

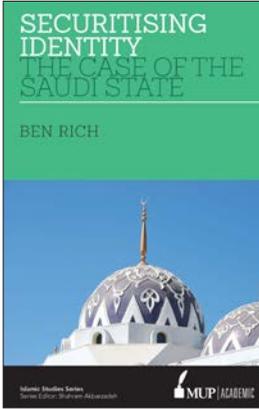


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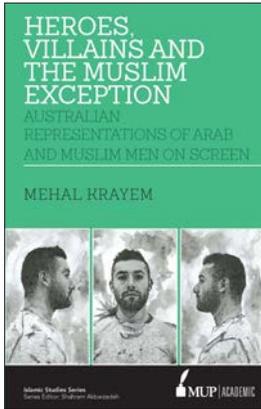
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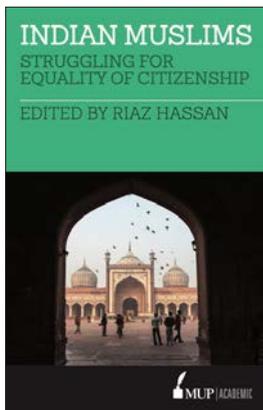
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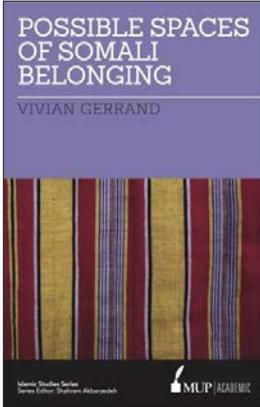
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What happens when Somalis migrate to countries with which they have few cultural ties? What helps Somalis to feel at home in their new Western countries of residence? *Possible Spaces of Somali Belonging* explores representations of Somali resettlement to understand the mechanics of contemporary belonging and the challenges faced by Western societies as they attempt to ‘integrate’ Somali migrants. How do particular representations contribute to or detract from Somali belonging?

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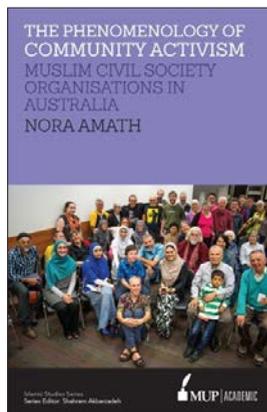
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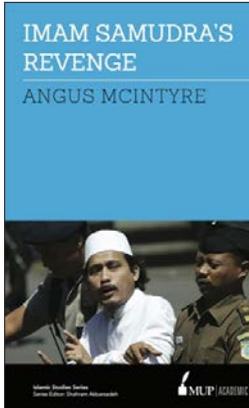
*The Phenomenology of Community Activism* explores how MCSOs have responded to the challenges of the Australian socio-political context, the perceived impact of these experiences, and how Islam is manifested within the contexts of these experiences. In contrast to much publicised jihadist and radical groups, MCSOs are far more representative of Muslim communities and integral to the long-term position of Islam in Australia. This book offers researchers, policy makers and those engaged in community development a rich understanding of Muslim community building, engagement and agency.

NORA AMATH completed her PhD at Griffith University, looking at how Muslim civil society organisations have responded to the socio-political context in Australia. Nora's academic interest includes Muslims in the West, the sociology of Islam and community development. She is also highly active in human rights advocacy, community work and international development, including interfaith understanding, and has received a number of awards for her efforts.

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On the evening of 12 October 2002 two suicide bombers detonated bombs inside Paddy's Pub and in front of the Sari Club in Kuta, one of Bali's main tourist districts. Two hundred and two people were killed including eighty-eight Australians and thirty-eight Indonesians.

The 'field coordinator' of this terrorist operation was the Bantenese Abdul Aziz alias Imam Samudra, who was later executed for his role in the attacks.

*Imam Samudra's Revenge* examines why Samudra bombed nightclubs in Bali paying due regard to the social and political context provided by both his experiences as a youthful member of the Darul Islam movement in Indonesia and Pakistan, and the outbreak of religious violence in Indonesia from 1999. Yet these same factors also influenced his colleagues within the extremist Islamist group Jema'ah Islamiyah, and they strongly disapproved of his actions in Bali. Therefore, it is also important to consider Samudra's personality; and, more particularly, his proneness to humiliation which led him via the vengeful ideology of global jihadism to embrace terrorism in Bali.

