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Secularization

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the decline in power popularity and prestige of religion across the modern world is not a short term or localized trend nor is it an accident it is a consequence of subtle but powerful features of modernization renowned sociologist steve bruce elaborates the secularization paradigm and defends it against a wide variety of recent attempts at rebuttal and refutation using the best available statistical and qualitative evidence bruce considers the implications for the

Christian Ideals in British Culture

2013-05-07

this book offers a challenge to conventional histories of secularisation by focusing upon the importance of central religious narratives these narratives are changed significantly over time but also to have been invested with importance and meaning by religious individuals and organisations as well as by secular ones

Religion, Culture & Society

2014-03-10

the reader is taken on a global exploration of the forms and diversities of religions and their social and cultural contexts it is up to the minute in research and theory and comfortably grounded in the traditions of the social explanation of things religious and spiritual gary bouma am monash university tells how sociology of religion originated in the work of key nineteenth and twentieth century theorists and then brings the story into the present era of globalization hybrid spirituality and the internet students of religion will find this an engaging and informative survey of the field robert wuthnow princeton university it considers the big questions what is religion how is religion changing in a modern world what is the future of religion and addresses them through tangible case studies and observations of contemporary life its global perspective reflects the breadth diversity and vibrancy of this field sylvia collins mayo kingston university this is a rich and dynamic introduction to the varieties of religious life and the central issues in the sociology of religion today it leads the reader through the key ideas and main debates within the field as well as offering in depth descriptions and analysis of topics such as secularization fundamentalism pentecostal christianity buddhism hinduism islam atheism the spiritual marketplace digital religion and new religions like wicca emphasising religion as a global phenomenon examining especially the ways in which globalization has had an impact on everyday religious life singleton has created an illuminating text suitable for students in a wide range of courses looking at religion as a social and cultural phenomenon

Academic Study of Religions in a Cognitive, Anthropological and Sociological Perspective

2021

the book deals with current issues of the study of religion as an academic discipline especially cognitive anthropological and sociological research of religious thought and behaviour publikace pojednává o aktuálních problémech religionistiky jako akademické disciplíny zejména pak o kognitivním antropologickém a sociologickém výzkumu náboženského myšlení a chování

Theology in a Social Context

2012

in the first book of his new trilogy on sociological theology gill argues that a sociological perspective makes an important contribution to theology having explored objections raised by theologians and sociologists gill explains that a proper understanding of social context is a prerequisite for effective theology and illustrates how sociological perspective offers crucial insights into resurgent forms of fundamentalism this book presents an important fresh account of social context in the modern world

Periodizing Secularization

2019-10-31

moving beyond the now somewhat tired debates about secularization as paradigm theory or master narrative periodizing secularization focuses upon the empirical evidence for secularization viewed in its descriptive sense as the waning social influence of religion in britain particular emphasis is attached to the two key performance indicators of religious allegiance and churchgoing each subsuming several sub indicators between 1880 and 1945 including the first substantive account of secularization during the fin de siècle a wide range of primary sources is deployed many of them relatively or entirely unknown and with due regard to their methodological and interpretative challenges on the back of them a cross cutting statistical measure of active church adherence is devised which clearly shows how secularization has been a reality and a gradual not revolutionary process the most likely causes of secularization were an incremental demise of a sabbatarian culture coupled with the associated emergence of new leisure opportunities and transport links and of religious socialization in the church at home and in the school the analysis is also extended backwards to include a summary of developments during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries and laterally to incorporate a preliminary evaluation of a six dimensional model of diffusive religion demonstrating that these alternative performance indicators have hitherto failed to prove that secularization has not occurred the book is designed as a prequel to the author s previous volumes on the chronology of british secularization britain s last religious revival 2015 and secularization in the long 1960s 2017 together they offer a holistic picture of religious transformation in britain during the key secularizing century of 1880 1980

