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This article tries to criticize the discourses discussing the relationship between Islam and Politics in the case of limits and practice. It is argued that some discourses are inclined to see Islam as a barrier for the political participation. Like wise, it is believed that the others transcend Islam as a reality out of life. Indeed, Islamic politics in realited by Muslims and focuses on the nation of common good for humanity Thus, it goes beyond any defined limits in terms of politics there fore, Islamic politics is human based rather than being transcendantal. Because in appearance, it put its difference by practice of Muslims.


Keyword: Islamic Politics, the zion of Islam, the Hegira, Arche-Politics, Meta-Politics.



THE DEVELOPMENT OF ISLAMISM IN TURKEY BETWEEN MODRRNIZATION AND CONSERVATISM
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Dominant academic literature on political Islam either neglect the peculiarity of Turkey's experience or refer this particularity without providing a systematic, detailed analysis. Moreover, the studies that concentrate on modern Turkish political history provide a limited, partial analysis of these peculiarities. Although they move beyond orient list approaches, these studies either reduces the constitutive role of culture and symbolic capital on political processes through offering political-economist perspectives or exaggerate cultural framework by culturalist reductionism which pay no attention to the political context and modes of governance. In that sense explanatory antecedents and analytical tools of the dominant, established perspectives have difficulties in providing a broader, sustainable analysis of the experience of Turkish political Islam. In order to move beyond these approaches, I intended to analyze formation, transformations and articulations of political Islam in Turkey into the complex relationship between conservative-rightist cultural capital of Turkey and particular mode of governance. The discussion on the different, reconstructive strategies of Kemalist modernization and governance toward the question of religion, religion's articulation with politics and their reflection as construction of new modes of socialites and the tensious but 'productive' relationship between conservative-rightist cultural structure and political Islam will reveal peculiar features of political Islam in Turkey. In that sense, this study emphasizing the constitutive role of conservative-rightist vision in the history of Turkish political thought and movements, hopefully, will present a new vision to examine particularity of Turkish experience.


Keywords: Modernization, Conservatism, Islamism, AK Party, Democracy

## CLASH OF CIVILIZATIONS AND DEMOCRATIC DISCOURSE: ISLAMIC TRIAL

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This article addresses some salient aspects of the anticipated civilizational conflict between Muslims and representatives of Western imperialism. Its basic contention is that the multi-dimensional conflict between the Muslim world and the secular West can only be resolved at the foundational levels of epistemology and consciousness. Such demarcations reflect two distinct civilizational orders with their own specific and dynamic understandings of the nature of congruency between normative standards and social existence. Implicit in such a process are the fundamental considerations of epistemology and ontology and the very foundations upon which civilizations are to be built and consciousness is to be shaped. Only after the grounds are laid for such foundational awareness can Muslims engage in the politics of civilizations, not solely as the objects of history and targets of Western colonialism, but as movers and shapers of history. The article proceeds by expounding some essential sources of conflict and by deconstructing liberal democracy as the political and ideological manifestation of the Western hegemonic system. It further suggests the Iranian revolutionary experience as a budding nucleus of an Islamic transformation and proposes criteria against which this phenomenon could be Islamically analyzed and understood

Keywords: Clash of civilizations, Deconstruction, Iran, Islam, Liberal Democracy, Discourse, Shura,

## TEORY OF GLOBALIZATION AND ISLAMIST PRAXIS

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This paper stems from dissatisfaction with the Eurocentric perspective of many globalization theories, and in particular their treatment of ``fundamentalism'' and Islamic ``fundamentalist'' movements. The article reviews current globalization theories, most of which present Westernized forms of globalization as inevitable and irreversible facts of life. Seen through this lens, Islamic fundamentalism is a reaction to the dislocations and uncertainties produced by globalization, which generate fear and intensified needs for belonging. Bringing an historical perspective to bear on this issue helps to point out the limitations of this ``reactionary'' interpretation. Then the concept of praxisitioners instead of fundamentalists was proposed in order to define Islamic movements and analyze Islamism in the context of socialization processes. The basic aim of the study is to display that Islamist movements are not simply reacting against globalization but try to produce non-Westernized forms of globalizations.

Keywords: Globalization theories, Islamist praxis, Eurocentrism, fundamentalism

## A MENTALITY ANALYSIS: EAST AND LIGHT THEMES IN THE TURKİSH ISLAMİSM

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This article examines the "light" (as that of Nurcular, Işıkçılar) concept and some other natural signs as calling of the religious movements nowadays, differing from the older religious movements. This conceptualization brings about a moral frame in addition to the Islamization of the names. This is a formation of mentality and subconscious and of course has some social reasons; relief, miss for the light etc. The East and the Asia are the other two themes used in the realm of the light theme. Orientalism also represents a changing on the phenomenal mentality, alongside with the distincton East-West. We, in this article, are going to examine the east-light theme that is a part of mental factor in the Islamist thinking.

Keywords: mentality, Islamism, the light theme, east, calling.

METHOD DEBATES IN ISLAMIC RENEVAL MOVEMENTS
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The aim of this paper is to take care to the functionality of the method notion in the drawing the typology of different groups which is known with different theoretical and practical perspectives. For this firstly the terms are drawn which can differ these groups from each other. These terms are ideology (religion-politics relationship) modernism, tradition and method. There is a literature that classifies the Islamist groups with the first three but not the last one, method. This paper defends method perspective is very functional to differ each group from others.
Keywords: Typology of Muslim groups, modernism, Islamist renewal movements, Muslim World

TURKISH REFORMATION AND RELIGION: THE MODERN USAGE OF THE CONCEPTS OF REVIVAL, RENEWAL, REFORMATION
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The aim o this article is to treat the richness of usages of the concepts *ihya* (revival), *tajdid* (renewal), and ıslah (reformation) within the modernist Islamic rhetoric. From the perception of the Islamic tradition, these concepts in fact seem to produce a vocabulary helping an inner renewal. The process of modernization requires an intervention to the formation of the political location of religion. In Turkish modernization too, the idea to regulate the religion was attempted by the well-known Islamic reformation project. Reformation of (the Islamic) religion was introduced against the Islamic discourse which sought its legitimacy within the traditional discourse of renewal (tajdid) as a Protestantization project. By its this aspect it is a modern demand. In this article the social consequences or implications of this Reformation attempt are discussed.
Keywords: Revival, renewal, reformation, Turkish modernization, protestanization

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