
   This chapter explores issues of politics and heritage conservation in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
   Middle East – Jordan
   Islam
   Heritage Policy


   An examination of issues relating to the patenting of human genetic material and patent policy and how they relate to larger social debates concerning social justice, human rights and religion.
   Patent Policy
   Human Rights
   Ethics
   Law

   An anthropological discussion of the historical trends of secularism in the West and in the Middle East. Asad precedes to relates secularism to democracy, modernity and human rights.
   Christianity


A collection of studies of how women use religion, politics and other means to gain equal rights in eight different Catholic and Muslim communities. The political strategies employed by women discussed in the essays include acceptance of and resistance to traditional doctrines and religious reinterpretation.


An historical overview of the changing role of religion in welfare policy and practice in the United States. Carlson-Thies also discusses how religious institutions act in partnership with the government to deliver services and how the Charitable Choice provision has affected the relationship between religion and government.

An examination of the historical roots of Pentecostalism in Latin America and its relationship to issues of gender, power and political organization. Through a series of case studies, the authors elucidate patterns of the movement’s political and social influence.

Latin America
Christianity – Pentecostal
Gender Policy
Politics


This article explores the influence of Catholicism and Catholic charities in the debate over welfare reform and in the formation of policy. Coleman also discusses how Catholic beliefs become incorporated into public policy.

United States
Christianity – Catholicism
Welfare Policy


Cunningham explores the role of the Catholic Church in Massachusetts state politics, its position as a moral authority and its ability to advocate for its position in the public square.

United States
Christianity-Catholicism
Politics
Law
Gay Marriage
Gay Rights


This article explores the theoretical background of the interaction of religion, civil society and democracy and examines how this interrelationship has had an impact on Greek democracy.

Greece
Christianity – Orthodoxy
Civil Society
Democracy
Davis, Derek H. 2005. 

Davis explores social and political impediments and successes of respecting religious difference. He presents ideas and models for facilitating greater religious understanding.

International
All Religions
Peace and Conflict Policy.

*Against Culture: Development, Politics, and Religion in Indian Alaska*. Fourth World Rising Series. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press.

An examination of social tensions between native groups and fundamentalist Christian churches in light of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 and related economics and social changes.

Native American religion
Christianity
Land Rights
Development


The author discusses the relationship between religion and politics in Ghana, focusing on four specific laws concerning religious liberty.

Ghana
Religious Policy
Politics

Dow, James W. 2005. 

A study of the rise of Protestantism in rural, Indian areas in Mexico and its relationship to the traditional cargo systems, politics and economics.

Mexico
Christianity – Protestantism, Catholicism
Politics
Economics

This article examines the role of negative constructions of Islam in the local planning decisions and politics of the development of mosques in Sydney, Australia.


A legal critique of the debate over freedom of religion in international law in light of Chinese executive and legislative actions against the Falun Gong. This article also examines western notions of cults and their influence in China.


Englund explores how the difficulty of observing rituals such as spirit exorcisms and funerals among Mozambican refugees in Malawi impacts their mental health. Also, the article discusses how such rituals and beliefs can be incorporated into humanitarian efforts to address trauma among the refugee population.


This collection of essays is from the October 2002 conference entitled “Pluralism, Religion and Public Policy” at McGill University examines the role of religion in law and politics in secular societies.

This book is a comprehensive examination of the policies and social effects of Muslim immigration in Britain, France and Germany. It focuses on how these countries accommodate Muslim socio-religious needs.
Europe
Islam
Immigration
Public Policy

An examination of the implications on American church-state relations from the Catholic Church’s desire to have the right do deal with its clergy accused of sexual abuse through forgiveness or punishment.
United States
Christianity-Catholicism
Justice and Legal Policy
Religion Policy

Forrester, Duncan B. 1997.
This book discusses the influence of Christian theology on justice and issues such as poverty and punishment. The author also examines justice through secular and modern feminist theories.
Christianity
Poverty
Justice

Furbey, Robert and Marie Macey. 2005.
This article discusses British government support for the inclusion of religious communities in urban regeneration. The authors explore the implications and consequences of involving faith groups in urban and neighborhood policy.
Great Britain
Urban and Neighborhood Policy

This chapter explores the changing nature of the control that Egypt’s central government has over mosques.