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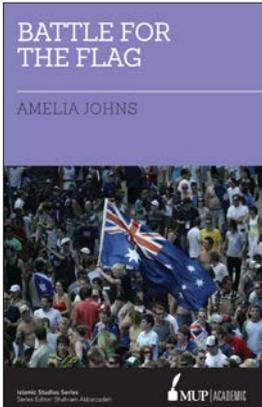
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**BATTLE FOR THE FLAG**

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Ten years after the Cronulla riots, the violence, racism and branding of young bodies with signs and symbols of Australian nationalism, along with the reprisal attacks by Lebanese-Australian youth, continues to inflame discussions about race relations in Australia, with many conversations shifting away from ideas of multiculturalism and cultural diversity towards patriotism, localism, security and fear of the (predominantly) Muslim 'Other'.

*Battle for the Flag* contextualises and challenges the narrative by drawing upon participant observation and interviews conducted with local residents of diverse backgrounds. By paying attention to the voices of bystanders and those involved, the riot is identified as an unstable and fluid formation, where the Australian flag, the beach and whiteness itself was co-opted into a much more contingent, contested and subcultural formation than hitherto described.

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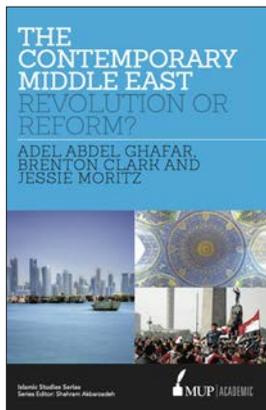
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## THE CONTEMPORARY MIDDLE EAST



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BRENTON CLARK and JESSIE MORITZ are PhD scholars at the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies (the Middle East and Central Asia) at the Australian National University.

### *Revolution or Reform?*

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This volume offers a strong response to the often misinformed and underdeveloped mainstream conceptions of revolutionary change and reform in the Middle East and North Africa. Seeking to recast and re-evaluate the paradigms used to interpret change in the Arab, Persian and Turkish worlds, the chapters in this volume will spark debate and provide much needed clarity to the current issues rocking the Middle East and North Africa.

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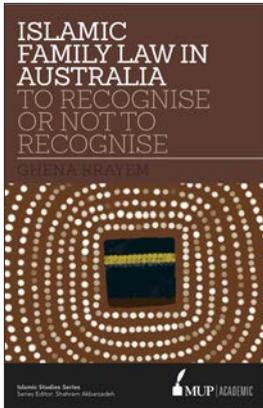
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## ISLAMIC FAMILY LAW IN AUSTRALIA



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### *To Recognise Or Not To Recognise*

In recent years, all over the western world, a conversation has begun about the role of Islamic law or Shariah in secular liberal democratic states. Often this has focused on the area of family law, including matters of marriage and divorce. *Islamic Family Law in Australia* considers this often-controversial issue through the lens of multiculturalism and legal pluralism. Primarily, its main objective is to clarify the arguments that have been made recently.

In both Australia and overseas, debates have occurred which have been both controversial and divisive, but have rarely been informed by any detailed analysis of how Muslim communities in these countries are actually dealing with family law issues. *Islamic Family Law in Australia* responds to this need for accurate information by presenting the findings of the first empirical study exploring how Australian Muslims resolve their family law matters. Through the words of religious and community leaders as well as ordinary Australian Muslims, the book questions the assumption that accommodating the needs of Australian Muslims requires the establishment of a separate and parallel legal system.

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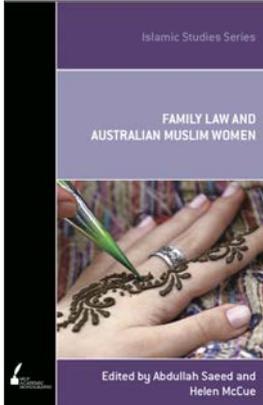
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**FAMILY LAW AND AUSTRALIAN  
MUSLIM WOMEN**



This book is a collection of essays that aims to identify the multitude of ways in which Australian Muslim women negotiate both Australian Family Law and Islamic Family Law in the key areas of marriage, divorce, child custody, property settlement and inheritance. The book also seeks to provide a timely and significant insight into the various legal, cultural and social processes that Australian Muslim women use when disputes in these key areas arise.

