

EDITORIAL

The inaugural 2025 issue of *Hamdard Islamicus* (Volume XLVIII) explores Islam's adaptive role in addressing modern challenges across education, media, finance, socio-economic development, and science. Featuring diverse areas of Islamic studies, this collection highlights Islam's capacity to inspire dialogue and actionable solutions in a rapidly evolving world.

The first article, *Socialisation and Institutionalisation Process of the Moderate Religious Culture in Indonesian Madrasahs* explores education's role in nurturing religious moderation. The study reveals how Indonesian *madrasahs* integrate tolerant values into their curricula, demonstrating that faith-based education can be a powerful bulwark against extremism. These institutions foster social cohesion and model inclusive pedagogy by harmonizing tradition with pluralistic modernity.

The second article transitions to the realm of public discourse. *Influence of Religion on Pakistani Mainstream Media: An Application of Beliefs into Action Scale for Journalists* examines the delicate balance between personal religious convictions and journalistic integrity. Through an innovative "Beliefs into Action Scale," the study invites reflection on how media professionals can uphold ethical standards while navigating doctrinal fidelity, thereby fostering responsible and culturally sensitive public dialogue.

The third article explores *Family Takaful in Bangladesh: Operational Dilemmas and Remedial Approaches*. It dissects challenges in the Islamic life insurance sector and proposes solutions to align financial mechanisms with *Shari'ah* compliance while rebuilding consumer trust.

Complementing this, the fourth article, *The Effect of Awqaf Properties Investment Fund on Socio-Economic Development in Somalia*, highlights how effectively managed religious endowments can drive socio-economic progress. Together, these studies underscore the transformative potential of Islamic finance in combating poverty, inequality, and instability through community-centric, ethical models.

In the fifth article, *The Role of Metallurgy in the Holy Qur'an: Historical Contexts and Contemporary Scientific Perspectives*, a

fascinating dialogue between past and present bridges exegesis and science. By unpacking historical references to metals in the Holy Qur'ān and analysing their relevance to modern scientific paradigms, the study challenges traditional boundaries between faith and empirical inquiry, enriching our understanding of the Holy Qur'ān as both a spiritual guide and a knowledge repository.

These articles present a compelling narrative of Islamic thought's versatility and resilience. A shared commitment to ethical practice and holistic development emerges across classrooms, newsrooms, financial institutions, and scientific debates. As we navigate the rapid changes of the 21st century, this issue advocates for interdisciplinary approaches that honour tradition while embracing innovation. It challenges educators, policymakers, journalists, and community leaders to harness faith-inspired frameworks not merely as academic exercises but as blueprints for equitable progress and sustainable development.

May this issue inspire deeper reflection on how our collective past informs our future, paving the way for a world where tradition and modernity coexist and enrich one another.

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