

## Special Issue

# Muslim Cultures of Care and the Fracture of Civil Society

### Message from the Guest Editor

Scholars debate whether religion integrates individuals into public life or serves governance and control. Religion is entangled in political hierarchies, state authority, and exclusionary practices, operating as a tool of power and biopolitical regulation. Earlier studies saw religious institutions fostering civic participation, social cohesion, and virtue, especially in the U.S. context. Current research shows religious charities adopting neoliberal logics, faith-based care shifting from spiritual to managerial, and care becoming a contested ethical arena amid civil society's fragmentation. This Special Issue invites humanities and social science scholars to examine care in Muslim diasporas and marginalized contexts. We welcome studies on care in mosques, mutual aid networks, women's/youth groups, clinics, NGOs, and grassroots initiatives. Topics include state outsourcing of care, post-pandemic networks, interfaith relations, gender and labor, Islamic social enterprises, prison work, environmental care, and comparative faith-based approaches. We encourage theoretical, theological, and empirical (including ethnographic) work.

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