

## **Editorial**

The first issue of the *Hamdard Islamicus* for ongoing year, A.D. 2020, is composed of five research articles which will discuss the contemporary Western scholastic approaches regarding the Holy Qur'ān, Islamic stance regarding surrogacy, the approach of four Guided Caliphs of Islam and some financial issues discussed in the light of Islamic teachings.

The first article namely “A Study of the Contemporary Western Academic Approaches to the History of the Qur'ān: The Case of the Encyclopaedia of the Qur'ān” deals with the approach followed by contemporary Western scholarship in determining the history of the Qur'ānic text .... a pivotal point of the Western studies regarding the Holy Qur'ān.

“A Hebrew-Skopos Approach to Translating *Muqatt'aāt* in the Qur'ānic Oaths” is the title of the second article which aims at interpreting the *Muqatt'aāt* by using Skopos theory .... a niche theory in the field of translation study as against the conventional approach adopted by different exegeses of the Glorious Qur'ān.

The author of the third article entitled “Islamic Viewpoint on Surrogacy with the Second Wife” explores the possibility of the application of surrogacy - a medical process involving “in vitro fertilization” (IVF) by means of which a woman unable to gestate an embryo is made to conceive. Muslim Jurists are divided on this issue, according to the article. However, the authors of this sui generis article not only analyze various stand points of Muslims Jurists but also endeavour to elaborate the Islamic stance on the possibility of the surrogacy with the second spouse.

The title of the fourth article is “Khulafā-e-Rāshidīn and the Prosperity of the Religious Minorities” that vigorously investigates the status of minorities under the reign of Khulafā-e-Rāshidīn.

The last article of this issue is entitled “The Funding Liquidity Risk and Bank Risk: A Review of the Islamic and Conventional Banks in Pakistan.” As the title of the article testifies, it is aimed at exploring the relationship between funding liquidity risk and bank risk regarding Islamic and traditional banks in Pakistan.

This issue includes an index of articles published in the journal during 2019.

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