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A Rediscovery of Geographical Boundaries**

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This monograph investigates the existence of the region of Islamicjerusalem and its extents throughout Muslim centuries. The initial cause of the study is the neglect of the concept of the region that was once popular in the early Muslim periods and also the vanishing of knowledge on the extent of the region in later centuries. The monograph examines critically both direct and general accounts referring to a region for Islamicjerusalem from the early Muslim period. It also distinguishes this region from the administrative political districts that existed along side this region. Rather it equates its extent with the religious extents of the sacred regions of Makkah and Madinah.

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The Study clearly sets out that the region of Islamicjerusalem is an essential part of the Qur’anic and Prophetic terminologies. It lies at the heart of the Land of *Barakah* and has almost identical extents with the Holy Land.

This monograph sets out and develops new evidence for the discourse of the New Field of Inquiry of Islamicjerusalem Studies and sets a keystone in the foundation of this field. It clearly maps out the route of future academic research in this field.

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