Egypt
Islam
Government Policy


This article explores the debate surrounding sites of worship of minorities and their role in urban policy agendas and in defining cities and towns as multicultural and ethnically diverse.

Great Britain
Religious Minorities
Urban Planning


Gifford examines the increasing presence of Christian churches in Greater Accra, Ghana. He discusses Christianity in Ghana’s cultural context and how it relates to forces for political and economic modernization.

Ghana
Christianity - Pentecostalism
Culture
Development


This article explores the relationship between Asian religions and the internet. Also, the author discusses the role of cultural parameters, Christianity and development in this relationship.

Asia
Asian Religions
Christianity
Development

This chapter discusses the targeting of historically and religiously important buildings and monuments as attacks on ideology, aesthetics, and identity during conflict. Golden explores the issue through three case studies in India, Afghanistan and Nablus on the West Bank.

India
Afghanistan
West Bank
Conflict
Cultural Heritage Policy

Gombrich, Richard and Gananath Obeyesekere. 1988


This article examines the relationship between immigrants, religion and Spanish institutions and how they react to educational models and religious education reform.

Spain
Education Policy


A legal discussion of government principles of refusing to fund religious endeavors and how these ideas have become decreasingly adhered to.

United States
Various Religions
Religious Policy

Haghayeghi, Mehrdad. 1996.

Haghayeghi examines the role of Islam and religious diversity in central Asia, exploring the region’s historical context and misconceptions about the power and influence of Islamic clergy.

Central Asia
Islam
Religious Diversity

Hanson, Mark J., ed. 2001
This collection of essays discusses the use of religious language and symbolism in the biotechnology discourse and what the implications of these technologies mean for religion.

Ethics
Biotechnology Policy

Harris, Elizabeth. 2003

Hart traces the history of the roles of Protestantism and the religious right in American civil society, politics and public life.
Christianity – Protestantism
History
Politics
Civil Society
Religious Policy

This article discusses religion and public policy from a historical perspective with special emphasis on the United States. It is an introduction to a special issue in the Journal of Policy History entitled “Religion, Politics, and Policy”.
United States
Public Policy
History

Heclo, Hugh and Wilfred M. McClay, eds. 2003.
This book explores the role of religion in American public life and the re-emerging influence of religious institutions on issues such as education and welfare. There is a discussion of how Islam relates to American values and current and future issues of religious plurality.
United States
Islam
Public Policy

Hefner, Robert W. and Patricia Horvatich, eds. 1997.

This collection of essays explores the resurgence of Islam in Southeast Asia and its implications for religion, politics and history in the region and in the broader Muslim world.

Southeast Asia
Islam


A collection of essays exploring the role of religion and forgiveness in conflict resolution and reconciliation processes.

Conflict Resolution


This article discusses the role of Islam and politics in Central Asia by analyzing what social, religious and political forces have filled the vacuum left by the collapse of Soviet communism.

Central Asia
Islam
Security Policy


This collection of essays on the relationship between religion and politics provides an overview of the issues in a variety of different social contexts. The detailed case studies cover a range of different religions and countries, allowing for comparison and the development of generalizations.

Various Countries
Various Religions
Politics

Jurgensmeyer, Mark. 2004

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Kan, S. 1999
Memory Eternal : Tlingit Culture and Russian Orthodox Christianity through Two Centuries. Seattle: University of Washington Press.
Historical anthropology reveals the effects of outside religious change on Tlingit groups in the Pacific Northwest,

Alaska
Christianity, Russian Orthodox
Indigenous Peoples
Missionizing

Kapferer, Bruce. 1988

Keller, Eva. 2004

The author describes daily religious practice among Seventh-Day Adventists in Madagascar, both within and outside formal church services. The Adventists pursue a Socratic style of Bible study and view religious knowledge as providing clarity about the empirical realities of the universe and their place in it.

Khananeh, Rhoda. DATE CHECK SPELLING
Article on Arabs in the Israeli army, American Ethnologist 2005/2006?


Kurien examines the struggles between Hindu and Muslim Indian immigrants to the United States and their implications for religion and politics in India and within Indian-American communities in the United States.

