



GUIDELINES FOR AFKAR SPECIAL ISSUE (WoS-ESCI / SCOPUS INDEXED JOURNAL)

1. Authors **must present in ICO-ISOL 2023** to be **eligible for consideration** of paper evaluation in Special Issue AFKAR.
2. Paper must follow the Special Issue theme: **New Technology and Digital Revolution: Challenges and Impact to Aqidah and Islamic Thought.**
3. This Special Issue is aimed at:
 - Explain how new technologies and the digital revolution challenge and affect aqidah and Islamic philosophy, which requires careful consideration and understanding.
 - Preserve Islamic values in the digital age, new responses to technological issues. This could include developing a supportive environment in which Islamic teachings are appropriately communicated, and providing young people with the tools and knowledge to strengthen the faith.
 - Suggest for ethical guidelines for Muslims to understand how this change can harm their faith and find ways to reconcile the two in order to remain faithful to Islamic teachings.
 - Explain how new technologies affect *ilm kalam* (religious philosophy) and it is necessary to be vigilant to prevent bad actors from spreading misinterpretations or biased views about Islam.
 - Discuss the potential use cases for AI-driven tools that support the understanding of Islamic thought in the context of digital technologies and how these tools can help us gain deeper insights into our faith and its teachings.
 - Trace the impact and implications of this new method and observe its impact on aqidah and Islamic philosophy in particular.
4. **Topics:** This Special Issue is an attempt to shed a light on some of these issues. These are only indicative titles, and we welcome other relevant topics:
 - Challenges of new technologies and digital towards aqidah/ Islamic philosophy;
 - Religious authority in cyberspace;
 - Digital tools in disseminating aqidah/Islamic thought;
 - Transformations of Islamic discourses in the cyberspace;
 - Internet and religious learning practices;
 - Cybercrime related to the aqidah/ Islamic thought;
 - Religious minority voices and religious authority in the digital sphere;
 - Extremism, ignorance, and bad youth influence of Islamic philosophy via social media;
 - Online religious hate;
 - Religious authorities' assistance of governments in legitimizing digital authoritarianism;
 - Teaching and learning practice of Islamic philosophy and *ilm kalam* in digital world
5. **Maximum number of authors** for a manuscript **should not exceed five researchers.**
6. All submitted papers will be proposed to the AFKAR by the ICO-ISOL 2023 organiser via Guest Editors and subject to the AFKAR reviewers' decision.



7. This entire review process will take anywhere between 4 and 6 months after submission of the manuscript. The review process is treated confidentially at all times. The Guest Editors' decision is final.

8. Upon acceptance of the papers, authors are required to pay for the processing and publication fees.

Fee	Local Authors	International Authors
Article Processing Fee	RM 1000	USD 400
Article Publication Fee	RM 1000	USD 400
Total	RM 2000	USD 800

These fees cover handling of the ICO ISOL papers including processing, management and marketing of the Special Issue by the organiser.

The fees **do not cover ICO-ISOL 2023 conference registration**. Language editing cost will be borne by authors, if any.

9. Upon rejection, the paper will be suggested to MyCITE/ERA indexed journal with processing fee of RM 100/ USD 25 and publication fee will be waived (free publication fee).

10. This Special Issue only publishes unpublished original research articles in **English language**.

11. The article **must not exceed 8000 words**. The shorter articles are also welcome.

12. All contribution must have a brief English abstract about 200 words, together with the Bahasa Melayu and English keywords not more than 10 words. It also required a list of bibliography. For the non-Malay writers, the journal will translate their abstract into Bahasa Melayu.

13. The methodology of writing must be of an academic writing and the footnote must be written properly.

14. The transliteration must be properly written based on the method used by the journal.

15. All articles submitted to AFKAR Special Issue will be initially assessed by the Guest Editors for suitability for the journal. Articles deemed suitable are then sent to a minimum of two independent expert reviewers in the field.

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18. The Guest Editors of this Special Issue are:

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SUBMISSION RULES¹

1.0 HOW TO PREPARE PAPERS

Manuscripts should be unpublished original research **on the themes of the Special Issue.**

The AFKAR scope of Islamic Theology (*ʿaqidah*) and Islamic Thought such as Kalam, philosophy, Sufism (*Tasawwuf*), comparative religions, logic, Islamic sects (*firqah*) as well as Islamic Thought in the Malay world can be given consideration by authors for Guest Editors paper selection.

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Centred at the top of the first page of a manuscript should be the complete title of the manuscript and, with title in English if the manuscript in Malay or Arabic language, name(s) of author(s) affiliation(s), mailing and email address(es), then the abstract under the heading ABSTRAK (in Malay) and ABSTRACT (in English) (in Times New Roman, 10 points), not exceeding 200 words, keywords under the heading Kata kunci: (in Malay) and Keywords: (not more than five keywords, in bold, Times New Roman, 10 points) and followed by the text.

The text should be typed and single-spaced, using Times New Roman font version 5 and above for Roman characters, including the transliteration, while Traditional Arabic font 16 should be used for Arabic or Jawi characters. Paragraphs should be separated by double spacing.

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1.2.1 Label of Figures

A figure, photo and illustration should be labelled with Fig. No.: Title and a table with Table No.: Title. It must be assigned an Arabic numerals as figure or table number; the figure number and title, and the table number and title should be placed on top of the figure and table. the source of the figure and table, if applicable, should be placed below the figure and the table. The first letter of the title should be in capital letter. Figure, photo, illustrations and tables should be placed in the middle of the page between left and right margins.

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