Editorial Foreword

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On behalf of the Editorial Committee members, we are pleased to present the first issue of Tajseer, the peer-reviewed journal of Ibn Khaldon Center for Humanities and Social Sciences published by Qatar University Press (QU Press).

Tajseer publishes original research papers, critical book and article reviews, and various reports and briefs in interdisciplinary studies. The journal aims to challenge the limited approaches of isolated scientific disciplines by opening the disciplinary boundaries and bridging the gap between social sciences and Islamic studies. This allows for a better understanding of different concerns related to the Arab and Islamic world, in addition to helping resolve outstanding intra-regional issues.

There is an urgent need to increase interest in interdisciplinary research approaches and to re-integrate global knowledge in academia. Driven by the Center's vision to play a pioneering role in the Arab and Islamic world in re-examining the theoretical and practical aspects of social sciences and humanities, Tajseer seeks to contribute to this new vision and become a platform for interdisciplinary research in the region and beyond.

In our view, such interdisciplinary projects necessitate the involvement of researchers from different disciplinary backgrounds along with the joint establishment of original theoretical models that integrates conceptual frameworks from different disciplines, considering the actual needs of Arab and Muslim societies.

This first special issue of Tajseer tackles "the Arabic language and the Holy Quran" and includes the following articles: "Terminological Research in Quranic Studies: Scientific Pillars and Methodological Problems" by Omar Hidoussi; "The Quranic Language and its Vision of the World as a Methodological Basis for Building Concepts: The case of the concept of 'acquaintance'" by Chaymae Fouikhri; "The Fallacy of Prioritizing the Arabic Language over Quranic Language and its Impact on the Conceptualization of Quranic Terms and Concepts" by Abdelfettah Ezzouini; and a foundational contribution in what the author, Ayad Al-Arnawtee called "The Science of the Holy Quran Language: Its reasons and insights".

This edition also includes five lengthy articles on various interdisciplinary topics, including an opening contribution by Meshari Alruwaih titled "Knowledge Bridging: Vision, Justifications, and Pathways" followed by "The Logical Construction of Concept and the Ambiguity in Term Formation" by Boualem Maater; "Political Modernization and the Question of References: A Values Input" by Mohammed Amzziane; "The External Political Use of Arab Minorities in Iran and its Impact on the Iranian-Arab Relations" by Nassireddine Baki; and "Analyzing the Social Discourse: An Overview of Concepts and Terminologies" by Hassan Malek.

Other contributions are also featured in this diverse issue of Tajseer, including a book review by Naser Dumairieh of "Islam without Europe: Traditions of Reform in Eighteenth-Century Islamic Thought by Ahmad Dallal". In addition, Elmehdi Lahmamed reviews the distinguished career and contributions of the Arab anthropologist Abdellah Hammoudi through his new book titled "Convergence and Analysis: Towards the Elaboration of an Arab Anthropology". This edition of Tajseer concludes with a report by Hossain Mohamed Naimul Hoque on the International Conference on National Pluralism in the Middle East that was hosted by Ibn Khaldon Center for Humanities and Social Sciences in March 2019.

We believe that it is our core mission to support the Arab and Muslim scientific communities and, at the same time, reflect on the ongoing interdisciplinary progress and development within humanities and social sciences in the Western world, and critically benefit from their achievements.

Finally, we would like to thank all who have contributed to this issue. We expect that Tajseer will continue to publish original, theoretically grounded, and well-written papers from regional and international academics and researchers.