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**Call for Papers**

**The UAE between Past and Present: Interdisciplinary Approaches to History, Heritage, and Culture.**

***(Special Issue – December 2026)***

*Liwa: The NLA Peer-Reviewed Journal* is pleased to announce a call for papers for a forthcoming special issue dedicated to interdisciplinary research on the United Arab Emirates. The issue seeks to bring together scholars, researchers, and specialists from diverse academic backgrounds whose work contributes to a deeper understanding of the UAE's historical development, cultural heritage, social transformations, archaeological legacy, oral traditions, literary production, and intellectual history.

As the United Arab Emirates continues to occupy a prominent position within regional and global scholarly discussions, there is an increasing need for interdisciplinary approaches that transcend traditional disciplinary boundaries and foster dialogue among historians, archaeologists, anthropologists, sociologists, literary scholars, heritage specialists, folklorists, translators, and researchers in related fields. This special issue aims to provide a platform for innovative research that explores the multifaceted dimensions of Emirati society and culture while engaging with broader questions of memory, identity, historical knowledge production, cultural representation, and heritage preservation. In this context, the Editorial Board welcomes original contributions in both Arabic and English that address topics related to multiple disciplines emphasizing nation-building and cultural development as follows:

The history of the UAE, historiography, archaeology, tangible and intangible cultural heritage, oral traditions, folklore, collective memory, archival studies, literary and cultural production, translation, cross-cultural representations of the UAE, maritime heritage, community formation, and the relationship between local traditions and contemporary developments. Contributions that examine the UAE within wider Gulf, Arab, Indian Ocean, or global contexts are also encouraged.

Submitted manuscripts should present original and unpublished research and should not be under review by any other journal or publication venue at the time of submission. Full papers should be between 7,000 and 8,000 words in length, excluding references, tables, charts, figures, and appendices. All submissions must follow the *Chicago Manual of Style* (Author–Date referencing system) and include an abstract, keywords, and a brief biographical note about the author.

The deadline for manuscript submission is **20 September 2026**. All submissions will undergo a rigorous double-blind peer-review process conducted by two independent reviewers with expertise in the relevant field. Authors will be notified of the outcome of the review process following the completion of the evaluations and the editorial assessment of the reports. Acceptance for publication will be based on scholarly originality, methodological rigor, analytical depth, and relevance to the thematic focus of the special issue.

The Editorial Board looks forward to receiving high-quality submissions that advance knowledge of the United Arab Emirates and contribute to ongoing scholarly conversations concerning its history, heritage, society, archaeology, oral traditions, and literary and cultural expressions. Through this special issue, the journal seeks to promote new perspectives and interdisciplinary approaches that illuminate the richness and diversity of the Emirati experience across time and space.

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In recognition of the scholarly contribution of authors, *Liwa: The NLA Peer-Reviewed Journal* will provide an honorarium of **USD 750** for each accepted and published article.

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