Book-Review

POLITICAL THOUGHT IN MEDIEVAL ISLAM: AN INTRODUCTORY OUTLINE

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ABSTRACT

Rosenthal is a well known figure in academic circles. One of his famous works is Political Thought in the medieval Islam: An Introductory Outline. The key issues addressed in this book are the influence of Greek political thought on the Muslim thinkers as well as their own original contributions to the body of political thought. The author has also discussed, in detail, the influence of Sharia on Muslim Political Philosophy. Although it is a valuable piece of work yet it lacks objective judgments on a number of places while narrating the history of political thought in the Muslim world. Sometimes while going through the work one feels that it reflects the typical western perception of Islam and the Muslim world.