



Mardjani Foundation



Journal for the Studies of Islam  
and Muslim Societies

### CALL FOR PAPERS

The [Islamology](#) journal is a new academic periodical spearheaded by a team of scholars at the Mardjani Foundation. [Islamology](#) follows the thought and mission of our previous journal Pax Islamica – The World of Islam, which had been published in 2007 – 2013. However, the format of the new journal is slightly different; it will be more dynamic and open to current social and political issues, discussions and approaches while maintaining its commitment to fundamental research established by the previous team.

The study of Islam and Muslims is becoming ever more relevant as academic knowledge on this subject is increasingly more valuable. Political events in the Middle East, discovery of new primary sources and materials, increasing migration from Muslim countries and many other relevant issues stimulate the Islamic studies and render them vital. That is why our journal is dedicated to these subjects.

We use the notion of academic “Studies of Islam”/“Islamic Studies” in a broad sense, implying by it any issue concerning Islam and Muslim societies. However, it will be unlikely to find in the journal those articles, which do not touch on specifically Islamic topics. An example is an article which discusses a certain type of sports in a particular Muslim country. However, we would welcome studies which investigate the influences of “Islamic ethics” on the “sporting spirit. We are interested in the effects of Islam on people and vice versa.

We believe that the last 200-250 years of world history should be subject to our special attention. Modernization, colonization, urbanization, secularization of Muslim societies as well as the efforts for nation-state building have led to a dramatic devaluation of Islam's significance as a socio-political factor. In response to global challenges, some Muslims have tried to create the “halal” ideologies, which have similarly failed. The collapse of the political Islam, as studied, in particular, by Olivier Roy and Gilles Kepel, confirms this fact. Yet, Islam has not vanished, and it continues to affect the lives of many people. Speaking in the Muslim terms, we are now probably observing two main trends: the dilution and redefinition of the notions of “Dar al Islam” (by the way, the journal title of Pax Islamica originates from this very notion) and yet another transformation of the “din”, a conversion of this phenomenon into “religion”.

How is this process occurring? How have Islam and the Muslims changed? What are the borders between the secular and divine in Islam? What are the classical texts which underpin the Islamic tradition and how do Muslims interpret them in a new way? How did the prominent orientalist of the past interpret Islam? What is the historical background and important events which influenced the course of history in the Muslim East? How do policy-makers use Islam to legitimize their power?



What is the sociology of Islam, and does it exist in the first place? To what extent do Muslims influence global migration flows, and does Islam influence the migrants themselves? Can we describe Muslims as the the West's "Other"? Has democracy become the "Dar al Islam"? In what way will the "Muslim question" shape the global future? To what extent is Islam inseparable from politics? What new trends and movements are emerging in the Muslim milieus and why? How do ordinary Muslims live, and is there any difference between the Muslim anthropology and the general one?

In our journal we aim to publish the studies of those experts who can answer these and similar questions or at least formulate them in such a way as to clarify the direction to follow.

We invite all specialists in the aforementioned fields to submit their academic papers. We expect for the issues of [Islamology](#) to be thematic, however the dominant theme will consume only a part of an issue and good papers will be published without regard to the general topic of the issue.

The first issue in 2017 will be dedicated to anthropology, sociology and political science of the Muslim societies. Which methods of western scholarship are relevant for studying the Muslim countries and societies? What is the difference between the sociology of Islam and general sociology? In what kind of terms can we express political trends of the Islamic world? Why are the debates on "fundamentalism", "Salafism", "Islamic reformism", "jadidism", "Islamism" still so vibrant? What is the role of traditions, both old and reinvented? Which new approaches can we use to study particular societies and individuals? What are these approaches today?

The theme of the second issue will be "The Primary Sources and History".

The deadline for submitting papers is March 30, 2017 for the first issue and August 30, 2017 for the second one.

Besides academic papers, we will also publish other items of interest to scholars in the field of Islamic Studies, including interviews, book extracts, primary sources, translations, and news.

All papers without exception will be subject to a double blind peer review.

The journal's languages are Russian and English. We thereby accept papers in both.

The journal will be indexed in the Russian Science Citation Index. We also aim to be indexed by the western citation systems. We ask authors to provide translations of their detailed abstracts with the purpose of making their principal theses and arguments accessible to foreign specialists. All articles will be uploaded to the Internet to the journal's web-site and published on the popular science website Islamoved.ru as well.

On behalf of the editorial board,

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