
Editorial Preface

Welcome to the current publication of *Wawasan: Journal of Religious and Socio-Cultural Studies*. It is a great challenge to publish high-quality manuscripts for our Volume 6, No. 1, 2021. *Wawasan* is a peer-reviewed, open-access journal and free of charge to the authors dedicated to publishing articles and facilitating widespread dissemination and impact on the field.

In this issue, readers will find a diverse group of manuscripts and have something new and useful--and sometimes surprising--to say about a wide range of religious studies. We have very stimulating eight articles focused on religious and cultural studies. Abdul Halim et.al., investigating the new trend and shifting practice of religious ritual in the New Normal Era of Pandemic. They argue that religious adherents should adapt to these new and changing religious practices. Mochamad Ziaulhaq et. al. examines the thought of Said Nursi who proposed to transform conflict nonviolently and overcoming hatred with compassion and forgiveness. The rise of extremism in Indonesia is a challenge for disseminating moderate Islam among two prominent Islamic organisations in Indonesia, Muhammadiyah and Nahdlatul Ulama as presented by Hasse Jubba et.al.

The historical evidence through the letters written by two prominent ulama namely Kiai Ahmad Arrifai Kalisalak and Kiai Hasan Maolani Kuningan showed the resistance of these ulama to the colonial politics of exile is written by M. Adib Misbachul Islam et. al. Article by Fatemeh Sadat Alavi Aliabadi et.al., also shows the historical fact about the encounter of two belief systems in Persia during the 1st/2nd Hijri namely: Islam and Zoroaster. This article shows the reason the Imam *ahl Al-Bayt* decided to migrate to Persia by comparing the similarities in both belief systems. Research by Rosdalina Bukido et. al. investigates the negotiation between love and faith in an interfaith marriage in Manado. They argue that the principle of '*torang samua basudara*' is a key to a successful interfaith marriage besides respect and tolerance.

The last two articles show the ethnographic research on the spiritual pursuit experienced by the adherents of *tarekat tasawuf* in Malaysia and the Sufi order of *Syahadatain* in Cirebon, West Java, Indonesia. In Malaysia, as argued by the authors, Mohammad Fahmi Abdul Hamid et.al., there is the increasing practice of *tarekat tasawuf* that involving community participation in Malaysia. While the article by Masmuni et. al. analyses the experience of the new member of *Syahadatain* congregation practicing to wear a special dress for praying using the embodiment theory. This article demonstrates that this special fashion in prayer contributes to discipline and engages the body of the practitioners in an act of shared imagination. Clothing not only constructs the body but also encourages the practitioners to manage their time, space, purpose, and collective identity.

As you read throughout this volume of *Wawasan* journal, I would like to remind you that the success of our journal depends directly on the number of quality articles submitted for review. Accordingly, I would like to request your participation by submitting quality manuscripts for review.

As the Editor-in-Chief of this journal, I would like to extend my gratitude to my managing editor, editorial board members, and reviewers for creating this issue. Most importantly, I am deeply grateful to all the authors for their excellent works and remarkable contributions.

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