

A NOTE FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

AlMuntaqa is completing its third year of delivering a selection of articles otherwise inaccessible to English-speakers, mostly written in Arabic and characterized by indigenous knowledge of the Arab world. Entering its fourth year, *AlMuntaqa* remains devoted to showcasing qualified Arab scholarship in the social sciences and humanities. The opening study by Azmi Bishara addresses the near absence of American Studies in the Arab world, followed by Akeel Abbas whose paper explores the topic of sectarianism in Iraq by discussing the framing of the 1920 "revolution" as a Shi'i event. Jeremy Sarkin's contribution reviews the theoretical and normative contexts of transitional justice, while Bilal Mohammed Shalash uses Qasim Al-Rimawi's evolving narrative regarding the Jordanian annexation of Palestine to demonstrate his engagement in acts of "silencing" history. Finally, Ahmad Qasem Hussein traces the evolution of Hamas military activity from 1987 to 1992, drawing on the available data, as well as memoirs and testimonies of the movement's leaders. In an Analysis from the Arab Opinion Index, Mohammad AlMasri assesses the Arab Public Opinion towards the Palestinian question. Finally, for the book reviews, Majd Abuamer evaluates *The Nakba and the Emergence of the Palestinian Diaspora in Kuwait* by Shafiq al-Ghabra, while Azzam Al Kassir follows with a commentary of *Arab Jihadism: Nikāya and Tamkīn between ISIL and al-Qaeda* by Hassan Abu Haniyeh. In its upcoming fourth volume, *AlMuntaqa* seeks to continue advancing the goal of cross-regional knowledge accumulation between Arab and English-speaking scholarship.