

# **The positions of muslim scholars in the volga-ural region in the context of Islamic ideologies of the 20th and 21st centuries**

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## **Abstract**

© Springer Fachmedien Wiesbaden 2015. The areas of modern-day Tatarstan and Bashkortostan have for a long time represented the periphery of the Muslim world. Following Ivan the Terrible's conquest of Kazan and later Russian expansion towards the Ural Mountains, the two completely ceased to be numbered among Dar al-Islam lands. The period of Soviet power further distanced the region's populace from the Islamic world. And yet the interesting fact is that despite geographic, historical, cultural, and other differences, the development of Islamic ideologies in these regions resembles those taking place among Muslims all around the world. To exemplify this thesis, we shall examine two time periods—the beginning of the 20th century and the present day.

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