

A Quest For Reform Of The Orthodox Church

Apocalypse and Reform from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages provides a range of perspectives on what reformist apocalypticism meant for the formation of Medieval Europe, from the Fall of Rome to the twelfth century. It explores and challenges accepted narratives about both the development of apocalyptic thought and the way it intersected with cultures of reform to influence major transformations in the medieval world. Bringing together a wealth of knowledge from academics in Britain, Europe and the USA this book offers the latest scholarship in apocalypse studies. It consolidates a paradigm shift, away from seeing apocalypse as a radical force for a suppressed minority, and towards a fuller understanding of apocalypse as a mainstream cultural force in history. Together, the chapters and case studies capture and contextualise the variety of ideas present across Europe in the Middle Ages and set out points for further comparative study of apocalypse across time and space. Offering new perspectives on what ideas of 'reform' and 'apocalypse' meant in Medieval Europe, Apocalypse and Reform from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages provides students with the ideal introduction to the study of apocalypse during this period.

In the early years of the Great Depression, the Marine Workers Industrial Union (MWIU) was a colorful presence on the American Waterfront. In 1935, the MWIU seemed to vanish, closing its halls and stopping its publications. Vernon L. Pedersen convincingly

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demonstrates that the MWIU did not vanish—instead it was ordered by the Moscow-based Communist International to send its members into mainstream ALF unions and take over from the inside. Initiated by accident on the west coast and deliberately duplicated in the east, the Communists seized control of the west coast longshoremen's union, destroyed the International Seamen's Union, and created the Communist-dominated National Maritime Union.

"This book will be essential and challenging reading for political scientists and economists as well as policymakers in NGOs. such as aid agencies and the institutions of the EU."--BOOK JACKET.

This book is an analysis of energy and food subsidies in the MENA region between 2010 and 2014. Using the World Bank's proprietary SUBSIM model, the book studies the distribution of subsidies and the simulation of subsidy reforms across eight countries within in a partial equilibrium framework. The distributional analysis of subsidies provides information on who benefits from existing subsidies, while the simulations of subsidy reforms provide information on the outcomes of the reforms in terms of government budget, household welfare, poverty, inequality, and the trade-offs between these outcomes. This focus provides governments with the essential information they need to make decisions on subsidy reforms and consumers with a clear sense of which programs and reforms are successful. The book highlights the historical roots of subsidies, the real trigger of subsidy reforms, and the complexity of

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subsidy reforms. It discusses the pros and cons of radical and gradualist approaches to reforms, the use of compensation mechanisms and their implications, the advantages and disadvantages of public information campaigns, the political economy of targeting different economic populations, the political timing of reforms, and whether, overall, the reforms observed in the MENA region have been successful. The first book on subsidies in the MENA region that is based on primary micro data, this book is useful for researchers and graduate students studying political economy and working with microsimulation modelling instruments as well as government officials engaged in subsidies reforms, research institutes and private consulting groups advising governments on subsidy reforms.

Contemporary Myanmar faces a number of political challenges, and it is unclear how other nations should act in relation to the country. Prioritizing the opinions of local citizens and reading them against the latest scholarship on this issue, Ian Holliday affirms the importance of foreign interests in Myanmar's democratic awakening, yet only through committed, grassroots strategies of engagement encompassing foreign states, international aid agencies, and global corporations. Holliday supports his argument by using multiple sources and theories, particularly ones that take historical events, contemporary political and social investigations, and global justice literature into account, as well as studies that

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focus on the effects of democratic transition, the aid industry, and socially responsible corporate investing and sanctions. One of the only volumes to apply broad-ranging global justice theories to a real-world nation in flux, *Burma Redux* will appeal to professionals researching Burma/Myanmar; political advisers and advocacy groups; nonspecialists interested in Southeast Asian politics and society and the local and international problems posed by pariah states; general readers who seek a richer understanding of the country beyond journalistic accounts; and the Burmese people themselves—both within the country and in diaspora. *Burma Redux* is also the first book-length study on the nation to be completed after the contentious general elections of 2010.

In his book Donald Bloesch points the way towards much needed reforms within Protestantism, showing how Catholic thinking in this area can be of aid to Protestants. He sounds the call for sacramental and spiritual renewal within the church today, and gives a fresh interpretation of the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper. He also discusses such rites as confession and confirmation, as well as spiritual healing and other charismatic gifts. The book concludes with a call to Christian unity based upon the Gospel of free grace declared in Holy Scripture. *The Reform of the Church* is both evangelical and ecumenical, and can be recommended to anyone who is earnestly seeking the renewal of the church

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in our time.

