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Middle East & Islamic Studies Librarian – Subject Specialist

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Terminology: What's in a Name?

- ❖ Bibliographer / Cataloger
- ❖ Selector (Collection Development)
- ❖ Subject Specialist
- ❖ Middle East (Western Asia), Islamic Studies Specialist
- ❖ Area Studies / Special Collections Librarian
- ❖ Reference Librarian
- ❖ Instruction / Research Librarian
- ❖ Liaison: Communication and Outreach Librarian



Roles for the Subject Specialist



- Develop and manage collections in all formats and languages to support the research and teaching needs of the University community and beyond.
- Areas of concentration: The Middle East, North Africa (MENA) & Islamic Studies (Interdisciplinary / Transnational).

Northern Africa and the Middle East



... Roles

- Select and order books, journals, and other resources in all formats, in Middle Eastern as well as Western languages.
 - ✓ Receive and process materials.
 - ✓ Develop and maintain effective working relationships with vendors in appropriate jurisdictions.
 - ✓ Monitor and evaluate library's approval plan lists for materials in the subject areas.

- Management, preservation and evaluation of the collection.
 - ✓ Collecting, analyzing, and reporting on metrics relevant to collections and departmental (CD) goals; using relevant metrics in making judgments and recommendations. (Stats.: Circulation; ILL-BD; User groups ...)

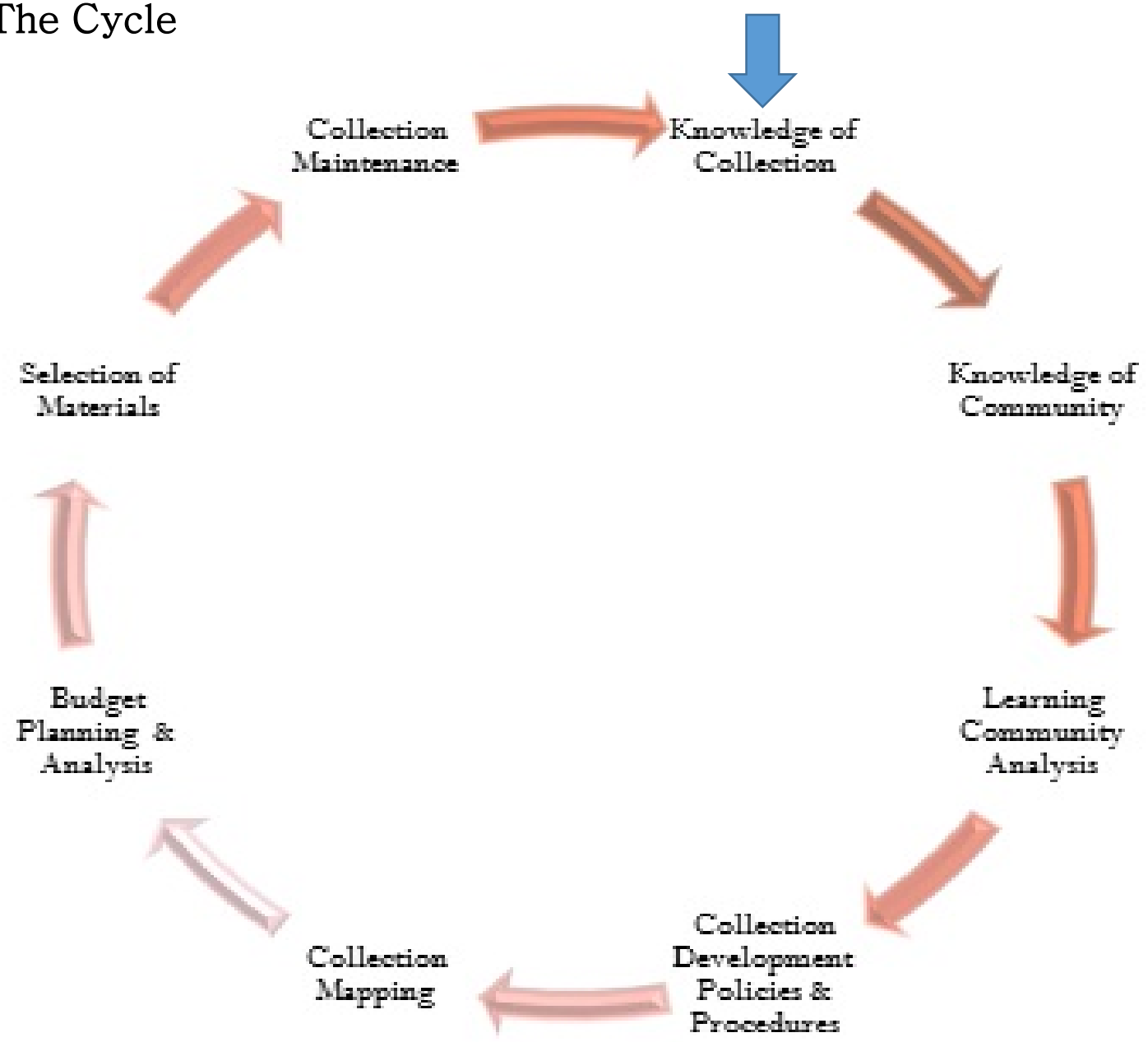
- Provide in-person and virtual reference, research consultations, and instruction services related to Mideast/Islamic resources.

