The aim of this Guide, compiled by Ruud Strijp, is to offer a comprehensive survey of research on Islam and Muslim societies as it has been conducted over the last decade or so by scholars in the Netherlands as well as by Dutch scholars abroad. The initiative was taken by the International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM) in Leiden.

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The Guide contains the names of more than 250 persons, both Dutchmen and foreigners in the Netherlands and Dutchmen abroad. The majority has conducted scientific research on and published about Islam – actually, the main criterion for the inclusion of individuals in the Guide was the existence of publications based on academic research. In addition, a number of persons have been included whose research and writings about Muslim societies and Muslim communities can be considered to be closely influenced by or related to the study of Islam. The Guide begins by presenting an alphabetical list of the persons included. It informs the reader of their disciplinary backgrounds, their positions, and their main topics and regional interests. Besides this some major and/or recent publications are listed if appropriate to the context, their PhD thesis or the subject of their PhD research is mentioned. In addition to the alphabetical list, the Guide contains a Geographical Index and a Subject Index.

The picture emerging from this Guide is that of an expanding and increasingly productive Dutch academic community. Islam and Muslim societies and communities are studied by representatives of various disciplines, such as linguistics, theology, law, history and, increasingly, cultural anthropology. As might be expected, their topical and geographical interests vary widely and cover various historical periods.

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