

Islam and Muslims in Australia: Settlement, Integration, Shariah, Education and Terrorism

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Islam has long been a part of the multicultural landscape of major urban centres in Australia and encompasses a great diversity of theological, jurisprudential and cultural practices. Despite this, in popular discourse, media presentations and political debates Muslims are depicted as a homogeneous group. In this work I examine the growing presence of Islam and Muslims in Australia and how it is transforming, and transformed by, social, cultural and religious spaces. *Islam and Muslims in Australia* illuminates how socio-cultural, economic and political processes maintain and manage the ways Australian Muslims build their religious lives and identities and engage in the wider world, while facing the inevitable effects of modernity. I show how Islam and Muslims in Australia comprise diverse institutional processes and functions, social routines and norms, and sacred rituals and practices.

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