

ABSTRACT

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**Re-Islamization and the West:
An Analysis of Western Perception**

*In the name of God, the merciful, the
compassionate and Lord of all
being, the All merciful, the All
Master of the day of doom.*

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This thesis examines the role of re-Islamization on the global scale. It is argued that Re-Islamization is an assertion of a distinct cultural and religious identity in opposition to the West, or at least against real or perceived forms of Western economic, political and cultural domination. The Western perception of re-Islamization, is also analysed to help gain a better understanding of the relationship between the Western world and Islamic countries.

It is argued in all three case studies (Iran, Saudi Arabia and Algeria) that the current Islamic resurgence - re-Islamization - will continue and that various expressions of Muslim values will colour the perspectives of significant numbers of people. Those committed to the peaceful resolution of conflict should make themselves aware of the internal complexity of the Islamic worldview and of the often untapped resource it offers for adjudicating differences. It is argued in the same vein as well, that those committed to violence and warfare, should be aware of a formidable challenge which could be found in the Islamic world.