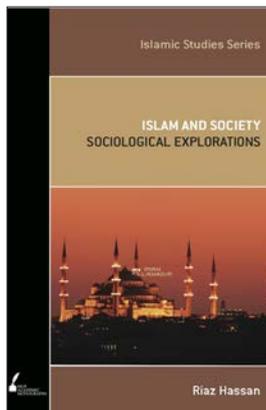
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*Sociological Explorations*

The central focus of this volume is to explore and highlight the nexus between the ideology of Islam and social and cultural milieus with the aim of reconceptualising the sacred as a socially constructed reality and not a transcendental supernatural phenomenon. From this perspective, human agency and society become the main focus for shaping, perpetuating and institutionalising religious beliefs, ideas and practices, opening up space for empirical and sociological analyses of religious phenomena.

The seven essays in this volume seek to explore and examine some of the key debates in contemporary sociology of Islam. The topics explored are:

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*Making Australian Foreign Policy on Israel-Palestine* is a must read for anyone concerned about how social forces influence policy making and the impact this has on Australia's response to world affairs.

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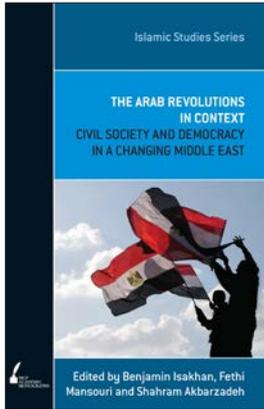
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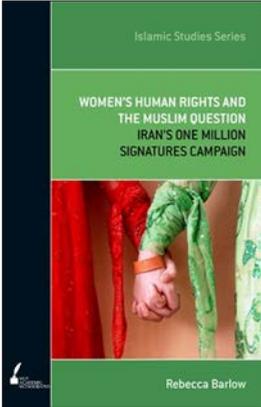
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### *Iran's One Million Signatures Campaign*



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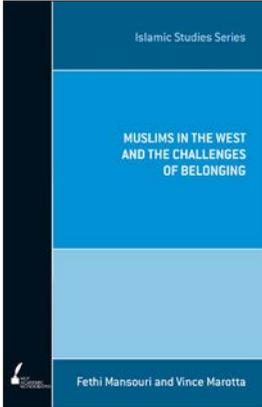
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## MUSLIMS IN THE WEST AND THE CHALLENGES OF BELONGING



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Sensational reporting by the media has led to attitudes that racialise Muslims and frame them as potential threats to national security, placing them outside the circle of trustworthy citizenship. Muslims in the West are increasingly confronted with the pressure of conforming to dominant core values and accepting 'mere tolerance' from society, or else risk exclusion and even hostility when exercising their rights to maintain diverse cultural norms and religious practices.

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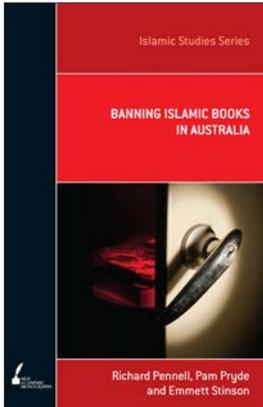
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## BANNING ISLAMIC BOOKS IN AUSTRALIA



In 2005, the Australian Federal Police referred eight Islamic books to the Australian Classification Board. The goal was to secure a ban of the books, all of which were alleged to advocate ‘terrorist acts’. After nearly a year of review, and intense public debate, two of the books were refused classification and effectively banned in a move that would have severe repercussions for librarians, scholars, authors and the state of free speech in Australia.

*Banning Islamic Books in Australia* examines the cultural and political contexts that led up to the ban, and the content of the books themselves in an attempt to determine what it was that made them seem so dangerous. It also documents the unintended consequences of the ban on library collections and academic freedom, and how this in turn affects free speech in contemporary Australia.

