

FROM THE EDITORS

Greetings,

Welcome back to *Ilahiyat Studies*. The current issue features three articles and two book review essays related to Islamic and religious studies.

The first article, “A Reading in the Applied Ibāḍī *Fiqh* of International Relations: The Directive of Imām al-Ṣalt (d. 275/888) to His Army Concerning Socotra” by Anke Iman Bouzenita, aims to shed some light upon the ethical standards of military campaigns by Omani Ibāḍī Imām al-Ṣalt ibn Khamīs al-Kharūṣī in the 3rd/9th century by presenting an analysis of an historical document by Imām al-Ṣalt. To achieve this goal, Bouzenita examines the Socotra example, its historical background, and the Islamic legal perspective of the Ibāḍī school on international relations in its historical context, focusing particularly on the problem of authenticity and the authorship of the text.

In his article, “On the ‘Psychological Dialectic’ of al-Ghazālī Regarding Philosophers, or Did Ibn Sīnā Drink Wine?,” Mehmet Birgöl presents an extensive analysis of al-Ghazālī’s complex views on philosophers. Birgöl argues that although there are comprehensive studies on the theoretical aspects of the struggle between al-Ghazālī and the philosophers, the topic of “psychological dialectic,” which he advances in a way that addresses the common feelings of Muslims, has been overlooked. The purpose of this article then is to have a comprehensive understanding of the content and construction of al-Ghazālī’s so-called psychological dialectic.

The final article of this issue, “Contemporary Jewish Anti-Islamism: Jewish Zionism and Jewish Influence in Western Anti-Islamism” by Ömer Kemal Buhari, treats one of the vexing problems of today’s

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academic, religious, and political circles. The author seems to be convinced that while the current academic literature is interested in proving the existence of Muslim anti-Semitism, there is not enough research that considers the existence of Jewish anti-Islamism. The article aims to fill that gap by investigating the contemporary Jewish anti-Islamism, focusing on Zionism's role in such anti-Islamism by reviewing the existing literature, news media, and online sources.

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