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## Editorial

The Dear Readers,

This IMSTS November 2025 edition delivers a focused set of studies that strengthen our strategic scope in mystical studies spiritual culture and applied theology.

The first paper examines Sufi aesthetics in contemporary Iranian music and poetry. It highlights how modern practitioners sustain a spiritual foundation while meeting cultural and commercial demands.

The second contribution analyses Sufism as a stabilising force in counter-extremism across Pakistan Iran and the Caucasus. It provides evidence-based direction for policy teams and community planners working to enhance social resilience.

The final paper evaluates gender equality in Pakistan and Azerbaijan through an Islamic framework. The authors build a concise policy matrix that supports institutional reform and positions Islamic ethics as a driver of practical governance.

Together these works reinforce our commitment to disciplined research and regionally relevant analysis. The editorial board appreciates the authors' precision and looks forward to continued academic advancement in the coming cycles.

Happy reading!

**Dr. Shumaila Arzoo**

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