

EDITORIAL

Since the editorship of the Journal of Istanbul University Faculty of Theology became our responsibility last year, we embarked on making a substantial transformation - its name and submission procedure have changed, it adopted volume based classification and thematic issues have been under preparation. Thus, our new issue of June 2018 constitutes a fresh start for our new publishing period and an undertaking to meet the highest international academic standards.

Initially published in 1925 by the first Faculty of Theology in modern Turkey, the Journal of Darulfunun Faculty of Theology had pioneered academic periodicals in the field of theology at that time. The Journal of Istanbul University Faculty of Theology strived to maintain this role beginning from 1999, after the Faculty was re-introduced into the academic world. Embracing this scholarly tradition, the current [editorial team of] *darulfunun ilahiyat* vows to continue to provide a platform for academic endeavor in the field of religious studies.

darulfunun ilahiyat seeks to provide all the necessary opportunities for enhanced interaction and collaboration among scholars of religious studies, and particularly of Islamic studies, of various disciplines and traditions and geographical locations by transferring their works to the academic platforms. In order to cherish the history of its long publishing tradition since 1925, *darulfunun ilahiyat* accepted the volume based classification. A similar change was made also in the submission system. While our journal maintains its long tradition into the current discourse, we decided to seize the opportunity and introduce some novelties. From April 2018 we started to accept the submissions through ScholarOne Manuscripts in order to provide the prospective contributors with a transparent and effective online peer review system.

The new issue is far from being the outcome of only one person's effort. The major contribution has been done by colleagues from different academic fields who shared their original works with us and the reviewers who assessed their texts. Academics of the Faculty of Theology, particularly its Dean, Prof. Dr. Murteza Bedir, who has always supported our requests for the continual improvement of our journal, the personnel of Istanbul University Press and its associated units under the leadership of Dr. Metin Tunc, and especially the editorial management and the editorial board of the journal deserve special acknowledgement. I hope their priceless efforts and contributions will continue making the change in the new publishing period.

We made the effort, may God grant us the accomplishment!

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