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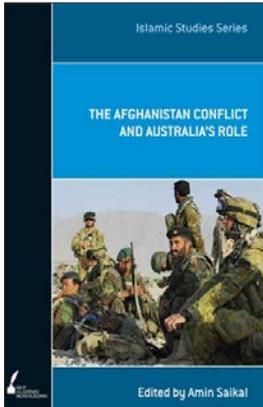
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## THE AFGHANISTAN CONFLICT AND AUSTRALIA'S ROLE



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A decade after the US-led invasion of Afghanistan in October 2001, the country continues to face a growing insurgency and crises of governance. *The Afghanistan Conflict and Australia's Role* tackles a number of critical dimensions—politics, society, military, and reconstruction—of this conflict from a range of perspectives.

This book unpacks the nature and complexity of the conflict at national and international levels. It makes a critical assessment of the performance of President Hamid Karzai and his government, and the efforts made by the international community, the US and its NATO and non-NATO allies in particular, to stabilise, rebuild and secure Afghanistan as a viable state. In addition, it examines critically the role played by Australia in the conflict.

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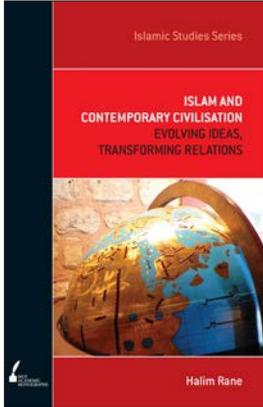
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**ISLAM AND  
CONTEMPORARY CIVILISATION***Evolving Ideas, Transforming Relations*

DR HALIM RANE is the Deputy Director of the Griffith Islamic Research Unit and a lecturer in the National Centre of Excellence for Islam Studies at Griffith University, Queensland.

*Islam and Contemporary Civilisation* examines the most complex debates and dilemmas facing Islam today, both internally and in its relations with Western civilisation. Halim Rane provides a concise and comprehensive introduction to Islam and modern developments in Muslim thought, and tackles questions of Islamic law, human rights, democracy, jihad and the Israel-Palestine conflict in the context of Islam-West relations.

In confronting these challenging issues, Rane proposes a way forward that has far-reaching implications for advancing mutual understanding and finding common ground between the Muslim world and the West.

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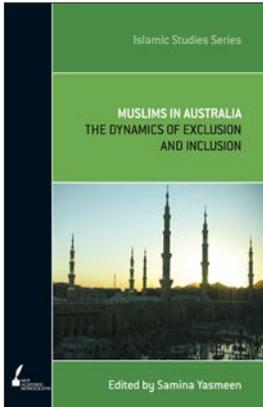
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**MUSLIMS IN AUSTRALIA**

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*The Dynamics of Exclusion and Inclusion*

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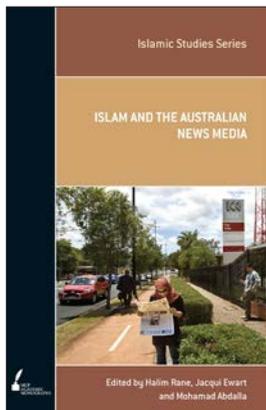
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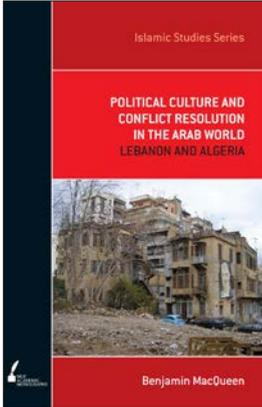
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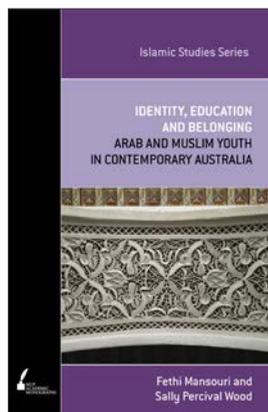
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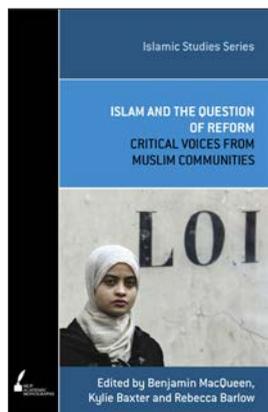
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