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IslamicjerusalemStudies: A Guide

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During the last seven years (since 2000), several colleagues, students and friends have been asking the author to prepare a guide to introduce the new field of inquiry of Islamicjerusalem Studies. This was felt to be particularly important after the creation of the first chair in Islamicjerusalem Studies, the development of the first and unique taught Master's programme in Islamicjerusalem Studies, and the establishment of the Centre for Islamicjerusalem Studies at Al-Maktoum Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies in Scotland. Accordingly, **this guide** has been written for readers, academic and otherwise, intellectuals and policy makers who are interested in taking this field of Islamicjerusalem Studies forward.

The aims of this book are to provide:

- i) a guide in Islamicjerusalem Studies, providing a detailed account of its postgraduate programme/courses and its contributions to knowledge;
- ii) an open and accessible introduction to the work the author has undertaken to institutionalise the field within Scottish higher education institutions;
- iii) a possible model for future developments, offered for those who wish to take this field forward and possibly offer it at their higher educational institutions, in particular in the Arab and Muslim worlds.

Within an introduction and an epilogue, this book has been divided into two parts with nine chapters. Part One, Essential contributions to knowledge on Islamicjerusalem Studies, has three chapters: Chapter One, Setting the scene for Islamicjerusalem: a new concept and definitions; Chapter Two, Creating research culture in Islamicjerusalem Studies; and Chapter Three, Publications on Islamicjerusalem studies. Part Two, Unique postgraduate programmes in Islamicjerusalem Studies, has six chapters: Chapter Four, The first unique taught Masters programme and courses in Islamicjerusalem Studies; Chapter Five, Core courses in Islamicjerusalem Studies; Chapter Six, Optional courses in Islamicjerusalem Studies; Chapter Seven, Assessment guidelines; Chapter Eight, Development of research skills in MPhil and PhD programmes; and Chapter Nine, PhD theses and MLitt dissertations in Islamicjerusalem Studies: 2002-2007.

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