Counting Religion in Britain, 1970–2020

2021-12-09

counting religion in britain 1970 2020 the fourth volume in the author s chronological history of british secularization sheds significant new light on the nature scale and timing of religious change in britain during the past half century with particular reference to quantitative sources adopting a key performance indicators approach twenty one facets of personal religious belonging behaving and believing are examined offering a much wider range of lenses through which the health of religion can be viewed and appraised than most contemporary scholarship summative analysis of these indicators by means of a secularization dashboard leads to a reaffirmation of the validity of secularization in its descriptive sense as the dominant narrative and direction of travel since 1970 while acknowledging that it is an incomplete process and without endorsing all aspects of the paradigmatic expression of secularization as a by product of modernization

Political Orthodoxies

2018-10-01

dispatches on nationalism and religion as an insider to church politics and a scholar of contemporary orthodoxy cyril hovorun outlines forms of political orthodoxy in orthodox churches past and present hovorun draws a big picture of religion being politicized and even weaponized while political orthodoxies assesses phenomena such as nationalism and anti semitism both widely associated with eastern christianity hovorun focuses on the theological underpinnings of the culture wars waged in eastern and southern europe the issues in these wars include monarchy and democracy orientalism and occidentalism canonical territory and autocephaly wrought with peril orthodox culture wars have proven to turn toward bloody conflict such as in georgia in 2008 and ukraine in 2014 accordingly this book explains the aggressive behavior of russia toward its neighbors and the west from a religious standpoint the spiritual revival of orthodoxy after the collapse of communism made the orthodox church in russia among other things an influential political protagonist which in some cases goes ahead of the kremlin following his identification and analysis hovorun suggests ways to bring political orthodoxy back to the apostolic and patristic track

Theology in a Social Context

2013-06-28

over the last 30 years a number of theologians have been using aspects of sociology alongside the more traditional resources of philosophy in turn sociologists with an interest in theology have also contributed to an interaction between theology and sociology the time is right to revisit the dialogue between theologians and sociologists in his new trilogy on sociological theology robin gill makes a renewed contribution to the mapping of three abiding ways of relating theology and sociology with the three volumes covering theology in a social context theology shaped by society society shaped by theology theology in a social context argues that a sociological perspective properly understood can make an important contribution to theology part i looks carefully at various objections raised by both theologians and sociologists maintaining instead that a proper understanding of social context is a prerequisite for effective theology part ii suggests that a sociological perspective offers crucial insights into resurgent forms of fundamentalism part iii offers a fresh account of social context in the modern world once thought by sociologists and theologians alike to consist simply of increasing secularization

'Religion' and 'Secular' Categories in Sociology

2022-01-01

informed by critical religion perspective in religious studies and postcolonial self reflection in sociology this book interrogates the ideas of religion and the secular in social theory and sociology it argues that as long as social theory and sociological discourse embed the religion secular distinction and locate themselves on the secular side of the binary sociology will continue to serve the very ideologies it tries to subvert namely western modernity coloniality

Debating Revolutions

1995-09

brings together contemporary essays from the journal contention on the causes and prediction of revolutions contributors discuss the iranian eastern european and french revolutions and the theoretical and comparative aspects of revolutionary study and respond to each other's views in debate style topics include the social interpretation of the french revolution demographic cycles and structural analysis in the world system and global implications of the 1989 revolutions in eastern europe annotation copyright by book news inc portland or

Gardens in the Wasteland

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gardens in the wasteland is an ethnographic study of christian formation within three swedish church plants working against a backdrop of advanced secularisation the thesis analyses the formative practices employed by these church plants with the intention of forming persons towards a lived christian identity employing a situated learning theory framework it traces the formative trajectories and negotiations that emerge from these shared practices and also examines the articulations of callings and intentions within these church plants the findings reveal that the establishment of a church plant of ten stems from a sense of place oriented calling that encompasses a vision of vibrant christian life and community these church plants cultivate formative practices aimed at certain teloi that guide individuals on their journeys towards a lived christian identity through participation in these practices individuals align themselves with the church plant s vision of christian life this identity formation process is not static but rather involves ongoing negotiations both on a personal and community level as individuals grapple with the meaning of christian identity and faith amidst an increasingly secularised society

