

### **Call For Papers**

***for the inaugural issue of***

### **Islamic International Law and Global Affairs**

Submissions are invited for the inaugural issue of Islamic International Law and Global Affairs (IILGA), a peer-reviewed academic journal committed to advancing rigorous and innovative scholarship on Islamic international law (*siyar*) and its engagement with the evolving landscape of global legal affairs.

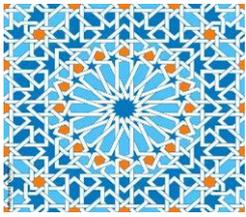
The journal serves as a platform for critical inquiry into the historical foundations, normative frameworks, and contemporary relevance of *siyar* across diverse Muslim societies and international contexts. It seeks to reinvigorate scholarly discourse on epistemologies and transformations in Islamic international law as well as classical doctrines and their intersections with modern international law, while fostering interdisciplinary research that bridges the fields of law, theology, history, political science, and international relations.

We welcome original research articles, conceptual essays, and case studies that explore topics including, but not limited to:

#### ***Classical and Normative Foundations***

- Historical development and jurisprudential schools of *siyar*
- Classical doctrines on war, peace, diplomacy, and treaty law
- Islamic legal theory and its engagement with *jus ad bellum* and *jus in bello*
- Comparative analysis of *siyar* and public international law
- The application of *maqāṣid al-sharī'ah* and general principles of Islamic law in shaping normative principles of international law
- Bridging classical Islamic legal objectives with contemporary global justice frameworks





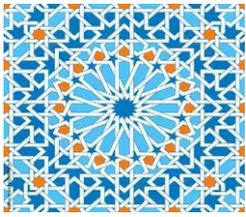
### ***Contemporary Legal Engagements***

- Islamic legal perspectives on occupation, siege, and collective punishment
- Legal and ethical responses to protracted conflict in Gaza and other Muslim majority territories and countries
- Critical reflections on the role of Islamic legal thought in addressing long-term crises affecting Muslim populations
- Islamic perspectives on international trade and investment law
- Human rights and humanitarian law in Islamic legal thought
- Environmental law and climate governance in Muslim-majority contexts
- Migration, refugee protection, and statelessness in Islamic jurisprudence
- Cybersecurity, digital sovereignty, and Islamic legal ethics in the digital age
- Global health governance and Islamic legal responses to pandemics

### ***Interdisciplinary and Comparative Approaches***

- The role of Islamic law in shaping foreign policy and international relations
- Pluralistic approaches to global norm-making and legal harmonisation
- Islamic law and global governance institutions (e.g., UN, ICJ, WTO, ICC)
- Muslim-majority and minority experiences in international legal systems
- Postcolonial critiques and decolonial approaches to Islamic international law
- Theological and philosophical foundations of justice and sovereignty in *siyar*
- Evolving methodologies for interpreting *siyar* in light of contemporary international legal norms
- Hermeneutical approaches to *siyar* in modern jurisprudential and geopolitical contexts





- Reclaiming Islamic international law as a counter-epistemology to dominant Eurocentric legal paradigms
- Postcolonial and decolonial critiques of the marginalisation of *siyar* and its transformation through colonial and neo-colonial encounters
- Rearticulating Islamic legal thought in global legal discourse: toward epistemic justice and pluralism

### ***Policy and Practice***

- Islamic legal frameworks in peacebuilding and conflict resolution
- Engagement of Islamic law with transitional justice and reconciliation
- Islamic legal contributions to sustainable development and global equity
- Legal reform and treaty practice in OIC and Muslim-majority states
- Islamic legal and policy perspectives on legal status and ethical obligations toward displaced persons in Muslim-majority states
- Comparative analysis of refugee protection regimes in OIC member states through the lens of Islamic law

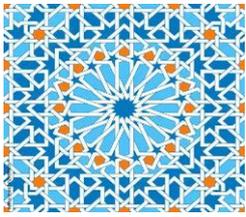
### ***Global Political Economy and Islamic Norms***

- Islamic legal perspectives on debt, development finance, and global economic justice
- The role of Islamic law in shaping alternative models of global economic governance
- Islamic critiques of neoliberalism and structural adjustment policies in Muslim-majority states

### ***Geopolitics and Strategic Affairs***

- Islamic legal thought and the geopolitics of Muslim-majority regions (e.g., Middle East, Sahel, Southeast Asia)
- *Siyar* and strategic alliances: historical and contemporary





perspectives

- Islamic law and the politics of non-alignment and neutrality in global conflicts

### ***Islamic Law and Global Development Agendas***

- Engagement of Islamic legal frameworks with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Islamic jurisprudence and inclusive development: poverty, education, and gender equity
- Faith-based development models and Islamic legal ethics in humanitarian aid

