens the future of the European Union itself.

'Fortress Europe shines a light on Europe's hidden war against immigration, whose devastating human cost is often ignored.

Through powerful first-hand reporting from the front lines, Matthew Carr reminds us that migrants are not barbarians at the gates but human beings who, like us, aspire to a better life.' — Philippe Legrain, author of Immigrants:

Your Country Needs Them

'This disturbing but hopeful book humanises the face of twenty-first-century immigration.' – *Publishers Weeekly*

Matthew Carr is a freelance journalist whose work has appeared in *The Observer*, *The Guardian*, *The New York Times* and

The Guardian, The New York Times and on BBC Radio. He is the author of The Infernal Machine: An Alternative History of Terrorism; Blood and Faith: The Purging of Muslim Spain, 1492-1614.

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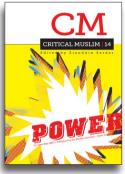
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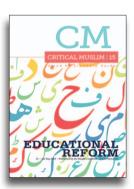
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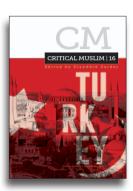
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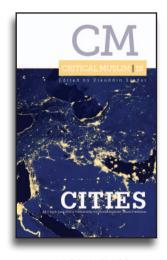




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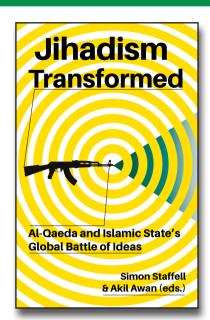


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Jihadism Transformed

Al-Qaeda and Islamic State's Global Battle of Ideas

Edited by Simon Staffell and Akil Awan

The contributors examine whether the challenge presented to al-Qaeda by Islamic State heralds a tectonic shift in international jihadism and how the former may respond to the threat of being usurped.

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Jihadist narratives have evolved dramatically over the past five years, driven by momentous events in the Middle East and beyond; the death of bin Laden; the rise and ultimate failure of the Arab Spring; and most notably, the rise of the so-called Islamic State. For many years, al-Qaeda pointed to an aspira-

For many years, al-Qaeda pointed to an aspirational future Caliphate as their utopian end goal — one which allowed them to justify their violent excesses in the here and now. Islamic State turned that aspiration into a dystopic reality, and in the process hijacked the jihadist narrative, breathing new life into the global Salafi-Jihadi movement. Despite air-strikes from above, and local disillusionment from below, the new caliphate has stubbornly persisted and has been at the heart of ISIS's growing global appeal.

This timely collection of essays examines how jihadist narratives have changed globally, adapting to these turbulent circumstances. Area and thematic specialists consider transitions inside the Middle East and North Africa as well as in South Asia, sub-Saharan Africa and Europe. As these analyses demonstrate, the success of the ISIS narrative has been as much about resonance with local contexts, as it has been about the appeal of the global idea of a tangible and realised caliphate.

Simon Staffell is a UK government expert on extremist ideologies, counter terrorism and the Middle East. He has a PhD in Political Science and Government from the University of Sheffield and has lived and worked across the Arab World, having recently returned from a diplomatic posting in Cairo.

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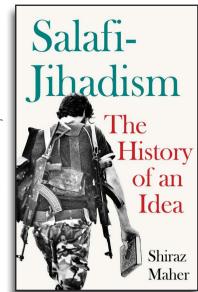
The History of an Idea

Shiraz Maher

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This primer offers a short history of arguably the most potent religious—political ideology of recent decades and how it has affected Islamist politics worldwide.

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No topic has captured the public imagination of late quite so dramatically as the spectre of global jihadism. While much has been said about the way jihadists behave, their ideology remains poorly understood. As the Levant has imploded and millenarian radicals claim to have revived a caliphate based on the teachings of the Prophet Mohammed, the need for a nuanced and accurate understanding of jihadist beliefs has never been greater.

