

WOMEN IN ISLAM – CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS



We are excited to announce that [Women in Islam](#) is back in progress after a long hiatus. We warmly invite submissions from our previous contributors, as well as new voices, to join us in shaping this important publication.

About the journal

Women in Islam is a feminist journal. Our mission is to spotlight the diverse ways in which scholars, activists, and ordinary Muslims challenge gender norms and work toward gender-just readings of Islamic traditions and texts. The journal aims to break stereotypes about Muslim women and societies, offering a comprehensive, nuanced view of gender relations in Muslim communities around the world—both in majority and minority Muslim contexts.

The journal is organised into the following sections:

- **People:** This section features interviews and profiles of scholars, activists, writers, artists, and other influential figures. Articles should critically engage with the individual's work and legacy.
- **Equality:** This section explores the discrimination faced by Muslim women and highlights initiatives to promote gender equality in public and private spheres. Topics may include Muslim family laws, political participation, employment, and more.
- **Between Two Worlds:** Focused on Muslim women and girls in minority contexts, this section explores the intersecting identities of race, gender, and ethnicity. It also looks at how this complex identity shapes women's individual experiences of Islam and interactions with others.
- **The Political & the Personal:** This section delves into how personal experiences of Muslim women are rooted in their political contexts and gender inequality. Topics may include sexuality, reproductive choices, care work, and concepts of masculinity.
- **Perspectives:** We invite authors to share their opinions on the intersections of gender, feminism, and Islam, offering critical commentary and political insights.
- **Dossier:** Each issue includes a dossier that examines a particular topic in-depth.

The dossier featured in issue 7 will focus on the concept and practice of **male guardianship**. For this section, we encourage contributions that explore some of the following questions:

- What is the concept of guardianship in Islam?
- How has it been applied historically, and does it vary across geographic regions?
- Do systems of guardianship exist in other cultural or religious contexts?
- How does guardianship impact the lives of Muslim women?
- How have societal views on guardianship evolved, and what is the path forward?
- Is the abolition of guardianship essential for the development of democratic societies?
- Does male guardianship extend into the digital realm?

Submission Details

We are looking for high-quality, unpublished writing in a **variety of formats**, including **short academic articles, opinion pieces, poetry, personal narratives, essays, interviews, and profiles of influential figures**. Please note that we do not publish fiction or short stories. Contributions typically range between 1,500 and 2,500 words and can be written in English or Arabic. For more details, please consult our [style guide](#).

We also welcome **artwork** to accompany and illustrate the journal articles. Specifically, we welcome **sketches, paintings, cartoons, photographs, and illustrations**.

SIHA offers an honorarium to contributors accepted for publication. Authors will also receive credit for their work and a complimentary copy of the issue.

We especially encourage authors with intersecting and underrepresented identities to submit their work. To get a sense of our editorial direction, we recommend reviewing past issues and articles, available on our [website](#).

To submit an article or for further inquiries, please contact our Editorial Coordinator at journal@sihanet.org. The final deadline is **3 March 2025**. However, contributions will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so it is advised to not hold off until the deadline.

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, focusing on women's rights, access to justice, economic empowerment, and building inclusive women's movements.