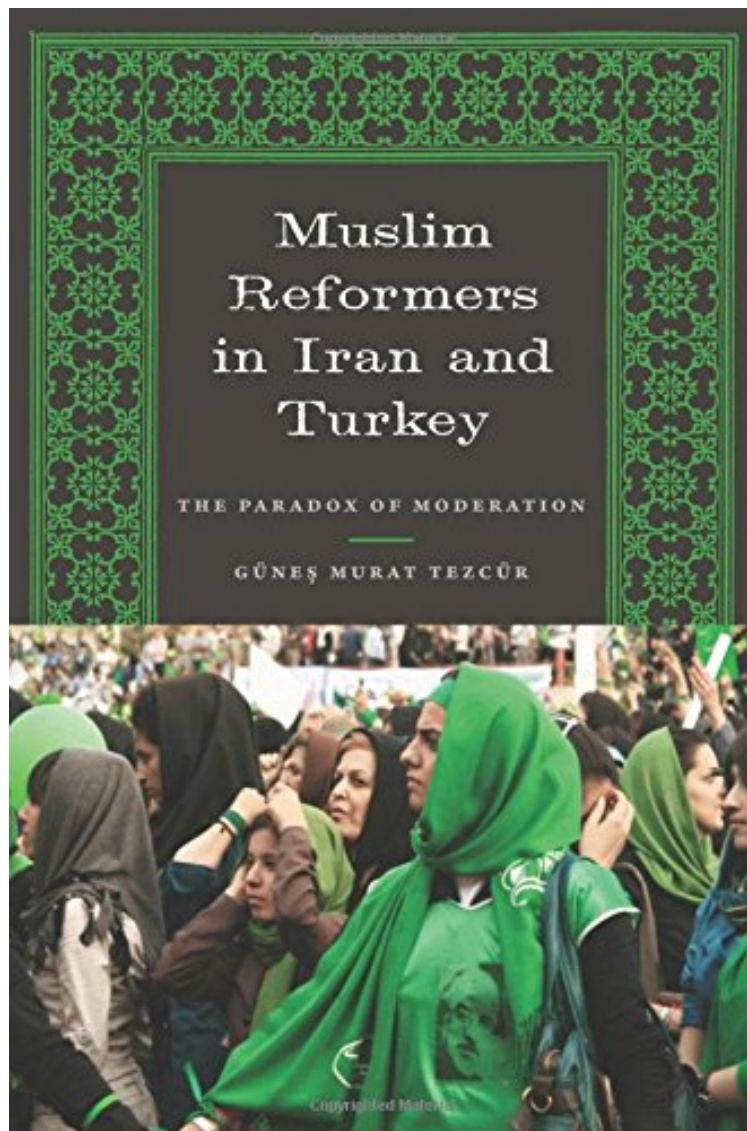


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researcher Tezcur's book is a good introduction to the basic elements of moderate Muslim political movements. His personal research in Iran and Turkey has resulted in a wealth of information based on public opinion, interviews, electoral results, local publications and demographic data. He addresses the historical development of two moderate Muslim reform movements while including an analysis of recent political dynamics in the two countries. Both the Justice and Development Party of Turkey and the Reform Front (initially led by President Khatami) in Iran, are currently important political players. By framing these two movements within the greater research tradition on religion and democracy Tezcur addresses their development, goals, success and failures. For those interested in understanding political Islam on the ground, this book is a must read.

Moderation theory describes the process through which radical political actors develop commitments to electoral competition, political pluralism, human rights, and rule of law and come to prefer negotiation, reconciliation, and electoral politics over provocation, confrontation, and contentious action. Revisiting this theory through an examination of two of the most prominent moderate Islamic political forces in recent history, Muslim Reformers in Iran and Turkey analyzes the gains made and methods implemented by the Reform Front in the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Justice and Development Party in Turkey. Both of these groups represent Muslim reformers who came into continual conflict with unelected adversaries who attempted to block their reformist agendas. Based on extensive field research in both locales, Muslim Reformers in Iran and Turkey argues that behavioral moderation as practiced by these groups may actually inhibit democratic progress. Political scientist Gne Murat Tezcr observes that the ability to implement conciliatory tactics, organize electoral parties, and make political compromises impeded democracy when pursued by the Reform Front and the Justice and Development Party. Challenging conventional wisdom, Tezcr's findings have broad implications for the dynamics of democratic progress.

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