Religion, Gender, and the Public Sphere

2013-11-26

the re emergence of religion as a significant cultural social and political force is not gender neutral tensions between claims for women s equality and the rights of sexual minorities on one side and the claims of religions on the other side are well documented across all major religions and regions it is also well recognized in feminist scholarship that gender identities and ethno religious identities work together in complex ways that are often exploited by dominant groups hence a more comprehensive understanding of the changing role and influence of religion in the public sphere more widely requires complex multidisciplinary and comparative gender analyses most recent discussion on these matters however especially in europe has focused primarily on the perceived subordinate status of muslim women these debates are a reminder of the deep interrelation of questions of gender identity human rights and religious freedom more generally the relatively narrow albeit important purview of such discussions so far however underscores the need to extend the horizon of enquiry vis à vis religion gender and the public sphere beyond the binary of islam versus the west religion gender and the public sphere moves gender from the periphery to the centre of contemporary debates about the role of religion in public and political life it offers a timely multidisciplinary collection of gender focused essays that address an array of challenges arising from the changing role and influence of religious organisations identities actors and values in the public sphere in contemporary multicultural and democratic societies

Good and Mad

2022-11-29

providing a new women centered view of mainline protestantism in the 20th century good and mad explores the paradoxes and conflicting loyalties of liberal protestant churchwomen who campaigned for human rights and global peace worked for interracial cooperation and opened the path to women s ordination all while working within the confines of the church that denied them equality challenging the idea that change is only ever made by the loud historian margaret bendroth interweaves vignettes of individual women who knew both the value of compromise and the cost of anger within a larger narrative that highlights the debts second wave feminism owes to their efforts even though these women would never have called themselves feminists this lively historical account explains not just how feminism finally took root in american mainline churches but why the change was so long in coming through its complex examination of the intersections of faith gender and anger at injustice good and mad will be invaluable to anyone interested in the history of gender and religion in america

Religious NGOs in International Relations

2016-01-29

over the last 30 years non governmental organizations ngos have become increasingly present in international discourses and active in international decision making among the estimated several million ngos in existence today an increasingly visible number of organizations are defining themselves in religious terms referring to themselves as religious spiritual or faith based ngos this book documents the initial encounters between the particularly international segment of those organizations and the un while at the same time covering the protestant and catholic spectrum that dominated the early years of their activities in the un context this book focuses on the construction of the human rights discourse inside two religiously affiliated organizations the commissions of the churches on international affairs ccia and pax romana imcs icmica these organizations have been formally accredited as ngos by the un label themselves as religious and look back upon a long and intense cooperation with the un lehmann presents material from the archives of those two organizations that has so far rarely been used for academic analysis in doing so as well as documenting the encounters between those organizations and the un and looking at the protestant and catholic spectrum the book provides new insights into the very construction of the notions of the religious and the secular inside those organizations this work will be of great interest to all students of religion and international relations and will also be of interest to those studying related subjects such as global institutions comparative politics and international politics

What is Religion?

2014-09-11

religious belief is one of the most pervasive and ubiquitous characteristics of human society religion has shadowed and illuminated human lives since primitive times shaping the world views of cultures from isolated tribes to vast empires starting from the premise that religion is a concept which can be analysed and compared across time and cultures what is religion brings the most up to date scholarship to bear on humankind s most enduring creation the book opens with a brief history of the idea of religion then divides the study of religion into four essential topics types representations practices and institutions and concludes with a final eye opening chapter on religion today packed with case studies from a wide range of religions past and present what is religion offers a very current comprehensive yet intellectually challenging overview of the history theories practices and study of religion accessible wide ranging engaging and short what is religion is written primarily for undergraduate students in the study of religion but it will also be invaluable for students of anthropology history psychology sociology and theology as well as anyone interested in how and why humans came and continue to be religious

