



Christ's Subversive Body: Practices of Religious Rhetoric in Culture and Politics (Hardback)

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Northwestern University Press, United States, 2017. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Christ's Subversive Body offers a fascinating exploration of six historical examples of politically or culturally subversive usages of the body of Christ. Shining a light on the enabling potential of religious rhetoric, Solovieva examines how in moments of crisis or transition throughout Western history the body of Christ has been deployed in a variety of discourses, including recent neo- and theoconservative movements in the United States. Solovieva's survey includes the iconoclastic polemics of Epiphanius at the moment of struggles for supremacy between the Roman state and the Christian church, the mystical theologico-political alchemy of an anonymous treatise circulated at the Council of Constance, Lavater's counter-Enlightenment visions of the afterlife expressed through physiognomy, Dostoevsky's refashioning of ethical communities, Pier Paolo Pasolini's attempts to provoke the scandal of Jesus's mission once more in the modern world, and the elaboration of a political theology subordinating democratic dissent to the higher unity of a corporately conceived unitary executive in early twenty-first-century America. Solovieva presents her findings not as an entry into theological or Christological debates but rather as a study in comparative discourse analysis. She...



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