



Islamism (Political Islam)

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Islamism

“Islamism is a complex phenomenon with multiple dimensions and various ramifications. Like other political doctrines, Islamism, in its contemporary shape, is an ‘ideology’, a ‘movement-organisation’ and a ‘form of government.’” (Mehdi Mozaffari, 2007)

Islamism

”It is almost certain that the etiquette of ‘Islamism’ was used for the first time by French writers at the end of the seventeenth century. Le Petit Robert gives 1697 as the first reference to the word. The Enlightenment philosopher Voltaire is one of the first writers to use the term...” (Mehdi Mozaffari, 2007)

Islamism

“Islamism,” understood as a revival movement that is characterized by political and social conservatism, literalism, and an intractable link between religion, politics, and daily life.” (Nathan Lean, 2018 :120)

Islamism

- “Islamism as an ideology or a political discourse is derived from a particular reading of Islam.” (Umit Cizre, 2008: 17)
- “Moreover, in defending Islam as a civilization, the Islamists borrowed from Western categories. Hence, parallels and similarities were found between, for example, the Islamic principle of Shurra and democracy.” (Umit Cizre, 2008: 18)

Islamic Civilisation

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“The rise of contemporary Islamism as an essentially opposition movement is linked to a number of factors, for example:

- the failure of modernizing regimes to deliver on their promises and to provide their citizens with a worldview;
- the Arab-Israeli war;
- uneven globalization;
- increasing post-modernization of daily life;
- post-modern criticisms that undermine the intellectual bases of Westernization; and
- further modernization in Muslim countries which creates new opportunities for peripheral Muslim identity to express itself in the public sphere.” (Umit Cizre, 2008: 19)

Politics vs Religion



“People do not really fight about religion. If they seem to be doing so, they must really be fighting about something else.” (Bossy 1991 in Ivan Strenski, 2010)

Seminar Questions

- Where did the name Islamism or Political Islam come from?
- How could you possibly differentiate between various Islamists?
- Does labelling the Islamists by Islamism hinder their political progress?

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