Shiraz Maher charts the intellectual underpinnings of Salafi-Jihadism from its origins in the mountains of the Hindu Kush to the jihadist insurgencies of the 1990s and the 9/11 wars. What emerges is the story of a pragmatic but resilient warrior doctrine that often struggles - as so many utopian ideologies do - to consolidate the idealism of theory with the reality of practice. His ground-breaking introduction to Salafi-Jihadism recalibrates our understanding of the ideas underpinning one of the most destructive political philosophies of our time by assessing classical works from Islamic antiquity alongside those of contemporary ideologues. Packed with refreshing and provocative insights, Maher's book explains how war and insecurity engendered one of the most significant socio-religious movements of the modern era.

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Open-air Prison, Terror, Resistance, Occupation, Siege, Trauma: irrespective of when, where, and to whom the word is uttered, 'Gaza' immediately evokes an abundance of metaphors. Similarly, a host of metaphors also recall Gaza: Crisis, Exception, Refugees, Destitution, Tunnels, Persistence. This book brings together journalists, writers, doctors, academics and others, who use metaphor to record and historicise Gaza, to contextualise its everyday realities, interrogate its representations and provide an understanding of its real and symbolic significance. Offering perspectives from residents and observers, these essays touch on life and survival, the making of the Gaza Strip and its increasing isolation, the discursive and visual tools that have often obscured the real Gaza. and explore what Gaza contributes to our understanding of exception, inequality, dispossession, bio-politics, necro-power and other terms which we rely on to make sense of our world. The contributors reveal the manner of Gaza's historical and spatial creation, to show that Gaza is more than simply a metaphor for far-away humanitarian disaster, or a location of incomprehensible violence - it is above all an inseparable part of Palestine's past, present, and future, and of the condition of dispossession.

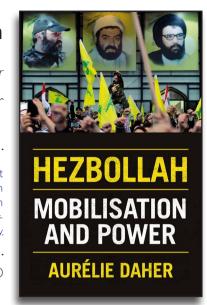
Hezbollah

Mobilisation and Power

Aurélie Daher

Social movement, liberation party or terrorist group? With Hezbollah's growing involvement in the war in Syria, this study of its impact on Lebanon, drawing heavily on first-hand interviews, could not be more timely.

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Almost thirty years after its foundation, Hezbollah remains an enigma. Is it an Islamist terrorist group dedicated to destroying Israel or the first Arab national resistance to have ever defeated Tel Aviv's troops? Should we look at it as a patriotic and respectable party or a fascist network at the centre of Lebanese political life? Hezbollah intrigues all the more for the difficulty involved in studying it. Its weakening, if not demise, has been announced many times since its inception in the early 1980s. But the fact is that Hezbollah has never stopped growing in power, on the national stage as well as in a regional context.

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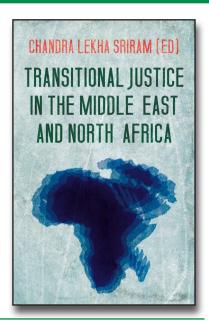
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Following the 'Arab Spring' uprisings in the Middle East and North Africa, many had high hopes not only for democratisation but also for transitional justice to address the myriad abuses that had taken place in the region, both during the uprisings and for decades prior to them. Protesters had called not only for removal of corrupt and abusive leaders, but also for the protection of human rights more generally, including socioeconomic rights as well as civil and political rights. Despite these hopes, most of the transitions in the region have stalled, along with the possibility of transitional justice.

This volume is the first to look at this process and brings together leading experts in the fields of human rights and transitional justice, and in the history, politics and justice systems of countries such as Egypt, Tunisia, Libya, Algeria, Bahrain and Morocco. While these countries have diverse histories, political institutions, and experiences with accountability, most have experienced nontransition, stalled transition, or political manipulation of transitional justice measures, highlighting the limits of such mechanisms. These studies should inform reflection not only on the role of transitional justice in the region, but also on challenges to its operation more generally.

Guardians of the Arab State

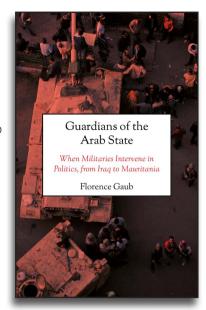
When Militaries Intervene in Politics, from Iraq to Mauritania

Florence Gaub

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This trenchant history of praetorianism in the Arab world recounts the baleful influence of the armed forces in shaping the region's political landscape over the last three decades.