### ***Diplomacy and Multilateralism***

- Islamic principles of diplomacy and their relevance to contemporary multilateral institutions
- Comparative analysis of Islamic diplomatic traditions and modern foreign policy practices
- Islamic legal contributions to regional cooperation frameworks (e.g., ASEAN, OIC, African Union)

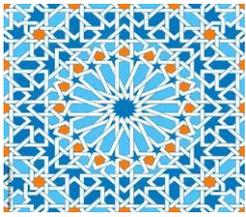
### ***Security, Peacebuilding, and Conflict Prevention***

- Islamic legal approaches to counterterrorism, deradicalisation, and peacebuilding
- The role of Islamic law in post-conflict reconstruction and transitional governance
- *Siyar* and the ethics of intervention: humanitarian, military, and legal dimensions

### ***Islamic Norms in Global Governance and Norm Diffusion***

- The influence of Islamic legal norms on global governance institutions and norm-setting processes
- Islamic law and the politics of norm contestation in international law





- Muslim-majority states as norm entrepreneurs in global legal and political arenas

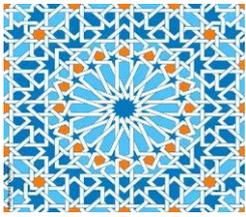
### ***Islamic Norms and International Commercial Law***

- Islamic legal perspectives on international trade agreements and dispute resolution mechanisms (e.g., WTO, ICSID)
- Compatibility and tensions between Islamic commercial jurisprudence (*fiqh al-mu'āmalāt*) and global trade norms
- Islamic finance and investment law in cross-border commercial transactions
- The role of Sharī'ah compliance in international commercial arbitration
- Islamic legal ethics in global supply chains and corporate governance
- Islamic law and commercial treaty practice in OIC and Muslim-majority states
- Postcolonial critiques of commercial law harmonisation and Islamic legal autonomy
- Islamic legal responses to digital commerce, fintech, and transnational e-commerce regulation

### ***Subjects of International Law in Islamic Legal Thought***

- The Islamic conception of legal personality: states, individuals, and non-state actors in *siyar*
- Recognition of individuals as subjects of international law: rights, duties, and protections under Islamic jurisprudence
- Corporations and transnational business entities in Islamic international law: legal status, ethical obligations, and dispute resolution
- Foreign investors and investment protection in Muslim-majority jurisdictions: Sharī'ah-compliant frameworks and international norms
- The role of the Ummah as a collective legal entity in classical and modern Islamic legal discourse
- Comparative analysis of subjectivity in Islamic and Western





international legal traditions

- Non-state actors in Islamic law: NGOs, religious institutions, and armed groups
- Legal personhood and accountability in Islamic law: implications for international criminal and humanitarian law
- Islamic legal perspectives on stateless persons, refugees, and diasporic communities as subjects of international law

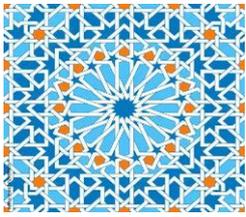
### ***Islamic State Practices in Contemporary International Law***

- Treaty-making practices of Muslim-majority states: historical continuity and modern adaptation
- Diplomatic conduct and recognition: Islamic legal perspectives on statehood, sovereignty, and legitimacy
- Implementation of international legal obligations by Islamic states: challenges and innovations
- Comparative analysis of Islamic state reservations to international treaties (e.g., human rights, trade, environment)
- Islamic state practices in multilateral institutions (e.g., UN, OIC, WTO, ICC, ICJ, ICSID): legal engagement and normative influence
- Islamic legal reasoning in foreign policy formulation and international dispute settlement
- The role of Islamic law in shaping national positions on global issues such as climate change, migration, and digital governance
- Islamic state responses to international sanctions, armed conflict, and humanitarian intervention
- State practice and the development of customary international law: contributions from Muslim-majority jurisdictions

### ***Islamic Legal Perspectives on Sports Diplomacy and Global Sporting Governance***

- **Sports as Soft Power and Legal Diplomacy:** Examining how international sporting events are used to project national identity, foster diplomatic relations, and negotiate geopolitical tensions through the lens of Islamic legal thought

