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## Editorial

Earlier in 2017, a request was made by the Kulliyah of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), to publish a special issue of *Intellectual Discourse* (ID) with the theme of “Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences”. The idea behind such an idea was to showcase the research being conducted by scholars based not only in Malaysia but also abroad. Alhamdulillah, following the usual process of strict review by peers, this special issue of ID presents 11 articles covering a wide range of themes ranging from contributions of Muslim thinkers to foreign and public policies of Muslim states. It is hoped that this special issue would be an invaluable asset for academics, and researchers interested in the contributions being made by Muslim scholars in the fields of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences.

In the first article Elmira Akhmatov assesses the role of prophethood in building civilisations with special reference to the writings of Abū Naṣr Muḥammad ibn Muḥammad *Al Fārābī* (872-951 CE), and Aziz Üstad Bediüzzaman *Said Nursi* (1876-1960 CE). She concludes that according to these two famous scholars the prophets sent by God were the best law-givers.

The focus of the second article is on two Muslim thinkers in Malaysia. In this study, Hafiz Zakariya, makes a comparative evaluation of the careers and ideas of Shaykh Tahir Jalaluddin (1869-1956) and Syed Shaykh Ahmed Al-Hady (1867-1934). He also analyses their views on colonialism and their reformist plans to remedy the socio-economic conditions of the Malay society.

Moving away from analysis of contributions of Muslim scholars, in the third article, Mohd Abbas Abdul Razak, Maziah Bte Mustapha, and Md. Yusuf Ali, offer a comparative analysis of Western and Islamic Psychologies. They accomplish this by examining the relationship between human nature and motivation.

In the fourth article, Thameem Ushama traces the historical roots of extremist and radical Islamic thinking. He carries out his task by qualitative content analysis of relevant Qur'ānic verses, prophetic traditions, and early schools of Islamic thought.

In the next article Jamal Badi, Salah Machouche, and Benaouda Bensaid examine the questioning styles in the Qur'ān and assess their impact on human thinking.

The sixth article deals with the concepts of *fasakh* and *mafqud* as described by Muslim jurists. The authors of this article Mek Wok Mahmud and Siti Zulaikha Binti Mokhtar then use the missing MH 370 plane as a case study to analyse the provisions of Malaysian federal territory's Islamic family law.

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In the eighth article Nadzrah Ahmad, Rabi'ah Aminuddin, Roslina Othman, Norzulaili Ghazali and Nurul Syuhada Ismail examine the extent to which CEDAW has been implemented in Muslim countries with a special focus on the case of Malaysia.

In the next article, Tengku Siti Aisha Tengku Mohd Azzman Shariffadeen and Aini Maznina A. Manaf examine the effects of Islamic reality shows on audience in Malaysia specifically on the parasocial relationships formed between Twitter users and their favourite Islamic reality show personality.

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**Ishtiaq Hossain**



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