The Challenge of Modernizing Islam
REFORMERS SPEAK OUT AND THE OBSTACLES THEY FACE

My library contains a wall of books about modern Islam. But hardly one of them covers the topic of this important study by Christine Douglass-Williams…Her careful analysis shows how the modernizing Islamic movement benefits from the freedoms found in the United States and Canada…She also helps establish this movement as a serious intellectual endeavor, putting contemporary modernizers on the map as never before, thereby boosting their cause. Given the global threat of Islamism, that is a constructive, indeed a great achievement.

—from the Foreword by Daniel Pipes

The Challenge of Modernizing Islam is extraordinary, refreshing, and much needed in numerous ways. The interviews that Ms. Douglass-Williams conducts are unique in their probing honesty, a welcome antidote to the sloppy thinking and cant that dominate the public discourse today…Her discussion of the controversial and manipulative concept of “Islamophobia” and its relationship to the problems of genuine Islamic reform, and to the role of Israel and how it can help distinguish genuine Islamic reformers from pretenders, are the crown and centerpiece of the book, and examples of the kind of searching analysis that is all too often absent from the public square today, and for that she is more needed.

—from the Foreword by Robert Spencer

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