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The work under review is very informative, scholarly and well-documented study about the anti-Muslim prejudice in both its historical and contemporary contexts. The authors examine in detail the forms that hatred towards Muslims has taken from the beginning of Crusades (5th/11th century) to the present time in the West. The papers included in this work analyse anti-Muslim feelings from a wide range of perspectives including politics, international relations, philosophy, history, law, sociology, cultural studies and literature. They provide a profound understanding of the present day political problems and controversies on the issues, such as: the status of women in Muslim communities, the 'headscarf' controversy, the so called honour killings and forced marriages; the role of media in the representation of Muslims and Islam; and other contemporary issues such as multiculturalism, integration and a systematic campaign against Islam by far-right political parties in the West.

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