

## **A Message from the Editor of *Arab Studies Quarterly* (ASQ)**

**Professor Ibrahim G. Aoudé**

Establishing the *Arab Studies Quarterly* Membership Club

*Arab Studies Quarterly* is pleased to announce the founding of the ASQ Membership Club in collaboration with Pluto Journals, which has managed the Journal's distribution since the beginning of 2010. ASQ was founded in 1979 by Edward Said and Ibrahim Abu-Lughod. The popularity of the Journal indicates that we have a wide following. Since the Journal went Open Access (OA), at the beginning of 2021, we have gained nearly 100,000 readers. As an OA Journal, all newly published articles in ASQ are free to read and download. We have also made our issues back to 2008 freely available online. In addition, ASQ has recently created [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts available to the public. The [ASQ website](#) through Pluto Journals is also available to the public.

Since ASQ transformed into an Open Access Journal, it now depends on financial support from libraries and individual membership through membership fees.

The membership club will offer readers the best possible service. For this purpose, we agreed with Pluto Journals to offer the following for members:

1. We shall supply a table of contents of the latest issue. A click on an item will bring up the article, the book review, or books in brief. This way the member need not go and hunt for the article.
2. Members will enjoy a special 40% on selected books every quarter from Pluto Books including its large backlist.
3. We shall be writing a special quarterly newsletter which will discuss relevant topics and will have a special section: Letters to the Editor.
4. Members may register free of charge for our biennial conference.
5. We shall be publishing backlist articles written by Edward Said and other prominent intellectuals.
6. Occasional selections of old ASQ articles to be printed in book form and available to members at a 40% discount.

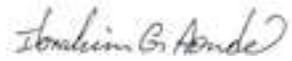
The membership club will keep members in touch with ASQ on multiple levels and membership is open to individuals and institutions, such as Arab research centers that will be able to pay a single annual fee and then offer ASQ membership advantages to all their own members. Once we have a critical mass of members, we can begin to offer more services, debates and discussions online.

Membership Fees:

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| <a href="#">Regular membership</a>       | Amount per month \$4 and Amount per year \$48   |
| <a href="#">Student membership</a>       | Amount per month \$2 and Amount per year \$24   |
| <a href="#">Institutional membership</a> | Amount per month \$20 and Amount per year \$240 |

Your support as founding members of the *Arab Studies Quarterly* Membership Club would allow us to develop the Journal for the next 50 years. Your participation will be key in continuing

discussions about the Arab world. Please join us to keep ASQ moving forward in the tradition of its founders, Edward Said and Ibrahim Abu-Lughod.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ibrahim G. Aoudé". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'I'.

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ASQ Editor