

Foreword: Aging in Muslim and Middle Eastern Populations

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I am very pleased to introduce this Special Issue of *Aging International* on “Aging in Muslim and Middle Eastern Populations.” We hope this Special Issue to be both interesting and provocative, and that the articles in it will provoke further research, case studies, and demonstrations in the field of Healthcare Policy.

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