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Sommario/riassunto

This edited collection focuses on the comparative analysis of the application of Shari'a in countries with Muslim minorities (e.g. USA, Australia, Germany and Italy) and majorities (e.g. Malaysia, Bangladesh, Turkey, and Morocco). Most chapters in this new edition have been revised and the book as a whole has been updated to give even more international coverage. This text provides a sociological and global analysis of a phenomenon that goes beyond the 'West versus the rest' dichotomy. One example of this is how included are case studies in Muslim minority countries not exclusively located in the West. Although the contributors of this book come from various disciplines such as law, anthropology, and sociology, this volume has a strong sociological focus on the analysis of Shari'a. The final part of the book indeed draws out from all the case studies explored some ground-breaking theories on the sociology of Shari'a such as the application of Black, Chambliss and Eisenstein's sociological theories. This text appeals to students and researchers working in the sociology of religion. .
