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## Preface

In this special issue of *Scandinavian Journal of Islamic Studies* the editors, Marianne Hafnor Bøe, Nina Jakku, and Pernille Friis Jensen called for contributions that deal with gender and Islam from different fields of research, methodological approaches, and perspectives. Following international research the call for papers emphasised gender and Islam as primary keys for understanding Islam and Muslims in contemporary societies. However, by focusing on the Scandinavian context and the discourses that are taking place within Muslim communities and in the larger society in the respective countries, this special issue underlines the importance of contexts when analysing Islam and Muslim practices. More so, this collection of articles is the first time a joint publication on Islam and gender in the Scandinavian context has been attempted.

The issue has an interdisciplinary approach with articles dealing with Islamic law, school systems and education, to (re)presentation of Muslim women and men in and through different media outlets. All articles in the issue tap into debates and discussions that are ongoing and often repeatedly returning into the public eye, and can therefore give important insights to lived realities of Muslim women and men.

In this issue we also say goodbye to Ehab Galal, who joined the editorial board of *Tidsskrift for Islamforskning* shortly after the publication of volume 1. The editorial board would like to thank Galal for all the time and energy he has invested in *Scandinavian Journal of Islamic studies*, performing the roles of editor, lead editor, and book review editor. Galal retired from Copenhagen University in 2022. In this issue we publish his farewell lecture at Copenhagen University titled “Arabiske medier: Teknologiske landevindinger og kampen om islam”.

The editorial board is also happy to announce that Scandi-

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