

Call for Papers

Special Issue: Muslims and Political Change

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The immense political, social, and economic changes in various countries of the Muslim world have given Muslims a sense of hope that their struggles for freedom from authoritarian regimes are bearing fruit. This hope trembles in the face of an uncertain future. A special issue dedicated to the theme of Muslims and political change will allow for a timely reflection on the accomplishments and challenges of these times.

The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences invites:

1. Research papers (from the various disciplines of the social sciences and humanities) that reflect on all aspects of the theme of Muslims and political change.
2. Book reviews on relevant books are also welcomed.
3. Shorter reflection pieces of two thousand to three thousand words are also invited.

Possible Topics:

- Theoretical papers examining the successes and failures of the contemporary struggles to end authoritarian rule
- Case studies, qualitative interviews, oral histories of key people or organizations, reports of movement participants
- The role of civil society, journalists, women's groups, and the youth in the anti-regime struggles
- Critical studies of the work of scholars who have aimed for political change in their societies
- The role of the ulama in promoting or resisting anti-regime forces
- Critical studies of the regimes, their structures of power, and their ability to either resist or not resist popular uprisings
- Muslim responses to some of the specific issues that have come to the fore—democracy, pluralism, and tolerance; women's rights; economic reform; and the recalibration of foreign policy
- Do Muslims in Western democracies have something distinctive to contribute to these efforts of regime change?
- Can the transition to democracy in Latin America offer lessons for Muslim efforts at changing to democracy elsewhere?
- Historical studies of underlying structural forces in contemporary political change, or previous efforts at democratization
- The role of Islam, secular nationalism, or modernization in contemporary political change

Regular research papers should be between seven thousand and ten thousand words. All submissions should conform to AJISS guidelines:

original, unpublished research and presented as double-spaced and single-sided. Please send all contributions as an attachment in MS-Word, with a 250-word abstract and a short bio, simultaneously to:

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