ABSTRACT

This book marks the outstanding lifetime achievement of Mark Juergensmeyer and his contribution to the study of religious violence and global civil society. It throws light on scholarly debates where Juergensmeyer has contributed major insights and made an important mark. The essays contained in the book illustrate the breadth of his achievements. It also shows ways in which concepts developed by him and his approach to the study of religious dimensions of armed conflict, terrorism and civil society have had a lasting impact on a wide set of scholarly discussions within sociology, theology, political science, international relations, peace and conflict studies, as well as in Sikh and South Asia studies.

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Professor Juergensmeyer is a world-renowned scholar, whose work has shaped the study of religious violence, religiously motivated terrorism, religious nationalism and prospects for conflict resolution. His work has been particularly influential in terms of shedding light on similarities between different faith traditions in the trajectories of religiously defined conflicts and violence, the dynamics and challenges of religious violence, and how worldview conflicts are initiated and why these types of conflicts are so difficult to settle peacefully. Juergensmeyer has published more than two hundred articles and twenty books, including the best-selling Terror in the Mind of God: The Global Rise of Religious Violence (University of California Press, 2000).
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