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Florence Gaub is a senior analyst at the European Union Institute for Security Studies, where she heads the Middle East programme. Her research focuses on conflict, war and armed forces in the Arab world.

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Europe's Balkan Muslims

A New History

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South-east Europe's Muslims have experienced a slow and complex crystallisation of their respective national identities, which accelerated after 1945 as a result of the authoritarian modernisation of communist regimes and, in the late twentieth century, ended in nationalist mobilisations that precipitated the independence of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo during the break-up of Milosevic's Yugoslavia.

At a religious level, these populations have remained connected to the institutions established by the Ottoman Empire, as well as to various educational, intellectual and Sufi (mystic) networks. With the fall of communism, new transnational networks appeared, especially neo-Salafist and neo-Sufi ones, although Europe's Balkan Muslims have not escaped the wider processes of secularisation.

Nathalie Clayer and Xavier Bougarel are researchers at the Centre for Turkish, Ottoman, Balkan and Central Asian Studies (CETOBAC), EHESS, University of Paris. Nathalie Clayer is a historian of religion and nationalism in the Ottoman and post-Ottoman eras and Xavier Bougarel specialises in Islam in south-east Europe after the wars in the former Yugoslavia.

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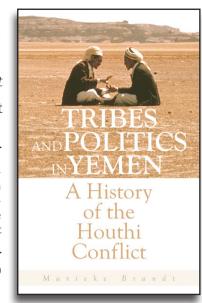
Tribes and Politics in Yemen

A History of the Houthi Conflict

Marieke Brandt

This is the first rigorous history of the longrunning Houthi rebellion and its impact on Yemen, now the victim of multi-national interventions as outside powers seek to determine the course of its ongoing civil war.

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Tribes and Politics in Yemen tells the story of the Houthi conflict in Sa'dah Province, Yemen, as seen through the eyes of the local tribes. In the West the Houthi conflict, which erupted in 2004. is often defined through the lenses of either the Iranian-Saudi proxy war or the Sunni-Shia divide. Yet, as experienced by locals, the Houthi conflict is much more deeply rooted in the recent history of Sa'dah Province. Its origins must be sought in the political, economic, social and sectarian transformations since the 1960s civil war and their repercussions on the local society, which is dominated by tribal norms. From the civil war to the Houthi conflict these transformations involve the same individuals, families and groups, and are driven by the same struggles over resources, prerogatives, and power.

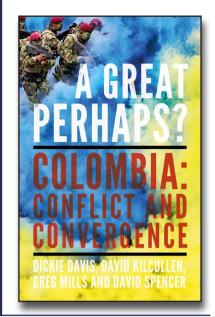
This book is based on years of anthropological fieldwork expertise both on the ground and through digital anthropological approaches. It offers a detailed account of the local complexities of the Houthi conflict and its historical background and underscores the absolute imperative of understanding the highly local, personal, and non-ideological nature of internal conflict in Yemen.

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A Great Perhaps?

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Greg Mills directs the Brenthurst Foundation. An adviser to several African presidents and to COMISAF in Afghanistan, he is the author of the best-selling *Why Africa is Poor.*

David Spencer is Professor of Counterterrorism/Counterinsurgency at the William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies. He has worked in various positions in support of Plan Colombia.

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Columbia's turnaround in governance and security conditions this century is unequalled. In 1999, FARC and ELN rebels were at the gates of Bogotá, and the country was synonymous with Pablo Escobar and known for rapacious corruption, weak government, drug smuggling and criminality. Fifteen years later the guerrillas, seriously weakened, have been persuaded to attend peace talks in Havana, and the Colombian economy has been a top performer in Latin America.

This book is the first comprehensive examination of the Columbian state's efforts to combat the guerrillas and to win political and military support, extending its authority to rural areas where it was seldom felt, and to turn the Colombian economy around. Four international specialists with unrivalled policy and practical expertise in counterinsurgency campaigns bring a unique comparative perspective.

