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The Qur'an and the Hermeneutics of Globality

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It has been commonly understood that *tafsīr al-Qur'ān*, in the Sunni and Shiite traditions, is a conventional genre without much innovation. Yet, the latest commentaries on the Qur'ān have begun to break fresh ground in situating the scripture more globally within literary, philosophical, and historical settings. Such new exegetical horizons are motivated by a desire for freedom, that is, freeing the Qur'ān from the hegemonic centrality of the conventional medieval explications and opening it up to the world in what might be called a new hermeneutics of globality.

This Special Issue aims to investigate such hermeneutics as it manifests itself in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches to interpreting the Qur'ān. We welcome proposals that position the Qur'ān, in part or in whole, in dialogue with itself, that is, its own language, as well as its own multi-generational tradition, or with various other disciplines, including comparative literary and philosophical thought, translation studies, and transregional ethical and aesthetic discourses in Western Europe, North America, and the Global South.

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