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### *About this Book*

In this pioneering work Siraj Sait and Hilary Lim address Islamic property and land rights, drawing on a range of socio-historical, classical and contemporary resources. They address the significance of Islamic theories of property and Islamic land tenure regimes on the 'webs of tenure' prevalent in Muslim societies. They consider the possibility of using Islamic legal and human rights systems for the development of inclusive, pro-poor approaches to land rights. They also focus on Muslim women's rights to property and inheritance systems. Engaging with institutions such as the Islamic endowment (*waqf*) and principles of Islamic microfinance, they test the workability of 'authentic' Islamic proposals. Located in human rights as well as Islamic debates, this study offers a well researched and constructive appraisal of property and land rights in the Muslim world.

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# Abbreviations

AFDISN	Awqaf Fund for the Disabled and Individuals with Special Needs
BIS	Bank of International Settlements
CAMEL	capital adequacy, asset quality, management, earnings and liquidity
CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
CERD	Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination
CGAP	Consultative Group to Assist the Poor
CMW	International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child
CSR	Convention relating to the Status of Refugees
D8	Group of 8 developing countries
DfID	Department for International Development
ESCWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
FIG	Fédération Internationale des Geomètres (International Surveyors' Federation)
ICCPR	International Convention on Civil and Political Rights
ICERD	International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
IDP	internally displaced person
IFSB	Islamic Financial Services Board
ILO	International Labour Organization
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ISNA	Islamic Society of North America
KAPF	Kuwait Awqaf Public Foundation

## Abbreviations

MFI	microfinance institution
MNA	Middle East and North Africa Programme
NAFSA	National Awqaf Foundation of South Africa
NAIT	North American Islamic Trust
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
OHCHR	Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights
OIC	Organization of Islamic Conference
OICC	Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities
UDHR	Universal Declaration of Human Rights
UIDHR	Universal Islamic Declaration on Human Rights
UN	United Nations
UNCHS	United Nations Commission on Human Settlements
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UN-HABITAT	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency (for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East)
WLUML	Women Living Under Muslim Laws

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