The Global Qur’an

Author guide

Proposal

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Style guide

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Use the transliteration system of Brill’s Encyclopaedia of Islam, THREE, for Arabic text. For other languages, use a transliteration style that is common and generally accepted in English academic writing.

For names, use the definite article throughout (e.g., al-Ṭabarī, not Ṭabarī). If an author uses a Latin spelling for their name (e.g., Mohamed Talbi) or if there exists a common English spelling for a name (e.g., Nasser), it is acceptable to use that spelling.

Words that are contained in standard English dictionaries (e.g., jihad, sharia) and place names that have a common English spelling (e.g., Cairo, Mecca) need not be transliterated. If you use vernacular versions of commonly used Islamic terms (e.g., Indonesian dzikir instead of Arabic dhikr), include the Arabic equivalent in brackets at first mention.

Use “Qur’an” and “qur’anic” with an apostrophe, not hamza.

Quote from the Qur’an either as “Q 2:111” or, if you think that this will make your text more accessible to parts of your audience, as “Q Baqara 2:111”.

In references and the bibliography, transliterate titles in Arabic and other languages that do not use Latin script. The definite article “al-” should precede the author’s name but be ignored for the purpose of sorting the bibliography; e.g., Muṣṭafā al-Ṭayyib should be spelled as “al-Ṭayyib, Muṣṭafā” and sorted as “Ṭayyib”.
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Write centuries as lowercase words (“nineteenth century”).