A Quest for Reform of the Orthodox Church is a translation of the acts and decisions of the Pan-Orthodox Congress of 1923, which was held in Constantinople. The book contains the full transcript of the discussions held during the sessions, including reports to the Congress. The 1923 Congress was called by Ecumenical Patriarch Meletios IV (Metaxakes) to deal with the issue of calendar reform for the entire Orthodox Church. This congress recommended the adoption of a Revised Julian Calendar, which is in use in many Orthodox Churches today. The Congress also discussed the remarriage of widowed clergy, the appropriate ages for ordination, attire of clergy, fasting guidelines, the situation of the "diaspora" in North America, and the still unfolding events in the Russian Orthodox Church in light of the aftermath of the Bolshevik Revolution. Fr. Viscuso also provides an excellent and thorough introduction, overview, and analysis of the Congress, the attendees, the issues it discussed, and the reception of the Congress' decisions by the Orthodox Church worldwide. A detailed study of the sight-singing method introduced by the 11th-century monk Guido of Arezzo, in its intellectual context.

Papers presented at a conference, "The Royal Commission on Taxation: 20 years later", in Toronto at Osgoode Hall Law School of York University in March 1987.--pref.

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Far from seeing international reform as well-meaning but potentially irresponsible, Progressive Realists like E.H. Carr, John Herz, Hans J. Morgenthau, and Reinhold Niebuhr developed forward-looking ideas which offer an indispensable corrective to many presently influential views about global politics. Progressive Realism, Scheuerman argues, offers a compelling and provocative vision of radical global change which, when properly interpreted, can help buttress current efforts to address the most pressing international issues. --

The Quest for Health Reform: A Satirical History brings together two American political traditions - editorial cartooning as a medium for trenchant contemporary commentary and the long-standing effort to achieve universal national health reform. As early as the nineteenth century, caricatures and cartoons parodied the leading personalities and institutions in American politics. This book focuses on national health reform as told through the vision of popular editorial cartoonists.

This study examines how welfare reform has affected African Americans, particularly women. It analyzes the discourse of marginalization within the 1988 Title II-Job Opportunities for Basic Skills (JOBS) legislation and its impact on African American women. An Afrocentric feminist epistemology is used to explore major issues surrounding the JOBS program within the context of the history of welfare reform laws and the experiences of African Americans with the welfare system. The author discusses how the experiences and viewpoints of welfare recipients, educators, welfare workers, and administrators reflect the inequities of the welfare system and the welfare reform movement. This study of the design and implementation of the JOBS plan reveals that welfare reform that does not provide equitable wages and education will not change the lives of these women. (Ph.D. dissertation, University of Northern Illinois, 1992;

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revised with new preface, foreword, afterword)

This timely book reviews key management areas of United Nations organizations now under attack: the political selection of executive heads, the role of inspection bodies, the financial crisis, charges of corruption and fraud, the 'overpaid' staff, sex discrimination in the secretariats, the impact of the Administrative Tribunals' judgements. Reform proposals are reviewed and assessed. While executive heads are accountable for their agency's performance, Member States have the ultimate responsibility for ensuring that reform is actually carried out. Do they really want UN organizations to be more effective?

Focuses on the challenges faced by MENA economies to improve their competitiveness in the world economy

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The 1923 Pan-Orthodox Congress,
an Analysis and Translation of Its Acts and Decisions

In this article, the author provides an overview of Brazil's complex tax regime, a system that is notoriously difficult to comply with given the confusing maze of taxes and cryptic rules, and he examines two of the leading reform proposals with a focus on making the system more rational and efficient.

Examines the structure and progress of local government in Massachusetts. The author shows that contrary to a prevailing sentiment that Massachusetts local government is

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archaic and outmoded, considerable progress has been made in an incremental fashion. This progress is reflected in modernized local government structures and in a new mood supportive of professionalism in the ranks. An interesting volume for courses on state and local government, particularly Massachusetts.

This book examines the link between Islamic thought/jurisprudence on the one hand and political action on the other. It shows how reformism is deeply rooted in Islamic tradition and how Sunni scholars have become activists for change in Saudi Arabia. Every time control of the U.S. presidency is passed from one party to another, the entire top layer of the executive branch changes. Thousands of men and women take down their pictures, pack up their desks, and move back into private life, just as others dust off their pictures and move in. The U.S. stands alone in this respect. Nearly every other advanced democracy is managed—save for elected officials and a few top aides—by an elite cadre of top civil servants selected by highly competitive examinations. Hudleston and Boyer tell the story of U.S. efforts to develop higher civil service, beginning with the Eisenhower administration and culminating in the passage of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978. Arguing that the highly-politicized U.S. system simply hasn't worked, they examine why and how reform efforts have failed and offer a series of recommendations for the future.

Hill follows an evidence-based approach to ascertain the disease and define the structural issue inhibiting the ability of the health care system to deliver cost-efficient,

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high-quality care. In utilizing this evidence-based concept, he has found that the current legislation falls woefully short of the stated goals of reform while an alternative provides a more effective framework.

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