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## Three FRENCH Books on the Issues - National Identity & National Policy

### Belonging to One State or to One Nation

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'L'AUTRE ET SES REPRESENTATIONS DANS LA CULTURE ARABO-MUSULMANE' (The other and its representations in the Muslim Arab Culture) - Sous la Direction de Omar FERTAT (Under the Direction of Omar FERTAT) at the Presses Universitaires de Bordeaux Editions. Very interesting Academic Book led by a Conference Master who also, among other professional activities, teaches Arab Theater and Cinema at the 'Etudes Orientales et Extrême-Orientales' Department of the Université Bordeaux Montaigne.

As we can find plenty of Books of Westerners writing about Arabs and Orientals, it is still not enough covered by the people studied themselves. Different point of views are needed to give a better understanding and reflecting a larger range of realities to the readers or anyone interested in the Arab and Oriental World. What do we know about the Muslim Arab Culture and the way this 'world' represents the Other One ? This Book is interesting in a way that it offers several articles of Intellectuals, Artists, Writers, Historians... A different vision and various explanations that we might not have been expecting.

'ISLAMO-PSYCHOSE - POURQUOI LA FRANCE DIABOLISE LES MUSULMANS' (psychosis on Muslims - Why France demonises Muslims) by Thomas GUENOLE (Fayard Editions). The Author is a Political Scientist and known as the first Expert to announce the return of Nicolas Sarkozy in politics after his defeat in 2012, then he analysed his coming political strategy in a Book called (Nicolas Sarkozy, chronique d'un retour impossible ?' (Nicolas Sarkozy, Chronicle of an impossible return - 2013). He also, very early, decrypted the transformation of the National Front Party by its leader Marine Le Pen and the n°2, Florian Philippot.

Very interesting also, in April 2016, he already was judging that French President François Hollande would not be candidate for the 2017 Presidentials. He also wrote several Books explaining the political life to the public such as 'Petit guide du mensonge en politique' (A Short Guide to lying in politics - Fayard Editions). He is very regularly in the media to decrypt the political news. Finally, he gives political science courses at Sciences Po Paris and Demography courses at l'Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris 2).

This specific Book tries to explain why being between hate and paranoia, French Society has a delirious collective representation of the Muslim minority in particular and of French Islam in general. The Author declares that all this is completely disconnected from reality. He gave it a name 'Islamopsychose'. Through the Book, he tends to highlight mistakes and deconstructing forceful bias imposed by Manuel Valls, politician (former Socialist Prime Minister), Gilles Kepel, French Political Scientist (self proclaimed Expert in Islam and the Arab World), Eric Zemmour, Journalist and many others... Very interesting Book for someone who wants to leave the basic mainstream ideological vision (Review by Ruby BIRD)

'PETIT GUIDE DU MENSONGE POLITIQUE' (A Short Guide to lying in politics) by Thomas GUENOLE at Pluriel/Fayard Editions. The Book starts by claiming that 'Yes, Politicians lie to us'. But definitely, not more than the one who wants to sell us something. The Author tries to demonstrate how and why the Politician has so little respect from the population compared to the one given to the advertising. Those two having the same objectives but the latter one never asking us to trust him when staring at us ! Very easy to read and to understand, the Author gives many examples and exercises for us to 'get used to' political lies while giving us clues to guessing and diverting them (not to waste time being distracted). (Review by Ruby BIRD)

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