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## Editorial

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Arab civilisation has been a subject of many studies but it did not develop to be at the heart of events until lately with the Arab Spring making waves across the Middle East. The same applies to the study of Arab civilisation which is not well-known and reported in the literature. Although people such as Malek Ben Nabi and Ibn Khaldun, are well

known individuals they are less well-known for their critical studies. This special issue of the journal discusses topics related to Arab civilisation and civilisation studies. The papers presented reflect some of the research currently conducted by individuals and institutions in their respective countries.

The scope of the work covered by the papers listed below focuses on three areas: old Arab scholarly contributions to civilisation studies, modern (post-colonial) Arab contribution to civilisation studies, and impact of Islam and its culture on the civilisation development and also modern times.

- 1 The meaning and dialectics of education, teaching, refinement, urbanisation and civilisation: a Khaldounic point of view
- 2 Contributions of Islamic scholars to sustainable human and environmental development: Islam Hadhari and future development of Muslim countries
- 3 Scientific contributions of Ibn Hazm
- 4 ‘Thinking’ terminologies from Qur’anic perspective and their impact on human intellectual development
- 5 Malek Bennabi’s concept and interdisciplinary approach to civilisation
- 6 Quality perception among university students and influence on Islamic culture on it: a case study

Additional paper is added representing the modern aspects of civilisation.

- 7 Do you speak ‘urban design’?: Intermediations between grammar of space and the fragments of city-text

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