



From Discipline to Dissemination: A Survey on the Development of Islamic Studies

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1. Introduction

This is inseparable from the fact that Islamic studies have undergone a long journey and have transformed and involved various explorations of very rich disciplines such as Islamic thought, culture, and history. This research will explore the key developments and paradigms that shape the discipline, offering very advanced and broad epistemological and methodological insights to understand the Islamic world.

The study of Islamic studies has undergone a very long journey, some studies of Islamic studies are in the form of pedagogy held by educational institutions. This form focuses on historical analysis and philological approaches, not infrequently in the form of interdisciplinary and intertextual exploration. Islamic studies are also growing rapidly in several Southeast Asian countries with a focus on studies of the East, scriptural hermeneutics, and diaphora studies in the Indian Ocean region. This opens up opportunities to understand the complexity of the Islamic tradition. the spread of knowledge about Islamic studies also involves transformation through scientists who involve local traditions and communities, and exploration of the diversity of Islamic thought and its practices (Mujani, et al, 2012).

2. Methods

Islamic studies have been discussed by scholars in various different approaches, both field studies and studies of texts, both classical texts and contemporary texts in the sense of texts that discuss current issues and the influence of Islamic studies. This study will focus on the approach to Islamic studies as part of a field of science that is rich in texts. Collecting data from the development of texts on Islamic studies then analyzing the meanings and evaluations of the text.

3. Results and Discussion

3.1. Deconstructing Disciplinary Boundaries: Towards a Holistic Approach

The traditional emphasis on historical analysis in Islamic studies has been challenged, with a growing recognition of the need to understand the cultural, social, and political

contexts of historical events, rather than focusing solely on the events themselves. Islamic studies has embraced a more interdisciplinary approach, drawing insights from fields such as anthropology, sociology, and political science to gain a deeper understanding of the complexities of Islamic societies and their interactions with the broader global context. There has been a renewed interest in philology, particularly in the context of Quranic studies and the exploration of local traditions and interpretations of Islamic texts.

Revisionist scholars have questioned the traditional Muslim narratives on the origins of Islam, arguing that the early Islamic sources were influenced by theological and sectarian developments. However, scholars who have adopted a rigorous scientific and methodological approach have challenged the revisionist positions, providing evidence to support the traditional Muslim accounts of the origins of Islam. The contemporary revisionist scholarship has moved away from the polemical agenda of earlier Orientalists, offering more nuanced perspectives that explore the rich complexity of Islamic traditions and their interactions with other religious and cultural currents (Alginahi, et al, 2013).

3.2. The Indian Ocean and the Scattered Narratives of Islamic Studies

The focus on the Indian Ocean as a site of cultural mobility and intercultural exchanges has significantly impacted the field of Islamic studies, redirecting the discipline from a tellurocratic focus on the Arab heartland to a more nuanced understanding of the diverse narratives and practices of Islam across the Indian Ocean. Scholars have explored the various forms of Islamic thought and practices among the Muslim trading communities of the Indian Ocean, coining terms like "Monsoon Islam" to capture the ways in which commercial imperatives and maritime environments have shaped the development of Islamic traditions in these regions. The focus on the Indian Ocean has also led to a renewed interest in archiving and understanding the local narratives and contributions to Islamic studies, particularly in regions like Kerala, Indonesia, and Malaysia, which have been historically overlooked in the discipline (Khairuldin, et al, 2018).

3.3. Interdisciplinary Alliances: Expanding the Horizons of Islamic Studies

The integration of anthropological perspectives has enriched the understanding of Islamic societies, shedding light on the complex interplay between cultural practices, social structures, and religious beliefs. Sociological analyses have contributed to the study of Islamic movements, institutions, and the dynamics of power and authority within Muslim communities. The engagement with political science has enabled a deeper exploration of the relationship between Islam and the state, as well as the role of religion in shaping political ideologies and governance structures. The integration of digital humanities methodologies has opened up new avenues for the preservation, analysis, and dissemination of Islamic texts, artifacts, and cultural practices, fostering a more inclusive and accessible approach to the field.

4. Conclusions

The future of Islamic studies lies in its ability to forge stronger interdisciplinary alliances, drawing insights from fields such as anthropology, sociology, political science, and digital humanities to gain a more holistic understanding of the complexities of Islamic societies and their interactions with the broader global context. The discipline must continue to embrace the rich diversity of Islamic traditions, moving beyond the tellurocratic focus on the Arab heartland and recognizing the valuable contributions and narratives of Muslim communities across the Indian Ocean littoral and beyond. Decolonial approaches to the study of Islam, which challenge the Orientalist legacies and assert the self-affirmative voices of

Muslim scholars and activists, will be crucial in shaping the future trajectory of Islamic studies.

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