



## Contemporary Muslim Thought and Identity

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Dear Colleagues,

We open this Special Edition of Religions with an overview of the study of Islamic revivalism, a phenomenon that has reshaped Islamic discourse, public life, and epistemologies in the twentieth century and today. Next, we consider one of the most influential forms of Islamic revival, the Salafi movement, and the global contest over authority and orthodoxy that has emerged between Salafis and Sunni traditionalists. Following this, we focus on Salafism's most controversial offshoot, Jihadism, which has emerged as a political flashpoint globally. This phenomenon cannot be divorced from Islamophobia, and for Muslims in majority non-Muslim contexts such as China, India, America, and Europe, questions of identity are often framed by anti-Muslim policies and politics. Finally, we conclude this edition with theoretical reflections on interpretive tendencies and developments in the academic study of contemporary Islam.





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