United States
Islam
Hinduism
Transnational Policy

Lester, Emile. 2005.

A discussion of the differences between state and church-based punishment in the Catholic Church’s sex abuse scandal and how public opinion interacts with the issues. Lester explores these issues through pluralist thought from Alexis de Tocqueville and John Neville Figgis.

United States,
Christianity-Catholicism
Religious Policy
Legal/Punishment


Little examines the role of religion in the Sri Lankan conflict by exploring the conflict’s causes, reconciliation efforts and future prospects for resolution.

Sri Lanka
Ethnic Conflict
Conflict Resolution


Lugg explores contemporary issues of religion and education policy through recent court decisions, the Bush administration’s policy agenda and curricular issues.

United States
Christianity
Educational Policy


This article examines efforts by churches to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS through HIV testing for couples to be married. The authors explore how the practice relates to human rights, cultural values and Ghana’s effort to address HIV/AIDS.

Ghana
Public Health Policy – HIV/AIDS
Human Rights


Luskin discusses current issues and cases of the teaching of intelligent design and creation science in public schools from a legal perspective. He also discusses the legal basis for the freedom to teach intelligent design and alternative, but non-religious views on biological origins.

United States
Christianity
Educational Policy

The authors explore the concept of judicial activism and the role of the courts in the public discourse over homosexuality, gay rights. They also discuss how the church’s role has changed in the public debate over these issues.

United States  
Gay Rights  
Judicial Policy


Fieldwork in Chitral, northwest Pakistan, reveals a diversity of beliefs among local Muslims in spite of the powerful role of the madrassahs and related politic-religious movements in the area. Some villagers took a doctrinal line, others had mixed reactions to Islamizing messages, and others spoke out publicly against them.

Pakistan  
Islam  
Local Variation


Martin explores how human rights standards influence the relationship between different religions and how religious systems of meaning relate to human rights and change over time.

Christianity  
Judaism  
Islam  
Human Rights


A discussion of the role of religion and religious teaching in schools through a legal and political framework. This article focuses on Catholicism as well as other religions.

Spain  
Christianity-Catholicism  
Educational Policy

Mayer compares the Islamic legal heritage to the realities of human rights and explores international human rights law and politics.

Islam
Human Rights
Law
Politics

An examination of various views on secularization theory and the paradox of high levels of religious affiliation and belief and modernization in the United States.

United States
Secularism

This article provides a legal analysis of how moral judgments of suicide support opposition to physician-assisted suicide from Catholics and Evangelical Christians. McKenzie concludes that Supreme Court decisions on physician-assisted suicide unconstitutionally support the views of certain religions.

United States
Christianity-Catholicism, Evangelical
Physician-Assisted Suicide
Health Policy
Supreme Court Decisions

Miles examines the increasing influence of religion in the political arena, particularly the way in which religion has become politicized since the fall of communism.

Politics
Democracy

An examination of the impact of religion, through “confessional heritage” and cultural values, on the level of restrictiveness of abortion policies. Minkenberg finds that the most restrictive policies are associated with high religiosity in Catholic countries, rather than the presence of influential religious political parties.
Western Countries
Reproductive Policies
Reproductive Rights

The authors address issues of religion and economic development by examining the secularization debate in a global context.

Various Religions
Secularism
Development

Pfeiffer, James. 2002. 
_African Independent Churches in Mozambique: Healing the Afflictions of Inequality_. 
_Medical Anthropology Quarterly_ 16(2): 176-199. 
An examination of how the rise of inequality and diminishing social cohesion interact with a fear of witchcraft and vengeful spirits to increase the role African Independent Churches in the management of health problems.

Mozambique
Christianity – Protestantism
Public Health Policy
Development

Pfeiffer examines the practice of condom social marketing in relation to structural adjustment policies, the free market and community efforts to deal with HIV/AIDS. The article also discusses how Pentacostal and Independent churches have opposed the advertising campaign through a differing message.

Mozambique
Christianity: Protestantism (Pentacostal)
Public Health Policy
HIV/AIDS Prevention

From a feminist perspective, Portugese discusses the politics of reproduction in Israel and explores how the interaction between religion and politics help to form Israeli policies concerning issue such as family planning and in-vitro fertilization.

