



## WOMEN IN ISLAM – CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

[\*Women in Islam\*](#), an annual journal available in English and Arabic, is seeking contributions for the 2021 edition. The Journal is published by the [SIHA Network](#) (the Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa).

*Women in Islam* explores gender relations in Muslim communities and aims to promote alternative and progressive discourses on Islamic traditions and texts. Focusing on the issues of justice and women's equality, the journal reflects on the lived realities and current challenges faced by Muslim societies while analysing their interactions with other communities across the globe. With contributions from thinkers, activists, journalists and artists, the journal strives to appeal to a broad audience of readers by presenting complex ideas in an accessible format.

Original contributions may include scholarly articles, essays, opinion pieces, profiles of influential figures, interviews, poetry, personal narratives, book or film reviews, cartoons and art. Please note that we do not publish fiction or short stories.

Potential contributors should bear in mind that all submissions must be connected to the overarching theme of women and Islam and that suggested topics must therefore be analysed using a gender lens. The recommended length for articles is 1500 - 2000 words, and may be submitted in English or Arabic.

For the 2021 edition *Women in Islam* is seeking submissions on the topics below. **Please note that this list of topics is indicative and that SIHA is willing to consider any relevant suggestions.**

- **Equality Before the Law:** contributions could reflect on statutory and customary laws that discriminate against women in Muslim societies, in particular **Muslim family laws**, and the existing initiatives to advance gender equality in the law.
- **Outside the Box:** contributions could include articles on groups or individuals who challenge traditional gender roles in Muslims societies and/or live their femininity or masculinity outside the norm.
- **Plural identities:** contributions could explore how individuals' co-existing identities – sexual, gender, racial, ethnic, geographical, etc. – impact their relationship with and understanding of Islam.
- **Muslim Youth Voices:** contributions could reflect on the challenges and expectations of young Muslims, their perspectives on religion and spirituality, and their engagement for social justice.

- **Muslim women in the performing arts** – singers, musicians, actors, poets, comedians: contributions could discuss how music, theatre or comedy can challenge discriminatory traditions and gender stereotypes.

To submit an article or for more information, please contact our Editorial Coordinator, Celia Hitzges, at: [editorwomeninislam@gmail.com](mailto:editorwomeninislam@gmail.com). **Contributions must be submitted before July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**About the publisher:**

*SIHA, The Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa* (<https://sihanet.org>), is a network of civil society organisations from Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia, Somaliland, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Uganda and Kenya. Founded in 1995, SIHA advocates for social change and gender equality in the Horn of Africa and works specifically on protecting women's rights, promoting women's access to justice, supporting economic empowerment and building inclusive women's movements.

Additional information about the journal and articles from previous editions can be found at <https://womeninislamjournal.com>.