

Buruma, Ian, and Avishai Margalit: Occidentalism: The West in the Eyes of Its Enemies. Penguin Books: New York 2004. 176 pp., US\$ 21.95.

“In this grandly illuminating study of two centuries of anti-Western ideas, Buruma and Margalit contend that the hostility of Islamist jihadists toward the United States is but the most recent manifestation of a long-running, world-wide reaction to the rise of Western Modernity. They call the cluster of prejudices and unflattering images of the West conjured by its enemies ›Occidentalism,‹ a phenomenon that originated within the West itself in the late eighteenth century and only later spread to the Middle East, Asia, and beyond.”

Rezension in „Foreign Affairs“ March/April 2004, p. 155.