Based on comprehensive fieldwork, this study provides a history of the conflict, examines the war from the perspectives of the government and the guerrillas, delves into the development of special military capabilities, explains the economic dimension, and compares Columbia's achievements to those of other nations. It concludes with an assessment of the country's prospects: can improved security, a flourishing economy and a peace process turn Colombia's fortunes from, in Gabriel Garcia Marquez's words, 'a great perhaps' into something more permanent?

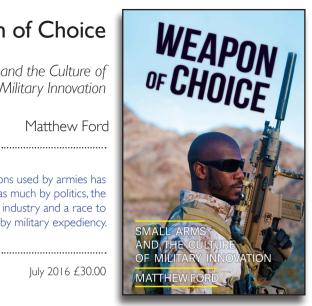
Weapon of Choice

Small Arms and the Culture of Military Innovation

Matthew Ford

The choice of weapons used by armies has often been determined as much by politics, the machinations of the arms industry and a race to innovate, as it has by military expediency.

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This book examines Western military technological innovation through the lens of developments in small arms during the twentieth century. These weapons have existed for centuries, appear to have matured only incrementally and might seem unlikely technologies for investigating the trajectory of military-technical change. Their relative simplicity, however, makes it easy to use them to map patterns of innovation within the militaryindustrial complex. Advanced technologies may have captured the military imagination, offering the possibility of clean and decisive outcomes, but it is the low technologies of the infantryman that can help us develop an appreciation for the dynamics of military-technical change.

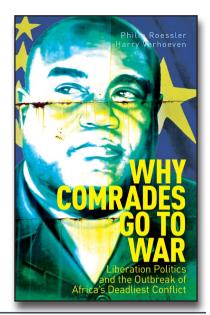
Tracing the path of innovation from battlefield to back office, and from industry to alliance partner, Ford develops insights into the way that small arms are socially constructed. He thereby exposes the mechanics of power across the militaryindustrial complex. This in turn reveals that shifting power relations between soldiers and scientists, bureaucrats and engineers, have allowed the private sector to exploit infantry status anxiety and shape soldier weapon preferences. Ford's analysis allows us to draw wider conclusions about how military innovation works and what social factors frame Western military purchasing policy, from small arms to more sophisticated and expensive weapons.

Matthew Ford is a lecturer in International Relations at the University of Sussex. He has a PhD in War Studies from King's College London and is an Honorary Historical Consultant to the Royal Armouries, a former West Point fellow and a founding editor of the British Journal for Military History. ••••••

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In October 1996, a motley crew of ageing Marxists and unemployed youth coalesced to revolt against Mobutu Seso Seko, president of Zaire/Congo since 1965. The rebels of the AFDL marched over 1500km in seven months to crush the dictatorship, heralding liberation as a second independence for Central Africa as a whole. US President Bill Clinton toasted AFDL leader Laurent-Désiré Kabila and his regional allies — having developed a unique camaraderie and personal trust on the region's battlefronts — as a 'new generation of African leaders' ushering in an 'African Renaissance.'

Within months, however, the Pan-Africanist alliance fell apart. The AFDL's collapse triggered a cataclysmic fratricide between the heroes of liberation that became the deadliest conflict since the Second World War, drawing in eight African countries. This book draws on hundreds of interviews with protagonists from Africa and the international community to offer a novel theoretical and empirical account of Africa's Great War. Bridging the gap between comparative politics and international relations, it argues that the renewed outbreak of calamitous violence in August 1998 was a function of the kind of regime the AFDL was and how its leaders saw Congo, the region and themselves. As a Pan-Africanist liberation movement, the collapse of the AFDL government internally and the unravelling of regional order externally were inextricably linked.

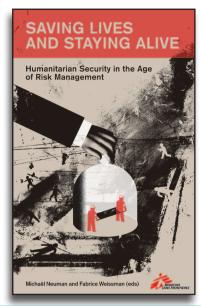
Saving Lives and Staying Alive

Humanitarian Security in the Age of Risk Management

Edited by Michaël Neuman and Fabrice Weissman

In recent years what was once unthinkable — the capture, imprisonment and murder of aid workers in conflict and disaster relief zones — has become distressingly commonplace. MSF's reflections on the phenomenon will be required reading.