- Serve as a liaison and works closely with faculty, students, researchers, scholars, visitors, etc.

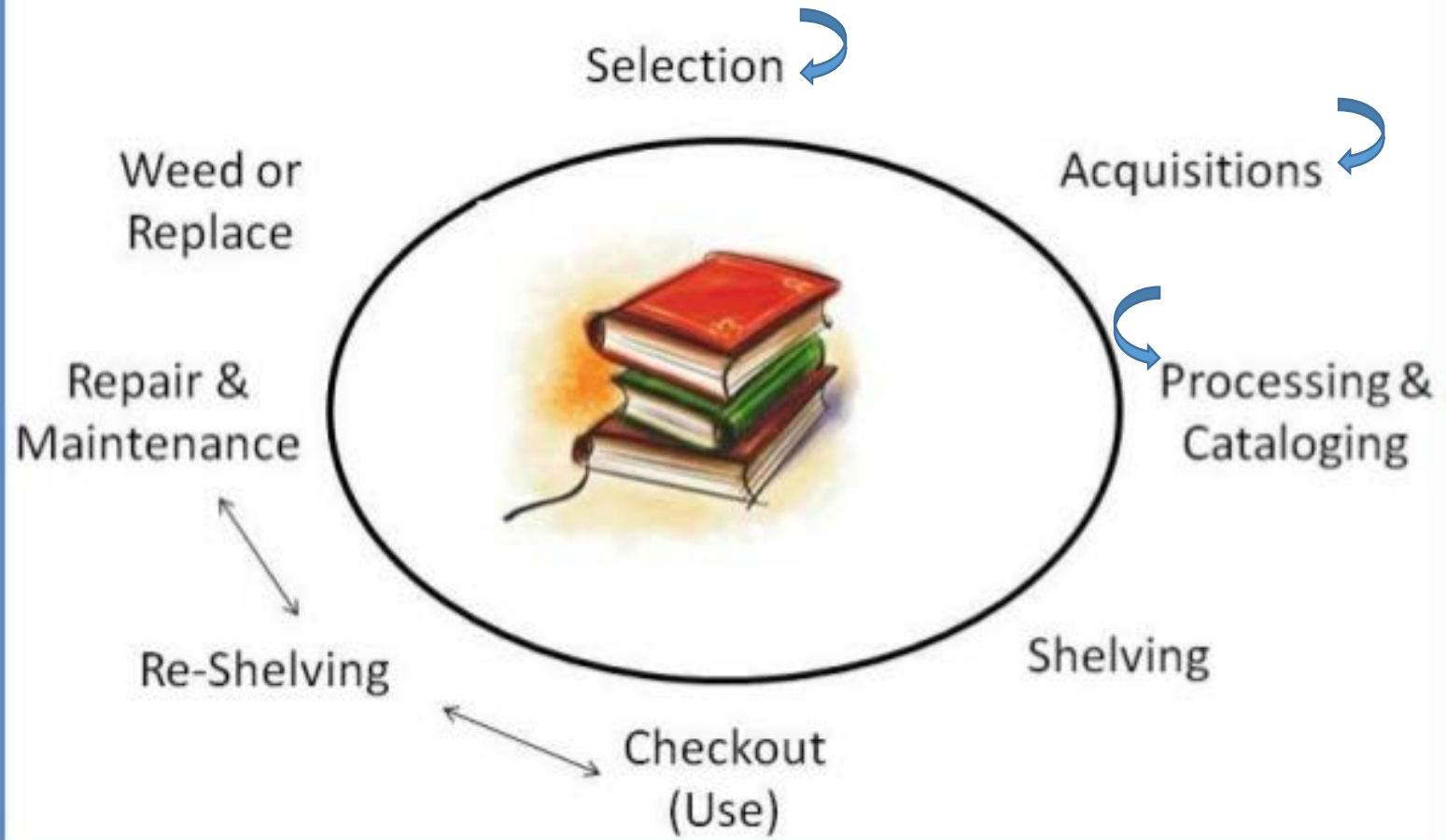


The entire process of selecting, ordering, adding books and other materials to the collection, monitoring their use, and possibly removing them from the collection, is called **Collection Development**. It is a cycle that is constantly in process at any library.