Reformed Resurgence

2020

one of the biggest movements in american christianity especially among younger evangelicals is a groundswell of interest in the reformed tradition in reformed resurgence vermurlen provides a comprehensive sociological account of this new calvinist phenomenon and what it entails for the broader evangelical landscape in the united states vermurlen s explanation of the reformed resurgence develops a new theory for understanding how conservative religion can be strong and thriving in the hypermodern western world it is a paradigm using and expanding on strategic action field theory a recent framework proposed for the study of movements and organizations but rarely applied to religion this approach to religion moves beyond market dynamics and cultural happenstance and instead shows how religious strength can be fought for and won as the direct result of religious leaders strategic actions and conflicts but the battle comes at a cost in the same storyline by which conservative calvinistic belief experiences a resurgence in its field present day american evangelicalism has turned in on itself because a field theoretic model of strength is premised upon an underlying current of disunity and conflict it has baked into it a concomitant element of significant overall religious weakness the vision of evangelicalism in the united states in the end consists of pockets of subcultural and local strength within a broader framework of secularization as cultural entropy as religious meanings and

coherence fall apart

Religious Complexity in the Public Sphere

2017-08-20

this book is an empirical comparative study of the complexity of religion in the public spheres of the five nordic countries the result of a five year collaborative research project the work examines how increasingly religiously diverse nordic societies regulate debate and negotiate religion in the state the polity the media and civil society the project finds that there are seemingly contradictory religious trends at different social levels a growing secularization at the individual level and a deprivatization of religion in politics the media and civil society it offers a critique of the current theories of secularization and the return of religion introducing religious complexity as an alternative concept to understand these paradoxes this book is for scholars students and readers with an interest in understanding the public role of religion in the west

Two Tales of the Death of God

2024-02-12

a profound cultural shift is taking place in western societies religion is in decline and secular worldviews are on the rise at the same time religion is taking more overtly political shapes and still affects our world in important sometimes dangerous ways this book examines two rival explanations for these trends critiquing the popular notion that god has been killed by modern science and offering a fresh take that draws on research in the social sciences to argue that greater socio economic equality and moral values that favor tolerance are at the heart of our collective drift away from organized faith

The Secular Religion of Franklin Merrell-Wolff

2018-01-16

in the secular religion of franklin merrell wolff dave vliegenthart investigates the life and teachings of a twentieth century american mystic with implications for the socio historical background of the ongoing grand narrative that asserts a widespread anti intellectualism in modern american culture

Cultural Evolution

2022-03-14

since the dawn of social science theorists have debated how and why societies appear to change develop and evolve today this question is pursued by scholars across many different disciplines and our understanding of these dynamics has grown markedly yet there remain important areas of disagreement and debate what is the difference between societal change development and evolution what specific aspects of cultures change develop or evolve and why do societies change develop or evolve in particular ways perhaps according to cycles or stages or in response to survival necessities how do different disciplines from sociology to anthropology to psychology and economics approach these questions this book provides complex and nuanced answers to these and many other questions first the book invites readers to consider the broad landscape of societal dynamics across human history beginning with humanity s origins in small nomadic bands of hunter gatherers through to the emergence of post industrial democracies then the book provides a tour of several prominent existing theories of cultural change development and evolution approaches to explaining cultural dynamics will be discussed across disciplines and schools of thought from meme theories to established cumulative cultural evolutionary theories to newly emerging theories on cultural tightness

looseness the book concludes with a call for theoretical integration and a frank discussion of some of the most unexamined structures that drive cultural dynamics across schools of thought

