

CALL FOR PAPERS: ISLAM, MUSLIMS, AND COVID-19(July 15)

Dr. Aasim I. Padela from the Initiative on Islam and Medicine at the University of Chicago, and *Prof. Aminah B. Al-Deen* from DePaul University, invite papers submissions for inclusion in a forthcoming volume *Islam, Muslims, and COVID-19: Examining the Intersection of Ethics, Health and Muslim Life in Diasporic Muslim Communities* to be published within Brill's series on Muslim Minorities.

This volume will examine the ways in which Muslim communities in minority contexts responded to, and experienced, the Covid-19 pandemic. In particular, the volume will describe the many challenges that they face(d), and how they traverse them, with a particular focus on the interplay between religious obligations, health risks, public health mandates, and communal life. The volume seeks to provide a rich, multidisciplinary, and multidimensional account of Islamic/Muslim ethics operating in the COVID-19 era; one where scriptural sources, lived experiences, and social contexts are in mutually informative dialogue. *Accordingly, we welcome submissions that approach this broad intersection using any scholarly method.*

At the same time, we are specifically interested in

1. (i) empirical, ethnographic or sociological works that describe the health-related impacts of COVID-19

upon Muslim communities,
2. (ii) critical discourse analyses that focus in on the portrayal of Muslim responses to COVID-19,
3. (iii) ethico-legal analyses that examine the interplay between the religious and the medical in Islamic

rulings and position statements governing religious life,
4. (iv) sociological or qualitative research that describes how Muslims lived out their faith in light of

pandemic-related social distancing and shuttering of mosques, and
5. (v) bioethical and legal research that examines and/or proposes frameworks for how Islam and Muslims

should engage pressing policy, healthcare, and religious practice questions emerging from the altered structuring of human life in light of the pandemic.

A chapter proposal with a 250-word abstract, a 2-3 paragraph biography of the author(s) academic background and scholarly qualifications, and email, phone, and post-mail contact information must be submitted to amcccloud@depaul.edu by July 15th 2020.

Invited submissions will be between 3000 and 7500 words in length, adopt the IJMES transliteration schema for Arabic terms and words, use numbered footnotes and include a bibliography.

Timeline:

July 15th: Chapter proposal due to amccloud@depaul.edu

On or before August 1st: Proposals invited for full submission

September 10th: Deadline for receiving full submissions

October 31st: Editorial Feedback to authors (provisional acceptance, requested revisions, or rejection) December 1st: Revised drafts due to editors

December 21st: Submission to Brill for external peer-review

Spring 2021: Revisions and Final Submission for Publication