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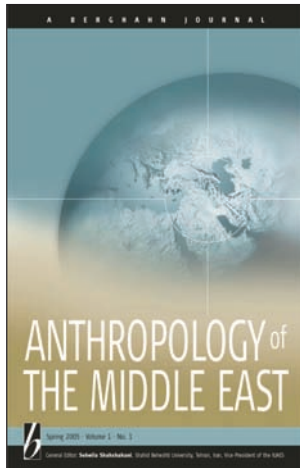


Call for Papers

Thematic focus: Religion, Identity and Minorities in the Middle East: strategies and developments

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The situation of faith and ethnic nationalities in the Middle East remains today, as it has been for some time, immensely topical. Globalisation does not appear to have led to greater mutual understanding of diverse ways of thought. Traditional strategies, such as seeking a neutral public space, attempting to migrate in order to create anonymity in a new social context, avoiding obvious public ritual behaviour, pacifism, seeking to blur fixed identity boundaries, interacting with moderate political parties, may still be attempted but appear to be ever less feasible.

Amongst the questions we therefore address in this issue are: How are religious and ethnic groups seeking to position themselves in a time of heightened social and ideological tension? What is happening to the boundaries of identity in times of conflict? Is conversion, perhaps, becoming a significant factor as these complex social identities become rethought? How may political engagement become renegotiated? How are shared spaces being used at a time when dominant movements seek the creation of an ever more rigorous ideological purity? How are wider social changes, such as reforms in education, influencing the creation or destruction of ethnic and minority identity? How may changing patterns of rural and urban social life fit into these changes? Anthropology, with its emphasis on fieldwork, is uniquely placed to comment upon these emerging issues. Papers are welcomed that address them from either the empirical or the theoretical point of view. They should please lay stress on contemporary developments.

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