Sociology of Religion

2020-12-30

the first sociology of religion textbook to begin the task of diversifying and decolonizing the study of religion sociology of religion develops a sociological frame that draws together the personal political and public showing how religion its origins development and changes is understood as a social institution influenced by and influencing wider social structures organized along sociological structures and themes the book works with examples from a variety of religious traditions and regions rather than focusing in depth on a selection and foregrounds cultural practice based understandings of religion it is therefore a book about religion not religions that explores the relationship of religion with gender and sexuality crime and violence generations politics and media race ethnicity and social class disease and disability highlighting the position of religion in social justice and equality each chapter of this book is framed around concrete case studies from a variety of western and non western religious traditions students will benefit from thinking about the discipline across a range of geographical and religious contexts the book includes features designed to engage and inspire students up to date and comprehensive analysis of engaging and accessible material case examples short summaries of empirical examples relating to the chapter themes visually distinct boxes with bullet points key words and phrases focusing on the context questions suitable for private or seminar study suggested class exercises for instructors to use suggested readings and further readings online resources at the end of each chapter following a review and critique of early sociology of religion the book engages with more contemporary issues such as dissolving the secular sacred binary and paying close attention to issues of epistemology negotiations marginalities feminisms identities power nuances globalization post multiple modernity ies emotion structuration reflexivity intersectionality and urbanization this book is essential reading for undergraduate and postgraduate students exploring the sociology of religion religion and society religious studies theology globalization and human geography

Theology and California

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californians sanders and sexton assemble leading voices and specialists both from within and without california for engagement with california s influential culture leading theologians and cultural critics are included alongside leading specialists in film studies and cultural critique theological anthropology missiology sociology and history exploring california as a theological place this book renders critical engagement with significant californian religious and theological phenomena and the inherent theological impulses within major californian cultural icons

Religion, Christian Faith, and Secular World

2019-01-07

what has been the role and understanding of religion in the last hundred years and what can be the meaning of religion today there is a well known ongoing process of secularization in the western world is there also a return of religion and what does the fate of religion mean for an understanding of the christian faith these are topics of this book the articles originate from the actual fields of research of an interdisciplinary group of scholars who took part in a symposium held in bergen nov 2019 the contributions relate to specific contexts in the modern history of religion from the perspective of religious studies theology philosophy and sociology the editors are hans bringeland assoc prof and arve brunvoll prof emer both teachers of theology and philosophy at nla university college bergen norway

The Oxford Handbook of Secularism

2017

as recent headlines reveal conflicts and debates around the world increasingly involve secularism national borders and traditional religions cannot keep people in tidy boxes as political struggles doctrinal divergences and demographic trends are sweeping across regions and entire continents and secularity is increasing in society with a growing number of people in many regions having no religious affiliation or lacking interest in religion simultaneously there is a resurgence of religious participation in the politics of many countries how might these diverse phenomena be better understood long reigning theories about the pace of secularization and ideal church state relations are under invigorated scrutiny by scholars studying secularism with new questions better data and fresh perspectives the oxford handbook of secularism offers a wide ranging and in depth examination of this global conversation bringing together the views of an international collection of prominent experts in their respective fields this is the essential volume for comprehending the core issues and methodological approaches to the demographics and sociology of secularity the history and variety of political secularisms the comparison of constitutional secularisms across many countries from america to asia the key problems now convulsing church state relations the intersections of liberalism multiculturalism and religion the latest psychological research into secular lives and lifestyles and the naturalistic and humanistic worldviews available to nonreligious people

Religion and the Marketplace in the United States

2015

this collection of essays by american and european authors focuses on the diverse interactions between religious and commercial practices in u s history in essays ranging from colonial american mercantilism to modern megachurches from literary markets to popular festivals the authors explore how religious behaviour is shaped by commerce and how commercial practices are informed by religion

