

Special Issue

Islamist Movements in the Middle East

Message from the Guest Editors

In this Special Issue, we invite contributions that will improve our understanding of these developments by investigating Islamist movements in the Middle East. Authors are encouraged to focus on one of two central topics: 1. How have Islamist movements over time and across national, sectarian and intra-Islamist ideological boundaries dealt with the question of democracy and power sharing? How have they envisaged the ideal form of political rule? How do they view the relationship between Sharia as God-given law and the legislative power of elected parliaments? What are their views on equal rights for women and for religious minorities? 2. How have the same movements understood the question of under which circumstances it is legitimate to apply violent actions for political purposes? How have they related to militant or “jihadi” Islamist movements over the past few decades, and to what degree has the proliferation of jihadism influenced contemporary mainstream Islamist movements? The editors invite empirically informed case studies from the Middle East and North Africa, especially studies based on new or understudied primary sources.

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