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Most humanitarian aid organisations now have departments specifically dedicated to protecting the security of their personnel and assets. The management of humanitarian security has gradually become the business of professionals who develop data collection systems, standardised procedures, norms, and training meant to prevent and manage risks.

A large majority of aid agencies and security experts see these developments as inevitable - all the more so because of quantitative studies and media reports concluding that the dangers to which aid workers are today exposed are completely unprecedented. Yet, this trend towards professionalisation is also raising questions within aid organisations, MSF included. Can insecurity be measured by scientific means and managed through norms and protocols? How does the professionalisation of security affect the balance of power between field and headquarters, volunteers and the institution that employs them? What is its impact on the implementation of humanitarian organisations' social mission? Are there alternatives to the prevailing security model(s) derived from the corporate world?

Building on MSF's experience and observations of the aid world by academics and practitioners, the authors of this book look at the drivers of the professionalisation of humanitarian security and its impact on humanitarian practices, with a specific focus on Syria, CAR and kidnapping in the Caucasus.



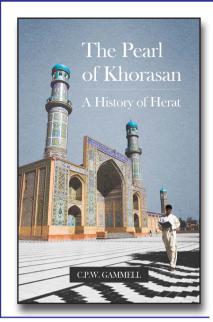
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Fabrice Weissman is Coordinator and a Director of Studies at MSF-Crash. A specialist in Sub-saharan Africa, he has been working with MSF since 1995, and spent many years in the field. He is the editor of In the Shadow of 'Just Wars': Violence, Politics and Humanitarian Action (2004), and co-editor of Humanitarian negotiations Revealed: The MSF Experience (2012).

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The Pearl of Khorasan

A History of Herat

C. P.W. Gammell

Herat is one of the most significant trading and cultural entrepots of Eurasia, which has long celebrated its Persian heritage. Charlie Gammell's splendid account spans its history to the present day.

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The city of Herat in western Afghanistan long sat at the edge of empires and served as a hub for trade and a conduit for armies. Yet it has been much more than simply a staging post or plaything of political ambition. It has been an imperial capital, a city of extraordinary wealth, and has played host to a cultural renaissance to rival that of Florence. *The Pearl of Khorasan* tells the history of this storied oasis city, from the invasions of Chingiz Khan in 1221 to the present day. An epilogue assesses the challenges Herat faces in the wake of Afghanistan's recent turmoil.

Throughout Herat's cycles of conquest and habitation, several patterns emerge: the primacy of geography; the city's strong identification with the fertility of the banks of the Hari River; and its reputation as a place of theological excellence, tolerance and cultural refinement. From the luminescent genius of the Timurid century to the destruction and cultural vandalism associated with the Taliban's rule of Afghanistan and the post-9/11 conflict, Herat has hosted empires and experienced the cupidity and lust for power of foreign agents. Using Persian, Pashto and British sources, the author paints a vivid picture of a city in which he has lived, presenting a personal vision of its tumultuous history.

C. P. W. Gammell is an historian of Afghanistan and Iran who has written widely on Herat's history and its place in Afghanistan. Educated at Oxford and Cambridge, he has worked in Afghanistan and Iran since 2009, interpreting Farsi and Pashto for the ICRC, advising UNESCO on cultural and historical projects, and researching the history of Herat.

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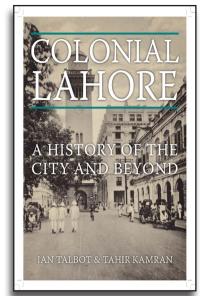
Colonial Lahore

A History of the City and Beyond

lan Talbot and Tahir Kamran

A first general history of one of the greatest cities of South Asia, examining the impact of colonialism: socially, architecturally and politically