Christian Modernism in an Age of Totalitarianism

2019-07-25

with fascism on the march in europe and a second world war looming a group of britain s leading intellectuals including t s eliot karl mannheim john middleton murry j h oldham and michael polanyi gathered together to explore ways of revitalising a culture that seemed to have lost its way the group called themselves the moot drawing on previously unpublished archival documents this is the first in depth study of the group s work writings and ideas in the decade of its existence from 1938 1947 christian modernism in an age of totalitarianism explores the ways in which an important and influential strand of modernist thought in the interwar years turned back to christian ideas to offer a blueprint for the revitalisation of european culture in this way the book challenges conceptions of modernism as a secular movement and sheds new light on the culture of the late modernist period

Routledge Handbook of Religion and Politics

2016-01-13

from the united states to the middle east asia and africa religion continues to be an important factor in political activity and organisation the second edition of this successful handbook provides the definitive global survey of the interaction of religion and politics featuring contributions from an international team of experts it examines the political aspects of all the world s major religions including such crucial contemporary issues as religious fundamentalism terrorism the war on terror the clash of civilizations the arab spring and science and religion each chapter has been updated to

reflect the latest developments and thinking in the field and new chapters such as postsecularism and international relations and securitization and secularization the two pillars of state regulation of european islam have been added to ensure the book is a comprehensive and up to date resource four main themes addressed include world religions and politics religion and governance religion and international relations religion security and development references at the end of each chapter have been overhauled to guide the reader towards the most up to date information on various topics this book is an indispensable source of information for students academics and the wider public interested in the dynamic relationship between politics and religion

The Politics of Religious Literacy

2022-11-07

the politics of religious literacy challenges popular understandings of religious literacy as an inclusive framework for navigating religious diversity in the public sphere offering a new model this book provides insights into the often overlooked feelings and practices informing our questionably secular age

Contested Concepts in the Study of Religion

2022-08-11

this book offers a clear concise introduction to the meaning of problematic terms and the ways in which they should legitimately be used each entry considers the following why is this concept problematic what are the origins of the concept how is it used or misused and by whom is it still a legitimate concept in the study of religion and if so what are its legitimate uses are there other concepts that are preferable when writing on religion concepts covered include belief religion magic secularisation violence this is a jargon free indispensable resource for students and scholars that encourages the critical use of terms in the study of religion

The Psychology of Death

2000-02-07

in this extensively updated and revised edition dr kastenbaum continues to examine and expand upon issues of dying and the ways in which we shape and reshape our conceptions of death new to the third edition are chapters on how we construct death death in adolescence and adulthood including discussion on suicide physician assisted death and regret theory and denial new approaches to the role of death anxiety terror management theory and edge theory and much more a major contribution to the literature this book is must reading for professionals and students of psychology thanatology gerontology social work and those working in hospice care

The Study of Religion

2013-12-05

this updated textbook unravels the complex issues related to methodology and theory in the study of religion it equips students with the knowledge needed for the academic study of religion explaining the history of the methodology including ideas of key theorists and discusses key issues in the field such as gender phenomenology and the insider outsider discourse updated throughout additional material includes new chapter on colonialism and post colonialism new chapter on insider outsider discourse coverage of cyber religion and the internet as a research tool in religious studies study and classroom features in each chapter include chapter outlines case studies boxed key concepts discussion questions chapter bibliographies the text is

illustrated throughout with 35 images and extra resources can be found online including additional coverage of levels of religion

The Routledge International Handbook of Changes in Human Perceptions and Behaviors

2024-06-28

the routledge international handbook of changes in human perceptions and behaviors is the first edited volume to present multidisciplinary perspectives on various aspects of changes that humans experience the handbook is designed to highlight the different contents types ways meanings applications and moments of changes that have been recognized by experts in various fields within the life and social sciences comprised of four sections the chapters address changes in a variety of contexts related to human perceptions and behaviors the moment of change and fluctuations changes in applied settings and the meaning of changes including resistance to change written by a range of expert international contributors the book brings together discussions and insights about how different levels and types of changes in human perceptions attitudes beliefs values and behaviors have been studied and considered in diverse fields it also explores the various mechanisms that account for changes exploring how and when changes occur and what changes mean to humans relevant for empirical and theoretical work the handbook will be of great interest to researchers academics and postgraduate students across psychology behavioral sciences and social sciences

