

# Multiculturalism and the Convergence of Faith and Practical Wisdom in Modern Society

Part of the Advances in Religious and Cultural Studies Book Series

Ana-Maria Pascal (Regent's University London, United Kingdom)

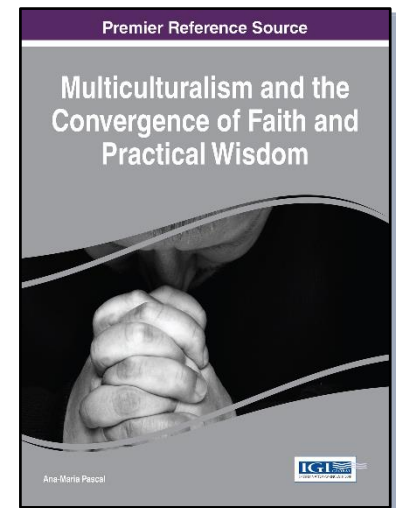
## Description:

Religion is considered by many to be something of the past, but it has a lasting hold in society and influences people across many cultures. This integration of spirituality causes numerous impacts across various aspects of modern life.

**Multiculturalism and the Convergence of Faith and Practical Wisdom in Modern Society** is a pivotal reference source for the latest scholarly research on the cultural, sociological, economic, and philosophical effects of religion on modern society and human behavior. Features extensive coverage across a range of relevant perspectives and topics, such as social reforms, national identity, and existential spirituality.

## Readers:

This publication is ideally designed for theoreticians, practitioners, researchers, policy makers, advanced-level students and sociologists.



ISBN: 9781522519553

Release Date: March, 2017

Copyright: 2017

Pages: 456

## Topics Covered:

- Diaspora
- Existential Spirituality
- Homosexuality and Spirituality
- National Identity
- Religious Art
- Religious Converts
- Social Economics
- Social Reforms
- Women and Religion

Hardcover +  
Free E-Book:

**\$205.00**

E-Book Only:

**\$205.00**

## Order Information

Phone: 717-533-8845 x100  
Toll Free: 1-866-342-6657  
Fax: 717-533-8661 or 717-533-7115  
Online Bookstore: [www.igi-global.com](http://www.igi-global.com)



## Table of Contents

### Foreword

### Preface

### Acknowledgement

### Part A

#### Historical Approaches

##### Chapter 1

China and Europe from Confucius and Aristotle to Now: Old Histories, New Challenges  
*Stephen Green, Chair, Asia House, London*

##### Chapter 2

The Alchemy of Religion: From Inner Illumination to Love and Service in Action  
*Edi Bilimoria, The Scientific and Medical Network, UK*

### Part B

#### Philosophical Approaches

##### Chapter 3

Rethinking the Fact-Value Split: A Place for Religion in the Public Square?  
*Ronald Scott Smith, Biola University, California, USA*

##### Chapter 4

Making the Unbearable, Bearable, through Existential Spirituality  
*Robert Scott Webster, Deakin University, Australia*

##### Chapter 5

Offerings: The Metaphysics of Giving  
*Ana-Maria Pascal, Regent's University London, UK*

### Part C

#### Theological Approaches

##### Chapter 6

Religion, Church and Public Space  
*Revd. Gheorghe Petraru, Al. I. Cuza University of Iasi, Romania*

##### Chapter 7

The Mystical Experience, or the Way to Transformative Union  
*Puiu Ionita, Al. I. Cuza University of Iasi, Romania*

##### Chapter 8

*The Passion* of Port Talbot: The Sacred Heart as a Secular Narrative  
*Carys Walsh, St. Mellitus College, London, UK*

##### Chapter 9

Religious Themes in Contemporary Art  
*Codrina Laura Ionita, "George Enescu" University of Iasi, Romania*

### Part D

### Economic approaches:

#### The church, between social economy and neoliberalism

##### Chapter 10

Religion and the Social Economy: Elective Affinities  
*Malcolm D. Brown, University of Southern Queensland, Australia*

##### Chapter 11

Great Risk for the Kingdom: Pentecostal-Charismatic Growth Churches, Pastorprenuers and Neoliberalism  
*Mark Jennings, Murdoch University, Australia*

### Part E

#### Socio-cultural approaches:

#### The challenges of cultural specificity

##### Chapter 12

Women and Religion in the Indian Diaspora  
*Annapurna Devi Pandey, University of California, Santa Cruz, USA*

##### Chapter 13

Literary History as National History: the Sufi Tradition in Iranian Culture and Identity  
*Parisa Shiran, University of Melbourne, Australia*

##### Chapter 14

Struggle for Inclusion: The Narratives of Religious Converts from Pakistan  
*Ambreen Shahriar, University of Sindh, Pakistan*

### Part F

#### Sociological approaches:

#### Forms of exclusion

##### Chapter 15

Multiculturalism, Morality, and Secondary Secularisation: CoSA or Common Good in Practice  
*Marie Chollier, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK; CRIR-AVS PACA, France, and Mariateresa Tassinari, Charity for Person Centered Medical-Moral Entity, Italy*

##### Chapter 16

Forgiveness in the Face of Hate  
*Robert E. Carey and Nadine V. Wedderburn, State University of New York Empire State College, U.S.A.*

##### Chapter 17

Reconciling Homosexuality and Spirituality in Africa as a Heresy and Survival Strategy: A Critical Study of House of Rainbow (LGBT Church) in Nigeria  
*Floribert Patrick C. Endong, University of Calabar, Nigeria*

#### Compilation of References

#### About the Contributors

#### Index