



The Tharwa Community Difference is Wealth

The Tharwacolytes Program

Bloggers, academics, students and /or activists interested in diversity issues in the Broader Middle East and North Africa Region can join our expanding network of **Tharwacolytes** to help the **Tharwa Team** in the region in their mission to shed more lights on diversity issues and raise the standards of civic awareness therein.

This can be done in a variety of ways:

- Bloggers can link to the various **Tharwa** sites and/or repost some of the articles that originally appear on **Tharwa**, with full acknowledgements and links of course. They can also submit their own posts and articles for potential posting in the appropriate **Tharwa** blog or site.
- Academics can submit their articles, essays, lecture notes for publication, knowing that they can reach a wide audience not only English speaking, but also Arabic, as many of these contributions will be translated for publication on the Arabic sites, with all due credits and acknowledgements of course.
- Students can submit their research papers for publication, provided they are “A” papers and that a letter of support from the relevant professor is attached. Students can also contact us beforehand, that is, before embarking on research for potential advice in this regard. We can advice on choice of topic, relevant sources and potential contacts in the field.
- All can participate in and help advertise and organize the various **Tharwa** activities that will be announced on the various sites.

Benefits for Being a Tharwacolytes:

- Making a difference in the region and in the field by crossing that thin yet all too true line between academic activities and actual activism.
- Becoming part of a network that can help provide advice and support for one’s activities and research.
- Incurring the prestige of being involved in such an activity represented by the **Tharwa Project**, one of the leading independent initiatives to have been launched in the region in many decades.

Tharwa Editorial Policy

Since **Tharwa** deals with very sensitive topics and tries to reach out to people from different background and various degree of education, it is extremely important for potential contributors to bear in mind the following points:



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- Authors should have pretty good understanding of the subject material. Students need to their papers submitted with a letter of recommendation from the appropriate professor.
- Authors should avoid use of inflammatory language and characterizations.
- Authors should avoid use of highly specialized jargon in order to keep their articles accessible to the widest possible spectrum of people. But of course, and since **Tharwa** readers tend to be pretty educated themselves, submissions need to be based on serious research and first hand exposure and experiences with regard to the topics under considerations.
- Publishing decisions are made by a special rotating board made up of various **Tharwa Team** member and advisors.

For more information on the Tharwacolytes Program, send an email to tharwacolytes@tharwaproject.org.