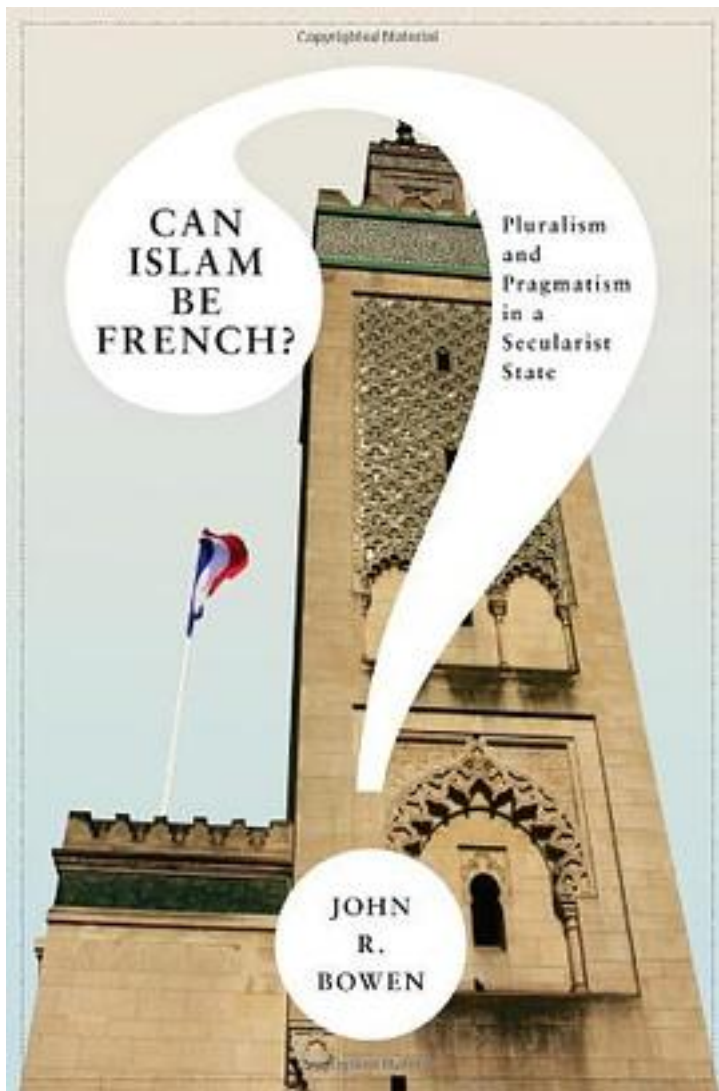


# Can Islam Be French?



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"Can Islam Be French?" is an anthropological examination of how Muslims are responding to the conditions of life in France. Following up on his book "Why the French Don't Like Headscarves", John Bowen turns his attention away from the perspectives of French non-Muslims to focus on those of the country's Muslims themselves. Bowen asks not the usual question - how well are Muslims integrating in France - but, rather, how do French Muslims think about Islam? In particular, Bowen examines how French Muslims are fashioning new Islamic institutions and developing new ways of reasoning and teaching. He looks at some of the quite distinct ways in which mosques have connected with broader social and political forces, how Islamic educational entrepreneurs have fashioned niches for new forms of schooling, and how major Islamic public actors have set out a specifically French approach to religious norms. All of these efforts have provoked sharp responses in France and from overseas centers of Islamic scholarship, so Bowen also looks closely at debates over how - and how far - Muslims should adapt their religious traditions to these new social conditions. He argues that the particular ways in which Muslims have settled in France, and in which France governs religions, have created incentives for Muslims to develop new, pragmatic ways of thinking about religious issues in French society.

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以anthropology of public reasoning为研究方法，研究以20世纪初法国北非穆斯林Islamic public actors努力调和法国价值观和伊斯兰教的努力。他们与地方政府合作建设清真寺，学习早年天主教和犹太教建立私立学校和文化协会，在Islamic ambiance下教授世俗课程，并在关于结婚手续、购房贷款等议题上强调灵活性和实用主义，适应法国社会。作者认为实现伊斯兰教的法国化，一方面需要穆斯林接受这种实用主义，另一方面也需要法国人接纳多元化。个人感觉是一种非常理想主义的想法，他的研究也忽视了那些不愿意融入、甚至诉诸暴力的穆斯林移民，还不太重视其他地区穆斯林移民。本书理论上可以和布尔迪厄、Talal Asad等人对话，但是作者对此讨论不多。

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## 书评

2005-11年，欧洲一度兴起伊斯兰寺庙minaret，当时经济学人杂志曾连续撰文谈论这一问题。欧洲人一度很紧张，害怕欧洲被伊斯兰化。当时瑞士曾打算发起投票，要求禁止在欧洲建立伊斯兰寺庙。  
本书的主要内容是描述伊斯兰人能否融入欧洲大陆最世俗的国家-法国。  
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