

## NOTE ON TRANSLITERATION

For transcribing Arabic, a slightly modified system of the *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* (IJMES) for both written and spoken words has been used. The Arabic *tā' marbūṭah* is rendered *ah*. Initial *hamzah* is unmarked. Lunar and solar letters remain undistinguished when writing the Arabic article. Common words, such as shaykh, imam, Quran, al-Qaeda, Yemen, Aden, Saudi Arabia, Jeddah, Shiite, Wahhabi, Hadith, etc. are rendered in an Anglicized version. The Arabic *bin* or *ibn* (“son of”), where it comes between two names, is often given as simply *b*. The plural of some Arabic words such as shaykh, Zaydī, and Salafī is given in an Anglicized (shaykhs, Zaydīs, Salafīs) version.