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Abstract

Christianity, Islam, and Nationalism in Indonesia examines the complex interplay between religion and nationalism in Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim-majority country. Drawing on extensive fieldwork, the book explores how Christianity and Islam have shaped Indonesian nationalism from the colonial era to the present day.



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The book argues that Christianity and Islam have played a significant role in the formation of Indonesian nationalism, both as a source of inspiration and as a source of conflict. In the colonial era, Christianity was used by the

Dutch to divide and conquer the Indonesian population, while Islam was used by Indonesian nationalists to mobilize resistance against Dutch rule.

After independence, Christianity and Islam continued to play a role in Indonesian nationalism, but in different ways. Christianity became associated with the Indonesian state and its ideology of Pancasila, while Islam became associated with opposition to the state and its policies.

In recent years, there has been a resurgence of Islamic nationalism in Indonesia, which has led to increased tensions between Christians and Muslims. The book argues that this resurgence is due to a number of factors, including the rise of global Islam, the increasing politicization of Islam in Indonesia, and the failure of the Indonesian state to address the needs of the Muslim population.

Reviews

"Christianity, Islam, and Nationalism in Indonesia is a major contribution to the study of religion and nationalism in Indonesia. It is a well-researched and well-written book that provides a comprehensive overview of the topic."

- **Professor Anthony Reid, Australian National University**

"This book is a must-read for anyone interested in the complex relationship between religion and nationalism in Indonesia. It is a timely and important work that sheds light on one of the most pressing issues facing Indonesia today." - **Dr. Vedi Hadiz, Murdoch University**

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on Indonesian politics, including *A New History of Indonesia* and *The Rise of Islamism in Southeast Asia*.

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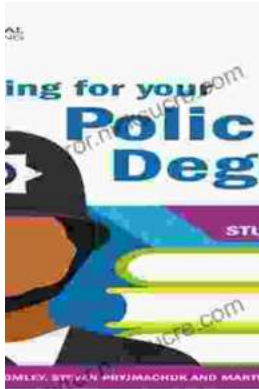
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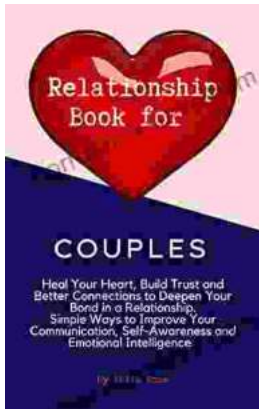
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