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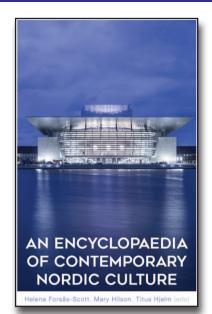
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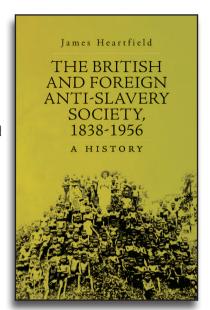
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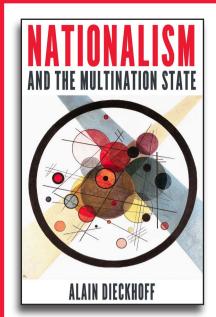
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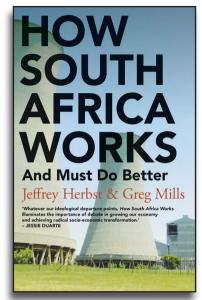
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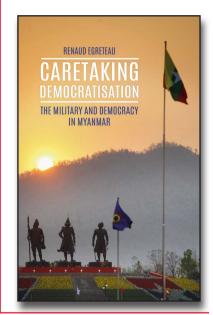
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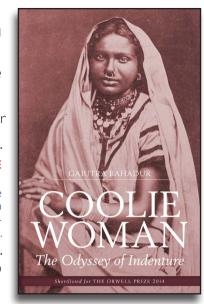
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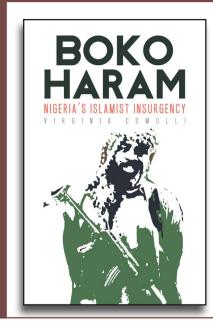
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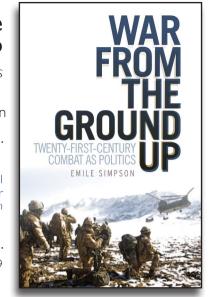
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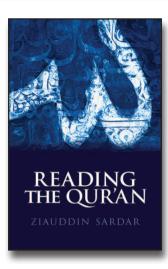
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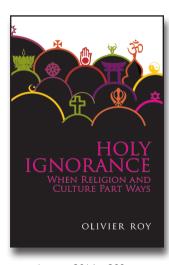
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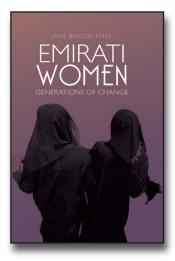
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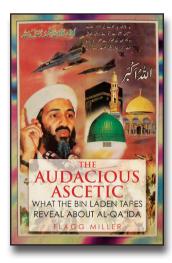
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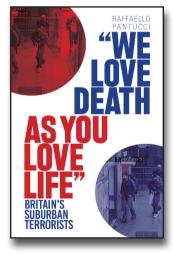
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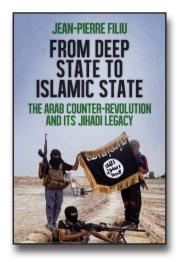
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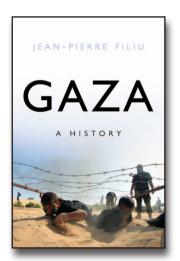
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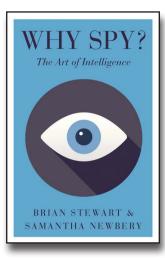
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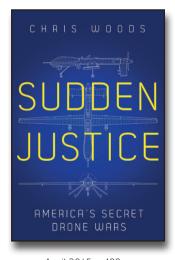
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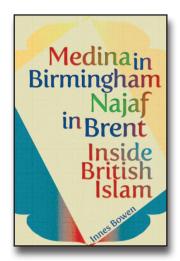
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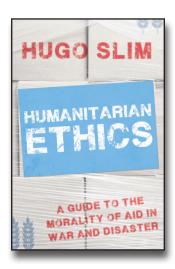
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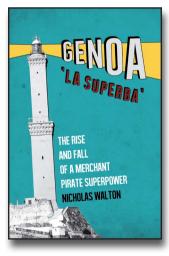
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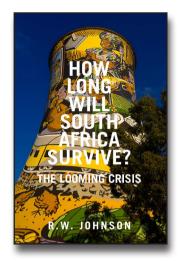
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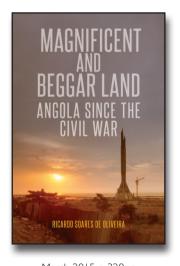
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