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Foreword

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We believe that all academic journals want to be the best journal in the world in their respective field of study. The management strives to achieve that position through various strategies, including inviting top scholars to write articles for their journals or even offering monetary incentives to attract more scholars to submit their manuscripts. Importantly, each journal might have different emphases in formulating and implementing these strategies. In this light, we have come up with a distinct strategy: we emphasize looking for the best scholars in the respective field of study to review manuscripts submitted to our journal. We believe that a great review process, which include manuscript reviews being conducted by top scholars in the respective field, will result in better quality manuscripts being published by our journal [see list of our reviewers here: <https://journal.uiii.ac.id/index.php/mpr/PeerReviewers>].

This is in line with our experience after running *Muslim Politics Review* for two years. Revised articles by the authors are always in better shape after their articles are critically and rigorously commented on by reviewers. Usually, manuscripts sent to our journals are reviewed by two reviewers. We follow a double-blind review process so that the authors and the reviewers do not know each other. This process aims to boost critical, honest assessment of manuscripts being submitted to our journal and to avoid reviewer bias.

The scholars who submit their manuscripts to our journal vary. They consist of mainly Ph.D. candidates from reputable universities in the world,

but this journal also increasingly attracts more established scholars such as lecturers or scholars who work for think-tanks or political risk consultancies. Authors, especially the Ph.D. candidates, really benefit from the rigorous review process offered by this journal. They learn the academic trade from top scholars in their respective field of study. We are happy that, by exercising a high standard in the review process, we contribute, albeit indirectly, to the progress of their academic development.

We are pleased that we are able to maintain a great variety of author geographical coverage. This is an important parameter for our journal to be included in the category of international journal. In this edition, we cover four different continents: America, Europe, Asia and Australia. **Arya Budi**, a Ph.D. candidate at the Department of Political Science, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, in the U.S, represents the Americas. In his article, he investigates whether religious identity moderates economic voting in Indonesia. **Aqida Nuril Salma**, who writes the article ‘Hybrid Movements, Digital Technology, and the Rise and Fall of Far-Right Islamist Protest Mobilization in Indonesia’, represents Europe. Salma is a Ph.D candidate at Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany.

Aizat Khairi, **Asep Muizudin Muhamad Darmini**, and **Ararat Kostanian** represent Asia. The first two authors are lecturers at a Malaysian and an Indonesian university respectively, while Ararat Kostanian, an Armenian, is a Ph.D. student at Universitas Islam Internasional Indonesia, Indonesia. They discuss three different topics, all closely related to the scope of our journal: Muslim civilization and Muslim politics. Khairi investigates the role of Muslim Rohingya refugee community-based organizations in Malaysia, while Darmini and Kostanian discuss, respectively, the multidimensionality of the Indonesian public sphere and peaceful coexistence models in Indonesia and Syria. Last but not least, **Peter Lilly**, representing Australia, discusses the impact of Attasian thought on political Islam in Indonesia. Peter is a Ph.D. Candidate at the Faculty of Arts and Society, Charles Darwin University, Darwin, Australia.

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