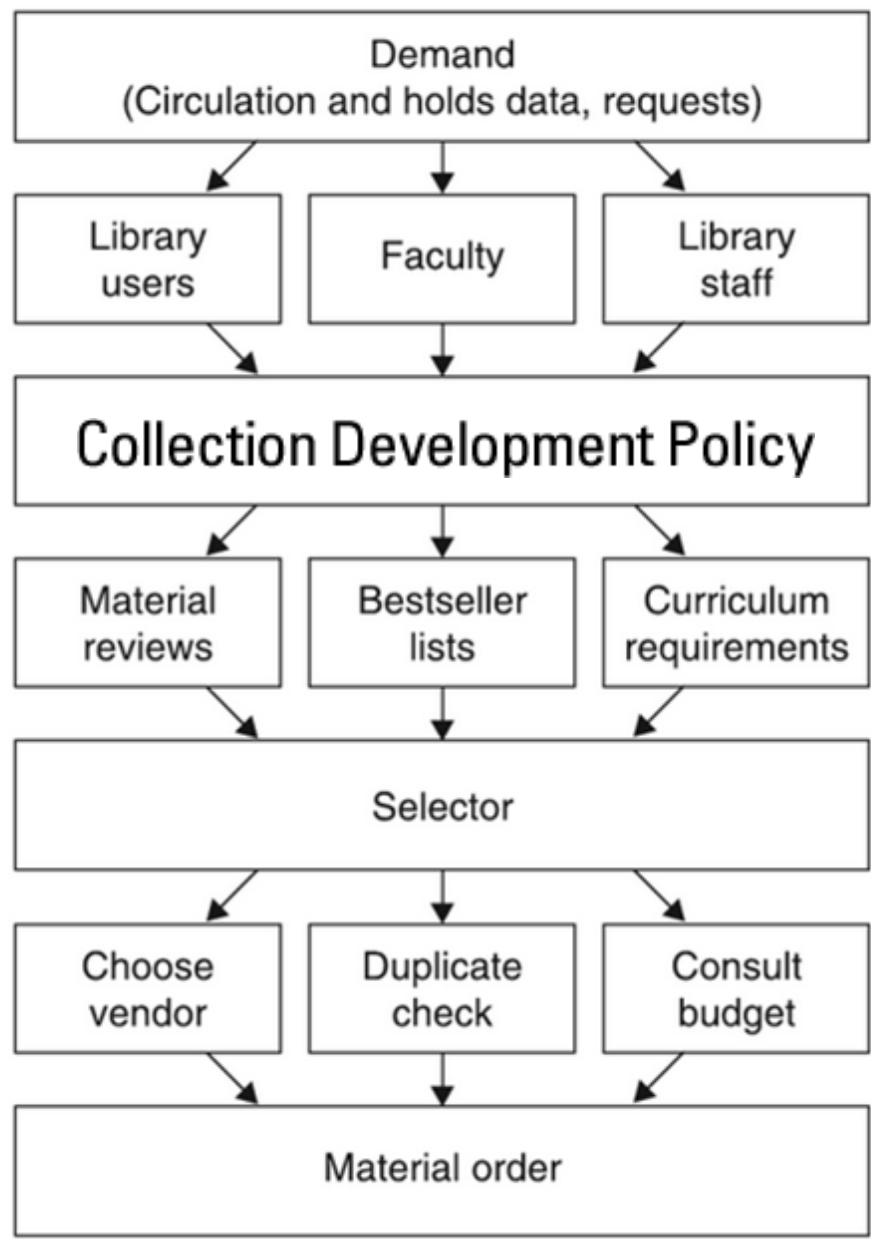
... Collection Development. The Cycle



Collection Life Cycle



★ The selection process ★





Voyager Fund Detail by Selector
2015/2016

<u>Group/Sel</u> <u>/Subject</u>	<u>Fund Type</u> <u>/Fund Name</u>	<u>Original Allocation</u>	<u>Net Allocation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>% Exp</u>	<u>Commitments</u>	<u>Available</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>%Exp +</u> <u>Comm</u>
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<i>Appropriated</i>								
	2110 Islamic Studies	\$115,109.61	\$106,384.35	\$77,694.06	73%	\$4,804.30	\$23,885.99	78%
	2115 Transnational Islam	\$5,507.00	\$11,064.00	\$3,466.79	31%	\$3,437.98	\$4,159.23	62%
	<i>Appropriated (2 records)</i>	<i>\$120,616.61</i>	<i>\$117,448.35</i>	<i>\$81,160.85</i>	<i>69%</i>	<i>\$8,242.28</i>	<i>\$28,045.22</i>	<i>76%</i>
<i>Endowment</i>								
	p2152 Harriet Jayne	\$306.66	\$299.97	\$220.73	74%	\$144.00	(\$64.76)	122%
	p2153 Anderson Family	\$2,504.40	\$2,502.73	\$1,492.66	60%	\$289.00	\$721.07	71%
	p2154 <u>Hulings</u> Caroline	\$699.40	\$852.53	\$388.09	46%	\$260.65	\$203.79	76%
	p2155 Wait Islamic Lit	\$5,638.24	\$5,681.58	\$4,760.14	84%	\$464.00	\$457.44	92%
	p2156 Lib <u>Coll</u> - Leslie	\$0.00	\$319.02	\$58.34	18%	\$195.00	\$65.68	79%
	p559 Lib Collections +ah1	\$1,011.33	\$3,620.11	\$1,778.10	49%	\$820.00	\$1,022.01	72%
	p8352 Shepherd +ah1	\$16,193.03	\$21,657.23	\$8,967.91	41%	\$1,727.33	\$10,961.99	49%
	<i>Endowment (7 records)</i>	<i>\$26,353.06</i>	<i>\$34,933.17</i>	<i>\$17,665.97</i>	<i>51%</i>	<i>\$3,899.98</i>	<i>\$13,367.22</i>	<i>62%</i>
<i>Income</i>								
	2141 Gifts Islamic <u>Studie</u>	\$0.00	\$70.13	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	\$70.13	0%
	2142 Income	\$0.00	\$0.47	\$0.00	0%	\$0.00	\$0.47	0%
	<i>Income (2 records)</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$70.60</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>0%</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$70.60</i>	<i>0%</i>
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Cataloging & Tech Services

- Determine priorities for processing and cataloging, catalogs and oversees the vernacular cataloging operation and participates in the Bibliographic Control.
- Cataloging of monographs, serials, and electronic resources, etc. (including authority information).
 - Languages: *Arabic, Persian, and Turkish
 *Romance I
 *Germanic



Liaison – Outreach (Supporting Research)

- Serve as primary liaison to and actively develop professional relationships with faculty, students and staff in a variety of departments and academic programs at Cornell, mainly the *Department of Near Eastern Studies*, *Comparative Muslim Societies*, the *Ottoman & Turkish Studies Initiative [OTSI]*, the *Arabic, Turkish and Persian language programs*, the *Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies*, etc.
- Connect faculty & students with and promote library services related to scholarly communication, data management, open access, institutional repositories, digital scholarship, and information literacy.



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Your liaison to Olin and Uris libraries.

