

Call for Proposals for Chapter Authors: Routledge Handbook on LGBTQI+ in West Asia and North Africa (WANA), ed.: Serena Tolino, Arash Guitoo

We are calling for chapter proposals for the *Routledge Handbook on LGBTQI+ in West Asia and North Africa (WANA)*. This book shall primarily address the academics and university students of different levels as well as NGO-workers who are interested in LGBTQI+ issues in the WANA region. The aim is to provide the readers with an overview of both the current social and legal situation and the historical development of treatment and reception of non-heterosexual non-cis-gendered identities (or acts) in the WANA societies. The edited volume shall be divided in the following sections:

- Theoretical and methodological frameworks and boundaries of research of LGBTQI+ in WANA
- Historical perspectives (until 20th century)
- Queer persons as subject of contemporary ruling bodies (which focuses on the relationship between “gender troubled” subjects and the governing bodies or other authorities)
- Queerness and the WANA societies (with a focus on social treatment of queer persons as well as grassroot queer movements/community building)
- Queer arts and queerness in cultural products
- LGBTQI+ issues in diaspora communities from WANA-region (i.e. in northern America, western Europe, Australia)

Chapters are expected to be unpublished and based on original research relying on primary sources or field-work. We welcome contributions from scholars of all stages.

Please send an abstract (up to **500 words**) of your proposed chapter including a brief discussion of the structure of the chapter as envisioned and a short biography (max. **200 words**) to Serena Tolino (serena.tolino@islam.unibe.ch) and Arash Guitoo (guitoo@islam.uni-kiel.de) by **1. February 2023**. Several chapter proposals are possible and welcome. Decisions will be sent by **end of February 2023**. Chapters are due by **August 2023**.