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- ICR seeks to advance critical research and original scholarship on theoretical, empirical, historical, inter-disciplinary and comparative studies, with a focus on policy research.
- ICR aims at stimulating creative and original contributions within contemporary Muslim and non-Muslim scholarship to further civilisational renewal.
- ICR promotes advanced research on the civilisational progress of Muslims and critical assessments of modernity, post-modernity and globalisation.

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EDITORIAL

This issue of ICR is presented in line with its usual format, in five sections: articles, viewpoints, events and significant developments, and book reviews. The article section features six essays:

“Environmental Care in Islam: A Qur’ānic Perspective” by myself addresses the human-earth relationship from an Islamic perspective. In it I argue that

- self-seeking individuals and institutions should be made responsible to repair the environmental damage they cause, and that
- Muslims have much to contribute to the evolving environmental discourse, yet they need to articulate their resources, engage and develop the language of persuasion both within their countries and internationally.

“Abuse Nature and Face the Consequences: Climate Change from an Islamic Perspective” is an article by **Rafiu Ibrahim Adebayo**, who is a lecturer in the Department of Religions, University of Ilorin, Nigeria. He makes the valid observations that

- it is a matter of religious and ethical duty to protect the environment; whosoever damages the environment must be punished by the appropriate authorities before nature takes it upon herself to punish the whole world for the sin of a few.
- Ultimately, man should reduce his spirit of excessive materialism and show regard for other creatures of God in his dealings with nature.

“Canadian Muslims and Canada’s Domestic and Foreign Policy Issues: An Analysis” is by **Syed Serajul Islam**, Chair and Professor in the Department of Political Science at Lakehead University, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, and **Ishtiaq Hossain**, an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). This article investigates the participation of Canadian Muslims in debates affecting Canada’s domestic and foreign policy issues. The two authors argue that

- the Canadian authorities would do well to see the involvement of ‘their’ fellow Muslims in public debates as an *asset* rather than a *threat*.
- Above all, they suggest that Canadian Muslims should continue to participate in the national debate.

“Between the Honey and the Poison: Corruption and Its Panacea in Islamic Hermeneutics” is by **Afis A. Oladosu** who is a Senior Lecturer in Modern Arabic literature and culture at Nigeria’s University of Ibadan. He addresses the issue of corruption by referring to the original meaning of the Arabic word for ‘corruption’ (*al-fasād*) and to its opposite *al-ṣalāh* – ‘righteousness’, ‘accountability’, ‘probity’ and ‘piety’. In his view,

- the involvement of some Muslims in acts of corruption reflects the disconnect between *Islam in the text* and the *Islam in the context* of existential realities of Muslim societies across the world.
- In addition, the issue of corruption should be addressed from a perspective that exceeds the usual discussion surrounding embezzlement in corporate life.

“A Legal and Administrative Analysis of Inalienable Muslim Endowments (*Awqāf*) in Bosnia and Herzegovina” is by **Adnan Trakic**, a Lecturer in the School of Business at Sunway University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. In his detailed historical overview he argues that

- the attitude of the legislative and political organs of Bosnia and Herzegovina – from the time of the Habsburg period until today – was hostile and destructive towards the institution of *waqf*.
- He concludes that there is also an urgent need for incorporation of fresh elements in the legal system of Bosnia and Herzegovina that would positively change the attitude of the Muslim community towards the welfare of *waqf*.

Finally, “Islam and Modernity: Remembering the Contribution of Muḥammad ‘Abduh (1849-1905)” is an article by **Aasia Yusuf**, a PhD research scholar in the Department of Islamic Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India. She provides us with a fresh look at this famous Egyptian jurist, religious scholar, and reformer who is regarded as the architect of what has become known in the West as ‘Islamic modernism’. She argues that

- there is no incompatibility between Islam and modernity, and that
- ‘Abduh’s role needs to be considered pivotal in bridging what is often perceived as a gap between these two.

This time we carry also **six viewpoints**:

“The Absence of Islam in the ‘Arab Spring’” by myself looks into the nature of the recent reform movements in the Muslim world.

“A Doctor in the House: Looking for New Insights on Mahathir’s Islamisation Policy in His Memoirs” by **Osman Bakar**, the Deputy CEO of IAIS Malaysia and Emeritus Professor of Philosophy of Science at Kuala Lumpur’s University of Malaya, provides insights into the ‘Islam policies’ of one of the Muslim world’s most influential leaders during his time in office as Malaysia’s prime minister.

“Journalistic Ethics and Freedom of Expression: Ideals and Realities” by **Christoph Marcinkowski**, Principal Research Fellow and Co-Chair (Publications) at IAIS Malaysia, elaborates on the obvious tensions between ‘freedom of speech’ and certain examples of art, literature, speech or other acts considered by some to be sacrilegious or blasphemous.

“Muslims and Diplomacy” by IAIS Principal Research Fellow **Karim D. Crow** asks Muslims to comprehend how peace and security are embraced among the *maqāsid* or ‘higher objectives’ of the *sharī‘ah*.

“Rethinking Diplomacy and Islam” by **Ahmad Kazemi-Moussavi**, Professor of Islamic law and Persian language at the University of Maryland, United States, argues that it is high time to rethink the nature and goals of diplomacy in Islam.

Finally, there is “Man-Made Codifications of *Hudūd* Laws” by **Nik Noriani Nik Badli Shah**, a Legal Consultant for Sisters in Islam (SIS), a Malaysian non-governmental women’s organisation. She argues that “there is an urgent need to develop a discourse whereby Muslims can be persuaded to understand thoroughly the concepts of equality for women and people of other faiths, freedom of religion, and human rights as actually consistent with their own religious teachings.”

This issue includes also **five book reviews, one significant development report** on the recently established diplomatic relations between Malaysia and the Holy See by **Christoph Marcinkowski**, and **four event reports**.

In closing it remains for me to thank warmly all contributing authors and ICR’s editorial staff for their cooperation.

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