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This collective volume provides an integrative historical and contemporary discussion of Sunni ulama in the Middle East in both an urban and a semi-tribal context. The various chapters reinforce a renewed interest in the position of the ulama in modern times and offer new insights as to their ideological vitality and contribution to the public discourse on moral and sociopolitical issues.

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