
Sufi Politics: a Post-Islamist phenomenon?

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Résumé

Thanks to charismatic leaders, Sufism is living in a period of renewal, attracting new disciples from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds. This renewal is evident in the public sphere, where Sufism is at the centre of debates about politics, secularism, and ethics. The majority of scholarly works have described the exploitation of Sufism through national states and think tank organisations, in order to impose certain politics, in this paper, I will describe the contents of contemporary Sufi politics, both from a theological and social point of view. In this paper, I will describe and analyse the politics of the Sufi orders Būdshīshīyya and Alāwiyya, in both the Maghreb and Europe. Starting from Sedgwick's category of counter-reformism, I will argue that some Sufi orders are forms of post-Islamism. This political and social engagement is due to a particular interpretation of Islam and Sufism, which implies an inclusive universalism, and does not imply a process of de-Islamisation.

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