

## Call for Researchers to Publish Studies on the Pioneers and Issues of Reform and Renewal in Islam

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### A Series of Moderation and Renewal Leaders and Issues

**Al-Qaradawi Center for Islamic Moderation and Renewal (QCIMR)** in the College of Islamic Studies (CIS) at Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), Doha, Qatar, invites researchers to submit books, papers, and dissertations (undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate) for publication. The research submissions must tackle the lives and thoughts of contemporary leaders of reform and renewal in the Islamic world or reform- and renewal-related issues.

The research submissions for the series can either be in Arabic or English, should not be less than 20,000 words, and cannot have been previously published or currently under consideration for publishing elsewhere. QCIMR will grant financial rewards for the research submissions that are accepted and published based on the value and importance of the contribution.

The QCIMR series is divided into two main streams:

#### 1. First Stream: Reform and Renewal Leaders

This stream of the series intends to introduce prominent Islamic scholars in the modern era (i.e. in the past two centuries), whose works and biographies reflect the basic aspects of moderation and significantly add to Islamic thought, sciences, and practices. The chosen personality should be one who has made an innovative contribution to reform and renewal of Islamic scholarship, bringing together sound reasoning with concrete evidence, and played a historic role for the *umma*. The personality should be one who fairly dealt with ideas and people, was free of fanaticism and prejudice, tolerant of others' differing ideas and appreciated the heritage of the Muslims. The impact of such a personality may still be felt today or in the future, which can also be further explored.

#### 2. Second Stream: Reform and Renewal Issues

This stream of the series aims to achieve two main objectives. The first is the demonstration of the most important methodical principles related to Islamic moderation, reform, and renewal. The researcher can establish the originality of such principles and provide clarity if there are multiple definitions and overlapping concepts. The second objective is to highlight renewal and reform areas and innovative concepts in Islamic thought in past and modern times that changed history. The researcher can highlight the contributions made by Muslims in forging these concepts.

The selected concept can include moderation, renewal, modernity, renaissance, reform, *ijtihad*, originality, tolerance, dialogue, coalition, terrorism, diversity, identity, or any such option – the series is open for contributors to add to the list. The dissertation can address a specific idea or perspective and deconstruct it in detail to provide clarity to any associated confusions; and highlight its definitions, significance, and multiple associated meanings and nuances. The dissertation can further showcase the



consequential and practical considerations of such a perspective in the present and future of Muslim communities.

## Submission Guidelines

1. The research submission should not be less than 20,000 words.
2. Submissions in traditional Arabic should have body content in font 16 pt and footnotes in font 12 pt. Submissions in English should have body content in Times New Roman – 12 pt, and footnotes in Times New Roman – 10 pt.
3. Headings and subheadings should be in font 16 pt bold for traditional Arabic scripts, and in Times New Roman – 12 pt bold for English scripts.
4. The formatting, footnotes, and citations should follow the Chicago Style Guide.
5. The submission should include a summary in the language of the content, not exceeding 500 words.
6. The submission should include an attached glossary list comprising all key terms used.
7. The submission should include a brief CV of the researcher, which includes the following:
  - Full name;
  - Current designation and affiliation;
  - Field of specialty and educational qualifications; and
  - Contact information (phone number(s), email address, and postal address)

## Submission Procedure

1. The interested researcher should submit the completed work online via [this form](#) or the following email: **qcimr@hbku.edu.qa**.
2. QCIMR will confirm the receipt of the submission within three days.
3. The submission will undergo an initial evaluation to screen out submissions that do not meet the publication terms and standards. The contributors of the ineligible submissions will be duly informed.
4. The approved submissions will be sent for a secondary and supplementary evaluation rounds, effectively providing peer reviews for the submitted works by at least two qualified scholars.
5. At the conclusion of final evaluations, QCIMR will inform the contributor if the submission has been: (i) rejected; (ii) approved conditional to outlined changes; or (iii) approved in its current form; along with experts' feedback on the contribution.
6. If the submission has been accepted conditional to required changes, the contributor will be provided with a comprehensive feedback and must make the modifications and resubmit within a month's duration. Consequently, the contributor will be informed whether the changes that have been made are sufficient to make the works eligible for publication – or remain ineligible and will not be published.



7. If the submission has been approved in its original form, the contributor will be informed accordingly, publication contracts will be drawn, and the publication process will be initiated.
8. Accordingly, a financial reward will be provided to the contributor in recognition of his/her research contribution at the time of acceptance of his or her work.
9. The center reserves the right to not publish a research submission without providing any justification.
10. QCIMR is entitled to introduce format modifications in line with the series' publication standards.
11. Both Arabic and English submissions that have been approved for publishing can also undergo a management decision to be translated from one language to another.
12. After publication, the researcher will be given 25 copies of his/her published works.

### **QCIMR Contact Point**

For any further inquiries regarding the series and its submission guidelines, please contact QCIMR via its email: [qcimr@hbku.edu.qa](mailto:qcimr@hbku.edu.qa).

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### **About QCIMR**

Established in 2008, the **Al-Qaradawi Center for Islamic Moderation and Renewal (QCIMR)** is devoted to promoting moderation and the revival of Islamic thought through scientific research. QCIMR envisions a society built on moderation and cooperative openness, and enlightened justice informed by a body of knowledge that addresses such issues as democracy and economics, human rights, status of women and the family, environmental problems, challenges of war and peace, violence and terrorism, backwardness, and corruption.