The Sociology of Religion

2013-02-06

a new edition of a successful book from one of the biggest names in the field of the sociology of religion the first edition is widely adopted and cited throughout the world and readers will be keen to see this revised and updated version

Religion and Innovation

2015-12-17

it is often assumed that religion is the backward looking servant of tradition and the status quo utterly opposed to the new this refrain in so much of recent polemical writing has permeated the public mind and can even be found in academic publications but recent scholarship increasingly shows that this view is a gross simplification that in fact religious beliefs and practices have contributed to significant changes in human affairs political and legal social and artistic scientific and commercial this is certainly not to say that religion is always innovative but the relationship between religion and innovation is much more complex and instructive than is generally assumed religion and innovation includes contributions from leading historians archaeologists and social scientists who offer findings about the relationship between religion and innovation the essays collected in this volume range from discussions of the transformative power of religion in early societies to re examinations of our notions of naturalism secularization and progress to explorations of cutting edge contemporary issues combining scholarly rigor with clear accessible writing religion and innovation antagonists or partners is essential reading for anyone interested in the history of religion and the ongoing debates about its role in the modern world and into the future

God's Agents

2013-10-05

a study of how religion goes public in today s world based on over three years of anthropological research matthew engelke traces how a small group of

socially committed christians tackles the challenge of publicity within what it understands to be a largely secular culture

A Constructive Critique of Religion

2020-02-06

why do some strategies for critique of religion seem to be more beneficial for constructive engagement whereas others increase intolerance polarization and conflict through an analysis of the reasons underpinning a critique of religion in institutional contexts of secular democratic societies a constructive critique of religion explores how constructive interaction and critique can be developed across diverse interests it shows how social and cultural conditions shaping these institutions enable and structure a critical and constructive engagement across diverging worldviews a key argument running through the book is that to develop constructive forms of critique a more thorough and systematic investigation of resources for criticism located within religious worldviews themselves is needed chapters also address how critique of islam and christianity in particular is expressed in areas such as academia the law politics media education and parenting with a focus on northern europe and north america the interdisciplinary approach which combines theoretical perspectives with empirical case studies contributes to advancing studies of the complex and contentious character of religion in contemporary society

Neville Figgis, CR: His Life, Thought and Significance

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in this book eminent scholars expound and critique the thought of the brilliant but neglected anglican theologian historian political thinker and preacher john neville figgis cr 1866 1919 and explore his significance for our times

The Worlds of American Intellectual History

2017

the worlds of american intellectual history follows american thinkers and their ideas as they have crossed national institutional and intellectual boundaries the volume explores ways in which american ideas have circulated in different cultures it also examines the multiple sites from social movements museums and courtrooms to popular and scholarly books and periodicals in which people have articulated and deployed ideas within and beyond the borders of the united states

Changing Faith

2014-08-22

more than anywhere else in the western world religious attachments in america are quite flexible with over 40 percent of u s citizens shifting their religious identification at least once in their lives in changing faith darren e sherkat draws on empirical data from large scale national studies to provide a comprehensive portrait of religious change and its consequences in the united states with analysis spanning across generations and ethnic groups the volume traces the evolution of the experience of protestantism and catholicism in the united states the dramatic growth of hinduism buddhism and islam and the rise of non identification now the second most common religious affiliation in the country drawing on that wealth of data it details the impact of religious commitments on broad arenas of american social life including family and sexuality economic well being political commitments and social values exploring religious change among those of european heritage as well as of eastern and western european immigrants african americans asians

latin americans and native americans changing faith not only provides a comprehensive and ethnically inclusive demographic overview of the juncture between religion and ethnicity within both the private and public sphere but also brings empirical analysis back to the sociology of religion

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