

Accounting Forum

Islam, accounting and society

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For many Muslims, Islamic teachings give precedence to holistic approaches to knowledge, society and life. Such notions depart from capitalistic and open market ideologies and provide the basis to open up economics, finance and accounting research to a broader social agenda.

This agenda accommodates and makes central issues of social justice, equality, eradication of poverty, caring for local communities and the environment, accountability and transparency. This holistic approach allows us to amalgamate the secular with the non-secular, the material with the spiritual, the religious with the financial.

Instrumental and technical concerns of interest to Islamic banks, however, largely dominate the contemporary Islamic accounting research agenda. The literature rarely questions the exploitive and imperialistic dimensions of capitalist ideology and dominant Western accounting standards and practices. It is also largely silent on issues of social cohesion and inclusion, equality and social justice, the empowerment of women, society's welfare and people's wellbeing. There is also little engagement in the literature with other religious or critical dimensions to promote social justice, equity and freedom.

The special issue wishes to address these limitations of the current Islamic accounting literature. It invites papers to engage with Islamic accounting issues more holistically and address topics including:

- Social justice and accounting in Islam.
- Islam and accounting for the environment, corporate social responsibility and 22 accountability.
- Islam, accounting and the empowerment of 23 women.
- Islamic accounting and freedom from tyranny, imperialism and exploitation.
- Islamic accounting and Muslims' voices.

- Engagement between Islamic accounting research, other religions and/or critical theorization.
- Islamic accounting and banking institutions' operations and practices.
- Disclosure, accountability and transparency in Islam and Islamic 28 institutions.
- Corporate governance in Islam and Islamic institutions.

Both empirical and theoretical papers are encouraged. Submissions in line with the above themes (but not limited 30 to them) should be made by June 1, 2012.

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