

WOMEN IN ISLAM – CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS



Submissions are open until June 30, 2023!

[Women in Islam](#) is a feminist journal published by the Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa ([SIHA Network](#)). The journal highlights the attempts by scholars, activists, and ordinary Muslims to promote gender-just readings of Islamic traditions and texts. It seeks to deconstruct stereotypes about Muslim women and societies by providing a comprehensive picture of gender relations in Muslim communities and depicting the diverse realities of women and men living in majority and minority Muslim contexts.

Women in Islam invites unpublished, high-quality writing in the form of academic articles, essays, opinion pieces, personal narratives, interviews, profiles of influential figures, book and film reviews, and cartoons. Note that we do not publish fiction or short stories. Articles can be submitted in English or Arabic and should be between 1500 and 2000 words. For more details, please consult our [style guide](#).

The journal comprises the following chapters:

- **People:** this section includes interviews and profiles of scholars, activists, writers, artists, and other individuals who influence Muslim communities and perceptions of Islam. Authors should engage critically with the work and legacy of the person they are profiling.
- **Equality:** this section highlights the discrimination faced by Muslim women and girls, and the initiatives taken to advance gender equality in the public and private spheres. Articles can touch upon Muslim family laws, political participation, employment, etc.
- **Between Two Worlds:** this section reflects on the experiences of Muslims living in Muslim minority contexts and the journeys of migrant Muslim women and girls. It explores how individual's overlapping identities – sexual, gender, racial, ethnic, etc. – influence their understanding of Islam and relationships with others.
- **The Political & the Personal:** this section examines how Muslim women's personal experiences are rooted in their political situation and gender inequality. Contributions can look at sexuality in Muslim communities, reproductive choices, care work, concepts of masculinity, etc.
- **Perspectives:** in this section, authors are invited to share their opinions and political views on the intersections of gender relations, feminism and Islam.

The dossier of Issue 7 will focus on **Male Guardianship**. Articles should address some of the following questions: What is the concept of guardianship in Islam? Has it been applied differently through time and across different geographic areas? Do systems of guardianship exist outside Muslim communities? How does the practice of guardianship impact the lives of Muslim women? How have societal views on male guardianship evolved? Is the abolition of the guardianship system a pre-requisite to a democratic society? Does male guardianship extend to the digital space?

To submit an article or for more information, please contact our Editorial Coordinator at journal@sihanet.org.

SIHA will offer an honorarium to contributors accepted for publication. Authors will also be given credit for their work and will receive a complimentary copy.

We specifically encourage authors with overlapping and under-represented identities to submit their work. We also recommend that you get a sense of the journal by reviewing material we have published in recent issues. Articles from previous editions can be found on our [website](#).

About the publisher:

The Strategic Initiative for Women in the Horn of Africa (SIHA) 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 Greater 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.