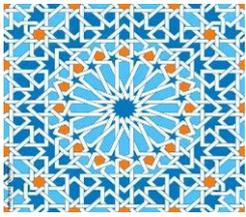




- **Selective Participation and Legal Ethics in Global Sports Governance:** Islamic legal reflections on the ethical implications of selective bans, exclusions, or invitations in global sporting events, and their alignment with principles of justice, fairness, and non-discrimination
- **Norm Contestation in Global Sports Institutions:** Analysis of how Muslim-majority states engage with international sports bodies (e.g., IOC, FIFA, ICC) and contest dominant norms through Islamic legal reasoning and diplomatic practice
- **Sporting Events and the Politics of Recognition:** Exploring how participation in or exclusion from global sports platforms reflects broader issues of state legitimacy, recognition, and sovereignty in Islamic international law
- **Cricket Diplomacy and Symbolic Gestures in Conflict Resolution:** Investigating the role of symbolic acts (e.g., handshakes, joint appearances) in sports diplomacy and their resonance with Islamic principles of reconciliation, peacebuilding, and conflict prevention
- **Islamic Legal Ethics and Commercialisation of Sports:** Critical perspectives on the commodification of sports, sponsorship ethics, and the role of Islamic finance in global sporting industries
- **Gender, Inclusion, and Representation in International Sports:** Islamic legal approaches to gender equity, representation, and inclusion in global sporting events and governance structures
- **Islamic Norms and the Regulation of Sports Migration:** Legal and ethical considerations surrounding athlete migration, statelessness, and dual nationality in international sports law from an Islamic perspective

We invite scholars, legal practitioners, and policymakers to contribute to the inaugural issue of the IILGA. Contributions may address any of the topics listed in this Call for Papers or propose original themes that align with the broader aims of the IILGA. We welcome submissions that offer interdisciplinary insights bridging Islamic law with contemporary global challenges, or that critically examine the interaction between Islamic jurisprudence and international legal norms.





Submissions may include theoretical analyses, empirical research, or comparative legal studies that engage with the classical doctrines of *siyar* and explore their relevance to modern fields of international law and global regulation. We particularly encourage work that challenges dominant paradigms, introduces fresh perspectives, and contributes to pluralistic and inclusive approaches to global legal discourse.

### **Author Guidelines:**

Contributors are requested to comply with the following guidelines:

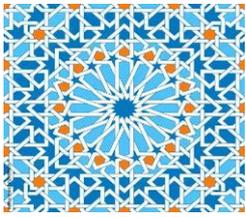
1. The length of the submitted paper should be **between 5000 and 15000 words (excluding abstract and footnotes)**. Manuscripts should be in Microsoft Word format, using Times New Roman font, and single-spaced.
2. An abstract of no more than 200 words and 3 to 5 keywords should be included with all submissions.
3. Contributions must be original and not previously published elsewhere.
4. Submissions must comply with the standards and rules of IILGA, including research ethics, style, and citation.
5. The IILGA follows the OSCOLA referencing style mainly, as adopted with slight modifications. Please refer to the [Author Guidelines](#) for additional information on formatting and referencing style.
6. Contributions must be written in a scholarly style and academic English.
7. The Journal's editors may require proofreading if a submission is otherwise acceptable.

### **Submission of Manuscripts and Peer Review:**

All contributions corresponding to this Call for Papers should be submitted by email to **Dr Ahmad Ghouri: [a.a.ghouri@outlook.com](mailto:a.a.ghouri@outlook.com)**.

### **Deadline for Submissions:**





1. Prospective contributors should submit their **article title, abstract (no more than 200 words) and a detailed outline of their article (no less than 1000 words, including its structure and primary resources cited in footnotes according to the journal's citation style)** to Dr Ahmad Ghouri by **30 October 2025**.
2. The deadline for submission of **final papers** is **15 January 2026**.
3. The Issue will be **published in February/March 2026**.

### Islamic International Law and Global Affairs

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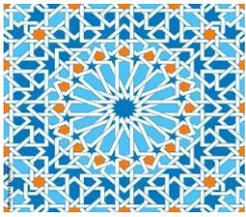
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The journal's vision is to reinvigorate scholarly discourse on the classical doctrines of *siyar* and their intersections with modern international law. It explores the role of Islamic legal thought in shaping responses to global challenges in both classical domains, such as diplomacy, armed conflict, and treaty law, and contemporary fields including international trade and investment law, human rights and humanitarian law, environmental law and climate governance, migration and refugee protection, cybersecurity and digital sovereignty, and global health and transnational regulation. It fosters interdisciplinary research that bridges the fields of law, theology, history, political science, and international relations. It promotes comparative legal analysis and pluralistic approaches to global norm-making, with a focus on the voices and experiences of Muslim-majority and minority communities worldwide. It encourages contributions that challenge dominant paradigms, offer fresh perspectives, and engage with contemporary legal debates through the lens of Islamic jurisprudence.

Islamic International Law and Global Affairs serves as a premier forum for scholars, practitioners, and policymakers seeking to understand and shape the role of Islamic international law in a complex, interconnected, and rapidly evolving world.

