

Editorial:

INVENTING NEW PERSPECTIVES

One impact of globalization is that contemporary issues will rapidly come to fore. In fact, they frequently do not derive from Islamic knowledge or Islamic ethics. They even often do not go with Islamic identities. In sum, such issues will become a challenge for Islamic studies. Due to the challenges, it is notable to pose a question: whether viewpoints having been exercised by scholars in Islamic studies are workable for strong globalization stream or vice versa? Seemingly, if the perspectives do not stand for new global phenomenon, Islamic studies will be marginalized or put aside by both muslims and others. Accordingly, this is because of worldly affairs demand. Given this, efforts leading to the invention of new perspectives are urgent.

Scholars will become wiser in facing and handling challenges of the globalization. This come true since they will pose them as inspiration for inventing perspectives called for. This is reasonable due to the fact that they will get an opportunity to explore new perspectives in dealing their subjects. Subsequently, they will be able to make more contribution for social life because of their workable perspective. This seems to be a guarantee to draw attention of a society or community.

Based on abovementioned facts, articles of the present volume will prove the necessity of inventing new perspectives in the field of Islamic studies. For a start, one article will lead us to take the necessity of humanistic approach in understanding the Qur'anic text into account. It is hoped that through this contemporary approach the sacred text can be more easily comprehended due to recognizing the historicity of its content. Then, another article will elaborate the necessity of mosque's roles to be strongly pushed for social life rather than mere

ritual activities. Next article suggests the inevitability of how Indonesian Muslim women, through *Nasyiatul Aisyiyah*, should be strategic in dealing with the politics of ruling government. Next, another one seems to suggest that a gender perspective in implementing Islamic law in the case of Nigeria is a must. Moreover, the current issue of Islamic banking system on the basis of Islamic economics also will be elaborated. Not less important is next article arguing that unalienable property (*waqf*) should be prioritized for the future of *umma*. Then, how Islamic civilization should encounter global challenges will be discussed in the next one. Lastly, levels of spirituality, particularly theory of *fanā'* that will be probably significant for the personality of modern men will be the subsequent topic. (Editor/Sujadi).