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In the light of the global rise of religiously inspired violence and the increasing political significance of charismatic Christian movements, the Islam and other spiritual traditions, contemporary societies all over the globe are forced to re-negotiate the crucial interplay of religion and politics. Religious pluralism, the simultaneity of religious and secular life-worlds and the coexistence of different religions in confined places, makes the city the centerpiece of any endeavor to analyze these new configurations. It is the city where religious pluralism plays out, where power struggles and conflicts, victories, compromises and defeats are realized, where new civilizational arrangements are made or gamed away. Postsecular urbanity, then, will be used as a (questionable) keyword to conceptualize this configuration.



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