Member book, Sloane-White Corporate Islam: Sharia and the Modern Workplace

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This book discusses the trajectory and emplacement of *sharia* in the modern corporate workplace. I examine Islam’s religious, moral, social, and gendered understandings as they have been transposed into contemporary Malaysian economic life, workplace culture, and theories of capitalist development, as well as the Islamic reconfiguring of Malay-Muslim corporate identities, practices, and relations. Tracing the path of Islam and *sharia*-based principles and practices into the executive offices, meeting rooms, and cubicles of corporations, where, as in any modern capitalist economy, many people spend the greatest portion of their waking lives, my book explores a story that is perhaps under-examined in Malaysia and elsewhere in the Muslim world: that is, not the progression of “political Islam” as it seeks to redefine and remake Muslim states and lives, but the rise of corporate Islam and its effects on contemporary economic and social life. Specifically, I consider the role that capitalism and corporate life can play in generating and intensifying Islamic practices both liberal and orthodox, as Malay Muslims advance their understanding of *sharia* and seek to comply with and embrace its authoritative regulation. I explore the ways in which Muslim men and women construct themselves as religious actors and pious persons within the corporations of a modern economy. Above all, in this book, I seek to depict the corporate enterprises and experiences of Islamic economic life as the people I met there saw them: not just as places for Muslims to *work*, but as social and spiritual worlds, spaces where their modern identities, interests, relationships, and beliefs could be defined and given shape, and, in effect, where meaning and practice in capitalism and Islam could meet, be worked on, and worked out.

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