... Liaison – Outreach

- Provide in-depth, specialized research consultation for students, faculty, and visiting scholars in assigned areas.
- Public service responsibilities include:
 - ✓ reference consultations by appointment,
 - ✓ bibliographic and library use instruction, research tools and skills relevant to the discipline/subjects,
 - ✓ in-class lectures, presentations, seminars,
 - ✓ preparation of publications, internet resource development.



Research, Learning & Teaching tools /Aids



Middle East & Islamic Studies Collection



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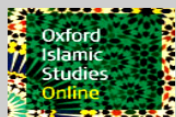
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Guide to resources in English

Cornell University Library Guides



Turkish and Ottoman Studies Research Guide: Welcome

A research and discovery guide to print and digital resources in Turkish & Ottoman studies from all time periods in original native and western languages.

- Welcome
- Reference Materials
- Language Tools
- Books+ (Library Catalogs)
- Articles & Databases
- Research & Scholarship
- Images, Maps, Performing Arts
- Journals

مرحبا! Hello

This guide is intended to provide a few starting points to assist you with your research on Turkey and the Ottoman Empire. It contains English as well as Turkish and where available, Ottoman Turkish language material on issues related to the history, cultures, languages, and arts of the Ottoman Empire and the Turkish Republic.

In this guide, researchers of Ottoman literature and history, of Turkish popular culture, of Islam in Turkey, or of the growth of secularism and the republic, as well as those interested in the contemporary Turkish scene, have at their disposal a signpost to a variety of resources and information.

Ersari-Beshir prayer rug
Turkmenistan
Ersari-Beshir prayer rug, early 19th century
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Featured item from our collection

Background



دَوْلَتِ عَلِيّهٔ عُثمَانِيّه
Devlet-i Aliyye-yi 'Osmâniyye

The rise of a new empire can often be a result of the vacuum of power that a previous empire leaves behind. The Turks, or the future Ottomans, had become the dominant power in the Middle East and South Eastern Europe in part because of their extraordinary political and military organization, but mainly because of the exhaustion of the old neighboring empires, Christian Byzantium and Muslim Abbasid Caliphate.

Turks, or Turkic peoples, are the principal descendants of large groups of nomads who roamed on the steppes of Central Asia to Asia Minor during the early centuries of the Christian era. By the eleventh century, the nomadic soldiers living in Iran and western Anatolia gradually formed a confederation in the region of modern Iran, called the *Seljuk confederation*. They managed to expand their dominions from a small principality in northwestern Anatolia on the borders of the Byzantine Empire into one of the great empires of fifteenth- and sixteenth-

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Arab Spring: A Research & Study Guide * الربيع العربي: Home

This guide lists online and print sources for what has become known as the "Arab Spring," the popular revolutionary wave in the Middle East and North Africa that started in December 2010.

- Home
- General Background
- Tunisia
- Egypt
- Libya
- Yemen
- Syria
- Bahrain

Background

Since December 2010 the world has watched as demonstrations and protests spread across countries in North Africa and the Middle East. These pro-democracy movements rose up against the dictatorial regimes and corrupt leaders that had ruled for decades in some cases. Someone called these revolutionary events "Arab Spring," and the phrase stuck. The specificity of these Arab revolutions is that they have been popular uprisings, leaderless and uncompromising in demanding total change. Why have the events in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Yemen, Syria, etc. followed such different paths? What are the long-term political, social, and economic ramifications of these revolutions? What are their intended and unintended consequences as countries across the region seek political and social reforms? What's the future of the Arab revolution with regard to the crucial issues of freedom, democracy, fidelity to Islam, secularism, and tribal power? There are a lot of questions and there is much to study in the causes and factors that led to these large-scale movements. This guide will attempt to provide direction to the appropriate source material within the library and beyond.

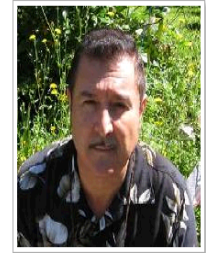


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*If a people one day wills to live --- fate [God] must answer its call
And the night must fade ---- and the chain must break*

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Women in Islam and Muslim Realms: Home

Research resources for the study of women in Islam, Islam and its ideology dealing with women, Muslim feminism, dress code, family and marriage, women and gender in Islam, etc.

