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## **PhD Thesis:**

Twelver Shi'as in Italy: How the Italian Secularism Reshapes the Twelvers' Identity.

## **Abstract (english)**

This study aims to examine the impacts of the Italian model of secularism on the religious lives of Twelver Shi'as who live in this country. This influence is studied from different viewpoints: the relationship of Shi'as with their religious references (*marajī*), gender relations, trajectories of conversion to Shi'ism, Sunni-Shia relations, public manifestations of Shi'ism and worship places.