



Call for Papers

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The International Centre for Spiritual Studies (ICSS) at the Islamic University of Science and Technology (IUST) invites submissions for the forthcoming issue of *The International Journal of Spirituality* (ISSN 2347-9566), a double-blind peer-reviewed annual academic journal. Established to nurture scholarship that is historically informed and critically engaged, the journal is published in a spirit of intellectual openness and academic rigor, attentive to the evolving conversations that continue to shape the study of religion in general and spirituality in particular.

Recognizing that spirituality is not an isolated category but a dimension embedded within the textual, ritual, and interpretive practices of religious communities, the journal seeks to encourage research that situates spirituality within its proper context. While the journal welcomes contributions from around the world, it places special emphasis on scholarship that illuminates the rich spiritual heritage of Kashmir. We welcome contributions that employ the established methods of Religious Studies and remain attentive to the subtlety and complexity of religious expression.

The contemporary study of religion is also enriched by responsible dialogue with the natural and cognitive sciences. Without reducing religious meaning to purely empirical accounts, the journal encourages scholarship that thoughtfully engages perspectives from the natural sciences, cognitive and brain sciences, environmental studies, and medical and health sciences, especially when such insights illuminate the experiential and ethical dimensions of religious life. Interdisciplinary work of this kind is welcomed when it respects the historical and cultural particularities of religious traditions and avoids the simplifications that accompany overly reductive models.

We invite original, carefully argued, and well-researched submissions from scholars across disciplines for the forthcoming issue. It is our hope that this volume will contribute to a deeper understanding of religion as it is lived, interpreted, and transmitted in diverse settings around the world.

Types of Submissions

- Research Articles (5,000–8,000 words)
- Review Essays (3,000–4,000 words)
- Book Reviews (1,000–1,500 words)

All submissions undergo **double-blind peer review**.

Submission Guidelines

1. Format

- Manuscripts must be submitted in **Microsoft Word** only (.doc or .docx).
- Use 12-point **Times New Roman** font, double-spaced throughout.
- Authors must follow the **Chicago Manual of Style**, 17th Edition, for both footnotes and references.

2. Structure

Each submission must include:

- **Title of the paper**
- **Author name(s)**, institutional affiliation(s), and email address (**on a separate cover page**)
- **Abstract** (150–200 words)
- **Keywords** (5–7 keywords in alphabetical order)
- Main text
- References

Tables, figures, and images should be properly captioned and submitted in high resolution (if applicable).

3. Originality

- Submissions must be original and not under review elsewhere.
- Any potential conflict of interest must be declared.
- The journal uses **plagiarism-detection** protocols.

4. Peer Review

- All manuscripts will undergo **double-blind review** by specialists in the field.
- Authors may be asked to revise and resubmit based on reviewers' recommendations.

5. Decision Timeline

The review process may take several months. If authors do not receive any communication regarding the status of their submission within three months, they may consider their manuscript declined. Owing to the volume of submissions, the Centre may not be able to provide individual feedback on manuscripts that are not accepted for publication.

6. Copyright

Upon acceptance, authors will transfer copyright of the work to the International Centre for Spiritual Studies, Islamic University of Science and Technology, while retaining the right to use and share their work for non-commercial academic purposes with proper acknowledgment of the original publication.

Deadline for Submissions: 30 December 2025

Submission Email

All manuscripts should be submitted to: ✉ **publicationsicssiust@gmail.com**