



Being Human

Political Modernity and Hospitality in Kurdistan-Iraq

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DESCRIPTION

The Iraqi Ba'ath state's Anfāl operations (1987-1991) is one of the twentieth century's ultimate acts of destruction of the possibility of being human. It remains the first and only crime of state in the Middle East to be tried under the 1948 UN Genocide Convention, the 1950 Nuremberg Principles, and the 1969 Iraqi Penal Code and to be recognized as genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes in Baghdad between 2006 and 2007. *Being Human: Political Modernity and Hospitality in Kurdistan-Iraq* offers an unprecedented pathway to the study of political violence. It is a sweeping work of anthropological hospitality, returning to the Anfāl operations as the violence of political modernity only to turn to the human survivors' hospitality and acts of translation—testimonial narratives, law, politics, archive, poetry, artworks, museums, memorials, symbolic cemeteries, and infinite pursuit of justice in the Kurdistan Region of Iraq. *Being Human* gathers together social sciences, humanities, and the arts to understand modernity's violence and its living on.

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