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The authors of this collection, renowned scholars from around the world, explore the tensions and dilemmas that impact pluralism and homogeneity in modern societies. This book is in homage to Shmuel Noah Eisenstadt. We honor his ground-breaking work in the comparative study of modernities and civilizations.