- Home
- General Reference & Background Information
- Books (Print & Electronic, incl. Dissertations)
- Databases & Research Tools Online
- Muslim Feminism
- Dress Code
- Marriage & Gender Issues
- Women's Organizations
- Help

About this guide

Welcome to your Cornell University Library research guide: Women in Islam!

Here you will find general background and also in-depth information sources on a broad range of topics covering women's issues in Islam and the Muslim World. Click on the tabs above for links to resources and specific information on the religion and its ideology dealing with issues such as feminism, dress code, family and marriage, women's legal status, etc. This Guide aims to provide links to selected sources, which offer diverse, objective, balanced and rational perspectives of the topics. Your first point of contact with these resources should be the Library Discovery Tool (online catalog). This is where you will find information on all types of materials and how to get them. You will also find information on your loans, opening hours, and subject specialists who can answer your questions.

Disclaimer of Endorsement: The University does not necessarily agree with assertions and opinions expressed in the resources listed in this guide. These are provided for the researcher to discover, contrast and compare.



Terms & Concepts

What is Islam? Check the [Merriam Webster Online Dictionary](#) for a definition and the [Encyclopedia Britannica](#) for information on the history, principles and practices of Islam.

Sunna and Shia [Islam's ancient schism](#) - BBC, UK.



Women in Islam: Introduction to Topic

This guide highlights resources that are part of the discourse on Islam and women, including some that are useful for background information and others that provide research, analyses and opinions considering various social, political, historical and cultural frameworks. The scope encompasses women and Islamic cultures in every region where there have been significant Muslim populations. "Islam" comprises close to half of all Africans, one-third of Asians and growing numbers of Europeans and Americans, representing a wide diversity of cultures, races, ethnicities and languages.

In Muslim majority countries, where Islamic beliefs and cultures are

Featured: New

America's most famous statue was Muslim (woman) before she became Lady Liberty



Fatema Mernisi: a Founder of Islamic Feminism ([www.nytimes.com](#))



Islam in Southeast Asia: Home

Enter Search Words

Muslim Southeast Asia refers to those areas of Southeast Asia that have significant populations of Muslims.

- Home
- Reference & Background Sources
- Country, Area & Regional Profiles/Data
- Islam: Doctrines, Practices & History in SEA
- Academics & Research
- Help

About this Guide



This subject guide aggregates library resources, research tools and online digital collections related to Islam in the countries of Southeast Asia. The region geographically refers to the area located on the south of China, east of India, west of New Guinea and North of Australia. It includes countries such as Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, Singapore and Vietnam. The guide serves as an **introduction** to resources available through Cornell University Library, as well as electronic resources available freely online.

Kroch-Asia Library



The John M. Echols Collection on Southeast Asia

In person, please visit: 180 Kroch Library

For email assistance, please contact: asiaref@cornell.edu
For phone assistance, please contact:

Reference Office Hours: 10 am-5pm
Monday through Friday

For general reference inquiries, there are several options for contacting Olin Reference: [Ask a Librarian](#)



Background

History of Islam



in Southeast Asia

Often called the "Muslim archipelago," Southeast Asia is one of the most populous parts of the Islamic world. There are more than 240 million Muslims in this sub-region of Asia, counting for about 42 per cent of the total world Muslim population, or about 25 per cent of the total world Muslim population. The majority of Muslims in Southeast Asia belong to the (Sunnite) branch of Islam, and follows the **Shafii school of jurisprudence**. [Source: [Oxford Islamic Studies Online 2014](#)]. Islam is the official religion of Malaysia and Brunei. Officially recognized religions of Indonesia, Thailand, and Southeast Asian Muslims come from many ethnic groups: languages such as **Bahasa Indonesia, Malay, Javanese, Maranao, Maguindanao, Tausug, Thai, Chinese and Burmese**.

Historically, it is not exactly clear when Islam came

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The Librarian's Blog about current issues / A. Houissa

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The Arab Spring in North Africa at One-and-a-Half



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The "Sultanistic" authoritarian regimes and tyrants have fallen in Tunisia, Egypt, and Libya but the euphoria and revolutionary enthusiasm generated in the first few months are now almost obsolete. The political and security scene in the three countries is still in flux, often chaotic and more confusing than ever.



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