



## Islamic Religious Thought (Volume I)

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### Message from the Guest Editor

This Special Issue will explore how thinkers in the *al-wasatiyya* school of thought have responded to *al-salafiyya*'s interpretation of theological concepts that have influenced and shaped Islamic beliefs throughout Islamic history. Concepts such as *al-wala' wa al-bara'* (loyalty and disavowal), *takfir* (declaring a Muslim unbeliever), and *iman* (belief or faith) have long been debated in the circles of Muslim thinkers, theologians, Jurists, and scholars. These concepts occupy a central role in the *salafi* thought, justifying calls to cut or limit Muslim interactions with non-Muslims and to declare other Muslims unbelievers on the assumption that they are not following "correct" Islam. On the contrary, the *wasati* approach promotes a moderate and pragmatic interpretation of the Qur'an, *hadith*, and *shari'a* (Islamic law) that emphasizes the compatibility of Islam and modernity.





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