

EDITORIAL

We are pleased to present the third issue of the *Hamdard Islamicus*, volume No. XLVII for 2024. This series of articles explores both contemporary and historical issues through an Islamic lens, offering deep insights into faith, governance, social challenges, and historical traditions. The works provide a comprehensive view of how Islamic principles address moral, ethical, and societal concerns, bridging the gap between modern realities and historical perspectives.

The first article **Parents in the Holy Qur'ān: A Study of the Concept of *Shukr*, *Ihsān*, and *Birr al-wālidayn*** explores the Quranic principles of gratitude, kindness, and righteousness towards parents, emphasizing that respect for parents is second only to worshipping Allah. By examining key verses, it highlights the moral and ethical duties of children, as well as the responsibilities of parents. Through linguistic and semantic analysis, the study underscores the importance of treating parents with kindness, framing this relationship within the Holy Qur'ān's broader ethical framework of retribution, reward, and divine judgment.

The second article **LGBT - A Global Issue: Social Impact and Preventive Solution from Quranic Perspective (Study of Quranic Chapter Al-A'rāf [7]: 80-81)** analyzes the rise of LGBT movements through the lens of Quranic teachings, specifically Surah Al-A'rāf (7:80-81). It highlights the societal impacts of LGBT advocacy and proposes preventive solutions rooted in Islamic *Shari'ah*, faith, and moral education to address this issue within the framework of Islamic ethics.

As Islamic finance expands globally, aligning governance with *Shari'ah* law is becoming essential. The third article **Critical Factors Affecting the Success of *Shari'ah* Governance: Insights from Islamic Financial Institutions** examines the role of *Shari'ah*

supervisory boards (SSBs) in Islamic financial institutions (IFIs) and their impact on *Shari‘ah* compliance. The study highlights systemic risks and SSB legitimacy, following the Islamic Financial Services Board’s recommendations for effective governance. A survey of IFI managers reveals that while SSB qualifications and board nominations are critical, stakeholder’s interests have a limited influence on *Shari‘ah* governance success.

In the aftermath of the Al-Aqsa Flood, the fourth article **Combating Islamophobia after the Al-Aqsa Flood** examines the rise of Islamophobia and the challenges facing Muslims globally. It discusses the link between the 2023 Gaza conflict and increased hate crimes against Muslims. The article emphasizes the need for strategies rooted in Islamic teachings to combat prejudice and foster understanding. It advocates for international efforts to protect Palestinian rights and mitigate the impact of Islamophobia while adhering to international law.

The fifth and last article **The Historical Bedrock of the Holy Qur’ān’s Manuscript in Malaysia: A Study on its Style of Calligraphy and Illumination** examines the Holy Qur’ān’s manuscript in Malaysia, focusing on its calligraphic style and illumination. Islamic calligraphy is vital to Malaysian heritage, with early examples in the Kufic script. Research reveals that local creativity and influences from Turkey, China, and Persia shaped these manuscripts. Distinct artistic styles are evident in works from Malacca and Johor compared to those from Kelantan and Terengganu, highlighting diverse cultural interactions.

We sincerely thank the authors for their scholarly contributions and welcome feedback from our esteemed readers as we anticipate delving into critical topics in Islamic studies.

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