

The experience of the Islamists rule in the Sudan. 1989/2019: Critical review by Dr. Adil Hamid

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Introduction

Dr. Adil Hamid, a prominent Sudanese academic and intellectual, delves into the complex history and evolution of political Islam in Sudan in his groundbreaking book titled "The Evolution of Political Islam in Sudan: A Critical Analysis." Through meticulous research and insightful analysis, Dr. Hamid offers a comprehensive examination of the Islamic movement in Sudan, its challenges, successes, and ultimate transformation over the years.

Understanding Political Islam in Sudan:

The book begins by exploring the origins of the Islamic movement in Sudan, tracing it back to influential figures such as Jamal al-Din al-Afghani and Muhammad Abduh. Dr. Hamid sheds light on the early roots of the movement and how it gradually gained momentum, eventually taking shape as a political force in Sudan. He examines the ideas and ideologies that shaped the movement, emphasizing the role of leaders like Hassan al-Turabi and the Muslim Brotherhood.

The Rise and Fall of the Islamic Project:



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One of the central themes of the book is the rise and fall of the Islamic project in Sudan. Dr. Hamid meticulously details the factors that contributed to its rise to power in the early 1990s under President Omar al-Bashir's leadership. He explores how the movement attempted to implement its vision of an Islamic state, the challenges it faced, and the tensions that arose between its religious aspirations and the realities of governance.

Challenges and Critiques:

Throughout the book, Dr. Adil Hamid offers critical insights into the challenges faced by the Islamic movement in Sudan. He highlights the lack of institutionalization and the dominance of charismatic leadership within the movement. Dr. Hamid discusses how the movement's rigid and ideological approach prevented it from effectively addressing the socioeconomic issues faced by Sudanese society.

The author also critiques the movement's failure to adapt to changing times, especially when it comes to issues related to human rights, women's rights, and civil liberties. He argues that the movement's resistance to modernity hindered its ability to resonate with a wider spectrum of Sudanese society.

The Transformation and the Way Forward:

In the latter part of the book, Dr. Adil Hamid explores the transformation of political Islam in Sudan in recent years. He examines how the movement's influence and appeal have waned over time, leading to a search for alternative approaches to governance and political participation. Dr. Hamid highlights the growing demand for a more inclusive and pluralistic political landscape, which necessitates a reassessment of political Islam's role in Sudanese society.

Conclusion

Dr. Adil Hamid's "The Evolution of Political Islam in Sudan: A Critical Analysis" presents a nuanced and thought-provoking examination of the Islamic movement's journey in Sudan. The book serves as a valuable resource for academics, policymakers, and anyone interested in understanding the complexities of political Islam in the Sudanese context. By critically analyzing the challenges faced by the Islamic movement and its transformation over the years, Dr. Hamid encourages readers to reflect on the significance of adaptive and inclusive political ideologies in shaping the future of Sudanese politics. As the country continues to undergo significant changes, the insights provided by this book offer valuable guidance in the ongoing quest for political stability and societal progress in Sudan.

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