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**POLITICAL REFORMS IN QATAR:
FROM AUTHORITARIANISM TO POLITICAL GREY ZONE**

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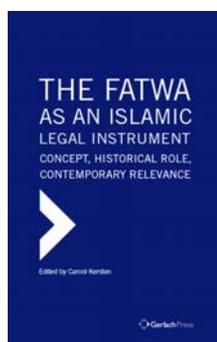
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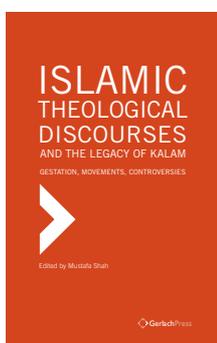
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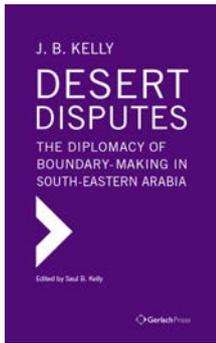
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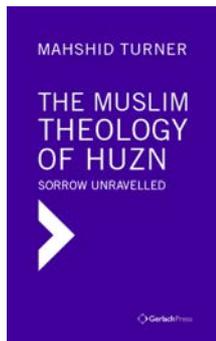


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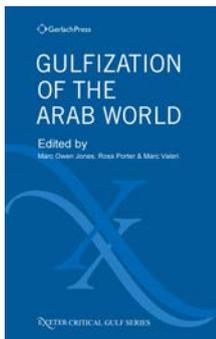


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