

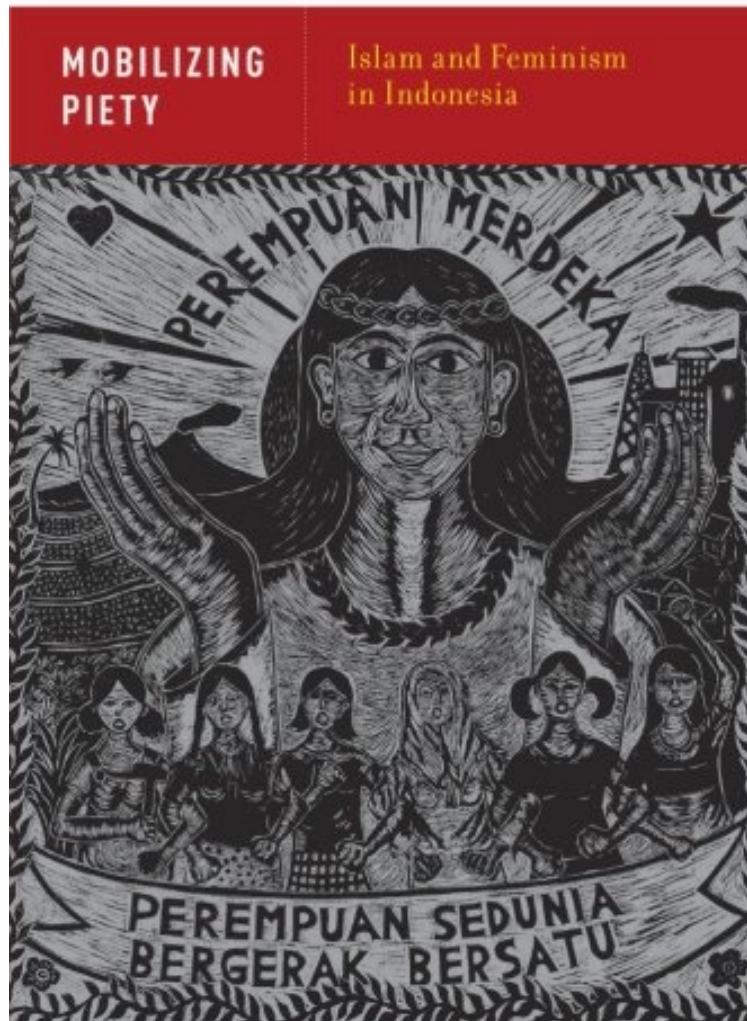
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Islam and feminism are often thought of as incompatible. Through a vivid ethnography of Muslim and secular women activists in Jakarta, Indonesia, Rachel Rinaldo shows that this is not always the case. Examining a feminist NGO,

Muslim women's organizations, and a Muslim political party, Rinaldo reveals that democratization and the Islamic revival in Indonesia are shaping new forms of personal and political agency for women. These unexpected kinds of agency draw on different approaches to interpreting religious texts and facilitate different repertoires of collective action - one oriented toward rights and equality, the other toward more public moral regulation. As Islam becomes a primary source of meaning and identity in Indonesia, some women activists draw on Islam to argue for women's empowerment and equality, while others use Islam to advocate for a more Islamic nation. *Mobilizing Piety* demonstrates that religious and feminist agency can coexist and even overlap, often in creative ways.

"With her book, *Mobilizing Piety*, Rachel Rinaldo joins a growing and influential subset of social scientists attempting to theorize the intersection of religion and social movements using the lens of Islamic feminist activists in majority Muslim contexts. Rinaldo's excellent work offers both the theoretical and methodological groundwork for such further inquiry into the compatibilities and limits of Islam and female agency in majority Muslim contexts." --Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion "Rachel Rinaldo gives us a richly documented and path-breaking study of how Muslim women in Indonesia draw on both Islam and feminism to argue and imagine political and social changes. Her findings go against a pervasive view of the incompatibility of Islam and feminism: she finds that these very diverse global discourses can in fact work together towards desirable political outcomes." --Saskia Sassen, Columbia University, and author of *A Sociology of Globalization* "This original study conducted in the world's largest Muslim-majority country strikes me as one of the most interesting and important works on Islam and women in recent years. Rather than pit secularists against religious-minded activists in debates over women's rights, Rachel Rinaldo shows that the major divide in contemporary Indonesia - as in much of the Muslim world - is more complex, and centers on struggles over what it means to be a Muslim, a woman, and an Indonesian." --Robert Hefner, Professor of Anthropology, Boston University "In this empirically rich and highly readable ethnography, sociologist Rachel Rinaldo shows how Indonesian women activists in four women's organizations -- which she studied between 2002 and 2010 -- negotiate religious norms, gender roles, and the influences of globalization... Rinaldo's unique and outstanding study of the values and actions of four women's organizations in contemporary Indonesia enables the reader not only to gain a deeper understanding of gender and Islamic politics in one country, but also to recognize the variations in women's activism across the globe. The book will be of value to scholars of religion and of women's movements, and appropriate for upper-level undergraduate courses in politics, social movements, and women's studies." --Sex Roles "There is no doubt that *Mobilizing Piety* is a contribution to both the sociology of gender and religion. It allows for a more complex and nuanced understanding of how religion and gender exist in a harmonious way in women's lives, rather than treating them as separate entities. This book dispels myths that Muslim women are submissive and oppressed, rather revealing them to be active in shaping national conversations on gender and politics. Anyone interested in gender and Islam will find this book illuminating and thoughtful." --American Journal of Sociology "In a moment of both increased global anxiety about Islam and arguably decreased awareness of misogyny and violence against women generally, scholarship on the intersection of feminist activism and Islamic piety is welcome. *Mobilizing Piety* analyzes this intersection through sociological fieldwork with four feminist organizations in Jakarta, Indonesia, each of which position themselves vis-a-vis Islam in arguing for women's rights in the public and private spheres. While these activists do not argue for the same rights that Western feminist activists might, and even reject activism that "smells of America" (77), Rinaldo shows they maintain their own visions of feminism and the future. In the process, Rinaldo depicts activists who are creative, courageous, and determined." --Pacific Affairs

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