Record Nr. UNINA9910154896703321 Autore Gutkowski Stacey **Titolo** Secular war: myths of religion, politics and violence / / by Stacey Gutkowski London:,: I.B. Tauris,, 2013 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 0-7556-1996-X 0-85772-749-4 Edizione [First edition.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (241 pages) Disciplina 956.014 303.6 Jihad Soggetti Secularism War - Causes Middle Eastern history Islamic countries Relations Western countries Middle East Relations Western countries Western countries Relations Islamic countries Western countries Relations Middle East Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Acknowledgements -- List of Abbreviations -- Introduction -- 1 A Nota di contenuto Shared Cultural Palette: European Origins of British Secular Ways of War -- 2 Developing Secular Habits in War: the Northern Irish Troubles -- 3 The British Secular Habitus up to and including the 9/11 Wars -- 4 War in Afghanistan: From Secular Hysteresis to a Culturalist Approach, 2001 - 2010 -- 5 War in Iraq: Muqtada Al-Sadr and the Question of Secular Democracy, 2003 - 2004 -- 6 War at Home: Pastoral Power and Secular Regimes of Security in Britain, 2005 - 2010 -- 7 Restructuring the Secular Habitus -- Notes -- Bibliography -- Index. Sommario/riassunto "How have long-standing and unconscious secular assumptions about

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conclusions about the relationship between war and the secular. She points to a surprisingly coherent body of secular beliefs that have fuelled policies in Iraq, Afghanistan and counter-terrorism, and that have had mixed results - responsible for both positive strategies and tragic errors. The theory Gutkowski develops on the impact of this secular approach to warfare holds a broader global significance, and cannot be viewed as just a British phenomenon. This book addresses ongoing and critical debates, such as the 'overreach' of Western liberal interventionism in the Middle East, and speaks to policy-makers, security analysts and students of IR, Foreign Policy and Security Studies."--Bloomsbury Publishing.