

EDITORIAL

By the grace of Allah, we are pleased to present Issue No. 1, Volume No. 49 of *Hamdard Islamicus*. This issue brings together five scholarly contributions that explore important contemporary themes related to ethical political discourse, Islamic charitable practices, community resilience, legal governance, and emerging technologies in Muslim societies.

The first contribution, “*The Philosophy of Conflict and Political Dialogue in the Quran: The Moses (A.S.)–Pharaoh Narrative in Historical Context and Contemporary Relevance*,” explores the Quranic narrative of Moses and Pharaoh to highlight themes of justice, moral resistance, and dialogue in confronting oppression, offering insights relevant to contemporary political and ethical debates.

The second article, “*Does Literacy Moderate the Impact of Trust and Religiosity on Interest in Dispensing Zakāh?*,” examines how literacy shapes the relationship between religiosity, institutional trust, and willingness to pay Zakāh. It highlights that literacy enhances awareness, accountability, and confidence in Zakāh institutions, thereby strengthening participation in Islamic charitable practices.

The third article, “*Community Institutions and Minority Resilience Among Muslims in Kerala*,” explores the theme of community resilience. The study provides important insights into how minority Muslim communities sustain social cohesion and progress through local institutions such as mosques, educational centers, and charitable organizations. The Kerala experience demonstrates how community-based structures can support educational advancement, social mobility, and collective resilience within a pluralistic society.

The fourth article, “*Safeguarding Waqf Assets in India: Analysing the Waqf Act of 1995 and the Implications of the Waqf Amendment Bill 2024*,” addresses legal and institutional concerns related to the governance of waqf properties. Historically, waqf institutions have played a central role in supporting social welfare, education, and religious life. The article critically examines

contemporary legal developments affecting waqf governance in India, highlighting issues related to transparency, institutional autonomy, and the protection of community endowments.

The fifth article, “*Aligning AI with Islamic Values: A Comprehensive Systematic Literature Review*,” examines the ethical implications of emerging technologies. As artificial intelligence increasingly influences decision-making processes across various sectors, questions of ethics and accountability become more pressing.

It is hoped that this issue will encourage further research and dialogue that connects Islamic intellectual traditions with contemporary global developments.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to the authors for choosing *Hamdard Islamicus* as a platform for sharing their scholarship, and to our readers whose continued engagement inspires our academic mission.

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