

Editorial

In order to combat contemporary ideological and intellectual challenges, and to re-define Islamic thought, a research based society is necessary. This aim cannot be achieved without emphasis on education and research in different fields of life.

By publishing ‘*Hamdard Islamicus*’ which is one of the two research journals being published by Hamdard Foundation Pakistan, we actually serve academia with the same clear motto and objective.

This combined issue comprises valuable articles. In the first article from Hungary, titled ‘Abū Huraira’s Cat in Goethe’s Paradise’ the author is in search of answers to a few questions regarding one of the four privileged animals, like Abū Huraira’s Cat, who are allowed to enter paradise.

In the next article from Malaysia, titled ‘Establishing an Exemplary Islamic Society (in Turkey) – An Analysis of Bediuzzamān Saīd Nūrsi’s Reform’ the author estimates Saīd Nūrsi’s contribution to Islamic thought.

The third research based article titled ‘Branding in Islamic Commercial Law – Eyeing Commercial Gains Versus Opportunities for Introducing *Shari’ah* Legal Ethics’, is an effort to introduce and highlight some of the legal ethical aspects of the branding practices in Islamic law, predominantly, in Islamic commercial law.

Mohsin al-Mulk, one of the leading Muslim intellectuals of the subcontinent who have shown keen interest in reviving the intellectual tradition of Islam, is discussed by the author from Karachi University in his article ‘Rethinking Islamic Intellectualism – Mohsin Al-Mulk’s Analysis of Islamic Epistemology’.

The next article, ‘Qualification of *Ijtihād* in Present Era’, is an attempt to point out certain terms and conditions required for *Ijtihād* in the present era.

In the sixth article, titled ‘Causality Broken – Synthesizing Religion, Philosophy and Modern Physics, Confirming Al-Ghazālī’s Win in the Debate of the World’s Pre-Eternity by Providing Delay in Effect’,

the author deals with the central issue of Imām Ghazālī's '*Tahāfut al-Falāsifah*', which concerns the world's pre-eternity rotating around cause and effect.

The next article, 'The Cultural Accommodation of Jesuits Missionaries in China During 1595-1730 and Its Impact on Chinese Muslim Scholars of Hān Kitāb Literature', is covers the period of the seventeenth and the first three decades of the eighteenth century, with special reference to Han Kitab literature.

The last article, 'The Concept of Arrogance in Muslim and Buddhist Scriptures – A Comparative Analysis', is actually a comparative analysis as claimed by the researcher.

We would like, before we close this editorial, to share with our readers the illness of Dr. Ansar Zahid Khan, Editor, *Hamdard Islamicus* and request for prayers for his speedy recovery.

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