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## **Foreword**

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Publishing in academic journals is an important endeavour in the academic world. Academic journals contribute immensely to the progress and accumulation of knowledge, as journals provide platforms for scholars to engage in the contestation of ideas that can spur innovation in their respective fields of study.

*Muslim Politics Review* (MPR) is walking the path to that endeavour. Articles in this journal will reflect the unique contributions that they make in the field of political science and its sub-disciplines, such as comparative politics, public policy, political theory, and international relations. Contributions from other social sciences disciplines, including but not limited to sociology, history, anthropology, economics, and psychology, are also welcome, so long as they intersect with politics. It is important to underline this scope due to MPR's position as a newly established academic journal focusing on politics.

That said, this journal covers a broad range of topics. MPR is intended to be the site where scholars investigate the multifaceted relationships between religion, politics, and socio-economic developments in Muslim states and societies. Authors who are interested in submitting their articles to this journal can think about writing on topics that are currently debated in the Muslim world, such as identity politics, social movements in Muslim societies, politics and electoral competition among different political actors in Muslim majority countries, the contestation of ideas and symbols of Islam, and the status of women in Muslim societies. In addition, MPR welcomes articles that discuss how the Muslim world interacts with the rest of the world. In other words, the journal also covers the international relations and strategic aspects within, and beyond, Muslim majority countries.

This is a peer-reviewed journal, with the exception of this first edition. This first edition is a special one: it invites writing from leading scholars in political science who are known for their scholarly works on various aspects of Muslim societies across the globe. With their articles, the first edition sets the tone for the

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