

EDITORIAL

In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. We are honoured to present the third issue of the *Hamdard Islamicus* of Volume 46 (2023). This publication features insightful and inspiring articles on various Islamic topics, including marriage, governance, theology, Takaful and Islamic Social Finance. The contributions from esteemed researchers worldwide have undergone rigorous scientific analysis to present essential concepts. This issue comprises five academic articles and a book review, summarized below:

The first article, titled “Family Life as the Foundation of Islamic Civilization” explores the fundamental role of marriage institutions in Islamic culture. It investigates the Islamic perspective on family and marriage relationships, emphasizing their profound impact on the culture of Muslim societies.

The second article, “Protection of the Intellect of Persons with Disabilities: In the *Holy Qur’ān* and the Sunnah Perspective” examines the stance of the *Holy Qur’ān* and Sunnah on individuals with disabilities. This article discusses intellectual protection for persons with disabilities, highlighting Islamic teachings’ ethical and moral considerations regarding their inclusion and support.

The third article, “Anthropomorphic of Gods with Allah Almighty and Filmography on Islamophobia in the Cinematic Way of America and India: A Critical Analysis” critically analyses the portrayal of Almighty Allah in popular culture, focusing on anthropomorphism. It provides an in-depth examination of Islamophobia in American and Indian films, shedding light on these key issues.

The fourth article, titled “Determinants of Family Takaful in ASEAN: Evidence from Business Unit *Shari’ah* and Full-Fledged Operations” draws on empirical data from fully operational Takaful units and *Shari’ah*-compliant business entities. The study investigates factors influencing *Shari’ah*-compliant business units and full-fledged Takaful operations in the ASEAN region, offering key insights into the financial stability of this unique Takaful model.

The fifth article, titled “Islamic Social Finance Ecosystem and the Role of Crowdfunding: A Proposed Model” In today’s changing financial environment, Islamic finance has constantly grown over the last few decades to meet the needs of today’s society. Considering this situation, this paper suggests a crowdfunding system jointly integrated with Islamic social finance, which can provide excess to funds, diversify sources of money, and increase community-related to the financial system, considering the principles of Islamic finance. Despite several challenges, there is the possibility of a positive impact where crowdfunding can make Islamic social finance more inclusive, resilient, and impactful.

Finally, the book review of “Toward Islamic English” by Ismā‘īl Rājī al Fārūqī summarizes the key points of the book. It reflects how the language authentically embodies Islamic values and principles, making it a valuable resource for those interested in its relationship with Islamic thought.

In summary, this issue of *Hamdard Islamicus* provides a comprehensive and diverse study of various aspects of Islam. These articles significantly contribute to the broader discourse on Islamic thought and practice, offering alternative perspectives on the contemporary challenges faced by the Muslim world. We hope these articles will inspire further discussions and research on these crucial topics.

In conclusion, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the authors who chose *Hamdard Islamicus* as a platform to publish their scholarly works. We deeply appreciate the feedback from our readers and eagerly anticipate more opportunities to engage in discussions about important themes in Islamic studies in the future.

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