Israel
Judaism
Public Health Policy
Reproductive Rights
Reproductive Technology Policy

A discussion of the “Talibanization” of Bangladesh through the examination of the politics of Islam and its emergence as a democratic political force. Riaz expands his exploration of politics in Muslim countries by comparing Bangladesh to Indonesia and Pakistan.

Bangladesh
Islam
Politics
Security Policy

This article examines how the Islamic Movement uses non-violent means to opposed government policies, how political gains and losses are made and their implications for the Middle East. Sahliyeh explores these issues through literature on the rise of right-wing parties in Western Europe.

Jordan
Islam
Politics
Public Policy Formation

Sarkar, Tanika. 2005  
The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) is a militaristic organization of Hindu nationalists with an electoral wing called the Bharatiya Janata Party. Throughout India, the RSS is able to attract followers from mutually antagonistic constituencies by using multiple and even contradictory voices with one underlying message: that Islam is the villain. This chapter examines the changing fortunes of the RSS and BJP at the end of the 20th century.

India
Hindu Nationalism
Militant Hinduism
Seneviratne, H. L. 1999

Sri Lanka
Buddhism


Historical analysis of the role of the Catholic Church, civil society and pastoral letters in the Mozambican conflict.

Mozambique
Christianity-Catholicism
Conflict
Politics.

Sharkansky, Ira. 1996.

A discussion of the role of Judaism in Israeli politics and the formation of public policy. The book explores plurality within the Jewish state, Israeli democracy and orthodox versus secular Jewish politics.

Israel
Judaism
Politics
Public Policy Formation


This book discusses the Hindu caste system, the stages of life and other aspects of Hinduism related to human rights.

Hinduism
Human Rights

Shattuck, Gardiner. 1987

This article provides theological perspectives on the relationship between Christian Zionism, the American Jewish community and the formation of U.S. Foreign Policy in Israel/Palestine.

United States
Israel/Palestine
Conflict Policy


Analysis of the paradox of the involvement of Buddhist monks and laypeople, who subscribe to the religion’s non-violence philosophy, in violent conflict against the Tamils. This book seeks to explain this conflict through Sri Lanka’s historical context.

Sri Lanka
Buddhism
Conflict

Thorold, Alan. 2005

The author juxtaposes anthropology’s cultural relativism, which is open to other views, with fundamentalisms (Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Fascist, Marxist) which argue for one truth and seek obliteration of other views. A brief note on a field experience in a Sufi Muslim town in Malawi is included.

Fundamentalisms
Theoretical

Van Der Veer, Peter. 2004.

A discussion of how Hindu and Muslim migrants creatively address new challenges and circumstances and how this relates to integration and citizenship. The article rejects the notion that these migrants are socially and religiously conservative.

Hinduism
Islam
Migration Policy

Victoria, Daizen. 1997
*Zen at War.* New York: Weatherhill.

Ware, Allen Reeves and Perry J. Glanzer. 2005.
The article deals with issues of constitutionality and censorship of theater productions with religious themes in public schools. The authors argue that the appropriateness of religious themes in public educational theater depends on the context in which they are used.

United States
Christianity
Educational Policy


An examination of the therapeutic uses of aboriginal spirituality in the context of Canadian correctional programs.

Native American Religion
Mental Health
Criminal Justice Policy


An anthropological study of the international development of a Sufi Naqshbandi order originating in Pakistan and its presence in Europe. Werbner discusses the group’s ritual cycle and mythology in relation to concepts such as modernity.

Pakistan
Europe – Great Britain
Islam – Sufism
Development


The considers whether Islamophobia, as emerging in Great Britain, is a new form of racism and what is the role of the state in generating or curbing this new attitude.

Great Britain
Islam
Racism
Law


Williams discusses religion as a political resource from the perspectives of “religion as culture” and “religion as ideology.” The issues are analyzed using empirical studies.

Wood examines historical perspectives on religious rights, international law, and tolerance and freedom of religion. He also explores how the freedom of religion is a cornerstone of a democratic state. He concludes that religious rights must be supported by religions themselves.

United States

Religious Policy