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Editorial Foreword

Ansaq Journal is a scientific publishing platform issued by the College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University (QU) and published by the QU Press. *Ansaq*, like other QU Journals, aims to achieve the basic strategic goal of QU, which is to excel in research, and to strengthen research culture among its members in particular, and those belonging to the academic field in general.

The current issue of *Ansaq* has been published while the world is affected by the Corona pandemic in unprecedented ways. Consequences of this horrible pandemic have severely affected all aspects of life worldwide. However, the pandemic has not prevented the editorial board members from continuing to work remotely using modern digital communication technology so that this issue appears before readers in due course and researchers see their work published and reaching out to the audience.

The current issue of *Ansaq* has been prepared based on the same accumulative knowledge and standards of professional publishing that have been established and laid down by the previous issues. Such practices strengthen the professional workflow and help in institutionalizing the delivery of published material in the journal.

The new issue includes five research papers: four of them cover several aspects of Arabic language and literature. The fifth study relates to the new media, particularly social media in its relation to individual privacy. The issue also includes an analytical and critical review of three recent books published by QUP. This review goes beyond the established narrative and acknowledges the need for a deep and critical analysis. The interest of *Ansaq*, in such critical approaches comes from the belief that such arguments enrich scientific research. New ideas are usually generated through scientific discussions and debates that go beyond narrative presentation, which may be the consequence of intellectualism that in turn is subject to careful analysis and systematic criticism.

Due to rapid developments in human life, social issues and phenomena are overlapping and sometimes in very complex ways. Yet, it has become very difficult to investigate them precisely

through the lens of only one discipline or specialization. Rather, this requires collaboration between various disciplines related to these topics and issues in order to comprehensively articulate and investigate them as well as to interpret their occurrence and forecast future trends.

In this spirit, *Ansaq* seeks in its forthcoming issues to serve as a platform for disseminating interdisciplinary research that aims to explore in depth, systematically, scientifically and multi-dimensionally topics of interest in humanities and social sciences, in order to achieve unity of knowledge and surpass a segmented and, hence, narrow, understanding of social phenomena.

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