

GENERATING GENEROSITY IN CATHOLICISM AND ISLAM

Using an innovative methodological approach combining field experiments, case studies, and statistical analyses, this book explores how the religious beliefs and institutions of Catholics and Muslims prompt them to be generous with their time and resources. Drawing upon research involving more than 1,000 Catholics and Muslims in France, Ireland, Italy, and Turkey, the authors examine Catholicism and Islam in majority and minority contexts, discerning the specific factors that lead adherents to help others and contribute to social welfare projects. Based on theories from political science, economics, religious studies, and social psychology, this approach uncovers the causal connections between religious community dynamics, religious beliefs and institutions, and sociopolitical contexts that promote or hinder the generosity of Muslims and Catholics. The study also provides insight into what different religious beliefs mean to Muslims and Catholics, and how they understand those concepts.

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Abbreviations

AKP Adalet ve Kalkınma Partisi (Justice and Development Party)

CCFD Comité catholique contre la faim et pour le développement-Terre

Solidaire (Catholic Committee against Hunger and for

Development-Solidarity of the Earth)

DC Dublin Catholic interviewee
DM Dublin Muslim interviewee
EP experiment participant
IC Istanbul Catholic interviewee
IM Istanbul Muslim interviewee

KYM Kimse Yok Mu (Is Anybody Listening?)

MC Milan Catholic interviewee
MM Milan Muslim interviewee
PC Paris Catholic interviewee
PM Paris Muslim interviewee

SVdP Société Saint Vincent-de-Paul, Società San Vincenzo de Paoli,

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

TIECS Turkish-Irish Educational and Cultural Society

UCD University College Dublin
UNICEF United Nations Children's Fund

