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4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE MUSLIM UMMAH



Conference Program

All Times are Istanbul Time (GMT+3, EST+8)

Day 1- Saturday, December 12

19:00-19:30 - Session I - Opening Session

Welcoming/Introductory Remarks

Mr. Necmeddin Bilal Erdoğan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees (Mutawalli) İlim Yayma Foundation, Parent Foundation of Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Bulut, Rector, Istanbul Zaim University, Istanbul, Turkey

Prof. Dr. Emadeldin Shahin, Provost, Hamad Bin Khalifah University, Doha, Qatar

Program

Prof. Dr. Sami Al-Arian, Director, Center for Islam and Global Affairs, IZU, Istanbul, Turkey

19:30-21:30: Session II - Political Authority and Authoritarianism: Examining the Historical Record

Session Chair: Dr. Sami Al-Arian, CIGA, IZU, Istanbul, Turkey

Authority, Legitimacy and Sovereignty in Islamic Thought

Dr. Humeira Iqtidar, King's College, London, United Kingdom

Religion and Politics: What History Reveals about Tyranny and Despotism

Dr. Khaled Abou El Fadl, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, USA

Dismantling Apartheid: What We Could Learn from the South African Transition of 1994

Dr. Mahmoud Mamdani, Columbia University, New York, USA

Day 2 - Sunday, December 13

15:00-16:45: Session III.A - Islam and Democracy

Session Chair: Fadi Zadari, CIGA, IZU, Istanbul, Turkey

Islam and the Metaphysics of Democracy

Mr. Ali S. Harfouch, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon

Democracy and Its Discontents: A Study on Trajectories of Jamaat-e-Islami in India

Mr. P. Hisham Ul Wahab, Centre for West Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India

Social and Economic Support System between Democracy and Islam [in Arabic]

Mr. Mohammad Elhamy, Egyptian Institute for Studies, Istanbul, Turkey

19:00-21:00: Session III.B - Embracing Democracy: Requirements, Perils, Prospects

Session Chair: Dr. Abdullah Al-Arian, Georgetown University in Doha, Qatar

Islamic Law and Democratization

Dr. Deina Abdelkader, University of Massachusetts, Lowell, USA

The Perils of Democracy

Dr. Anne Norton, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA

After the UAE-Israel Deal: Prospects, Challenges and Obstacles to Democracy in the Arab-Islamic World

Dr. Nader Hashemi, University of Denver, Denver, USA

Day 3 - Monday, December 14

15:00-16:45: Session IV.A - Examining Sovereignty, Nation-State, and the Application of Islamic Law in Muslim Societies

Session Chair: Dr. Abdalrahman Migdad, CIGA, IZU, Istanbul, Turkey

On Sovereignty: Towards A Future Sultanic Power

Mr. Owais Khan, CIGA, IZU, Istanbul, Turkey

Umma and Nation-State: Nationalization of South Slavic Muslims Through the Work of the Islamic Community of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr. Ivan Ejub Kostić, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia

Political Obstacles in the Application of Shari'ah (Islamic Law) [in Arabic]

Dr. Abdul Hadi Alzaidi, University of Baghdad, Baghdad, Iraq

19:00-21:15: Session IV.B - Conceptualizing Political Models

Session Chair: Mr. Owais Khan, CIGA, IZU, Istanbul, Turkey

Recalling the Caliphate: Instituting the Caliphate in Modern Times

Dr. Ovamir Anjum, University of Toledo, Toledo, USA

The Caliphate of Man: Examining the Theory of Islamic Democracy

Dr. Andrew March, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, USA

The Tunisian Model: Embracing a New Doctrine: Islam's Liberal Democracy

Dr. Rafik Abdessalem, Center for Strategic and Diplomatic Studies, Tunisia

Exploring Islamic Constitutionalism

Dr. Mohamed El-Moctar Shinqiti, University of Qatar, Doha, Qatar

Day 4 -Tuesday, December 15

15:00-16:45: Session V.A – Case Studies in Governance, Government Reforms, and Authoritarianism

Session Chair: Mr. Obeid Ruff, CIGA, IZU, Istanbul, Turkey

Islamism, Politics and Bangladesh: The Democratic and Political Culture of Bangladesh Jamaate Islami

Mr. Muhammad Nazmul Islam and Dr. Murat Önder, Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University, Turkey

Governance Reforms in Turkey

Mr. M. Metin Uzun and Dr. Murat Önder, Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University, Turkey

Populist Leaders and Authoritarianism in Pakistan

Dr. Zahid Shahab Ahmed, Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia

19:00-21:30: Session V.B - Analyzing Case Studies: Exercising Political Authority I

Session Chair: Dr. Hafsa Kanjwal, Lafayette College, PA, USA

Iran - Assessing the Rule of the Jurist (Velayat-e Faqih) four decades later

Dr. Mohammad Ali Mirzaei Al-Mostafa Intellectual Center, Qom, Iran

Turkey - Examining Turkey's Domestic Accomplishments and Challenges

Dr. Mehmet Bulut, Istanbul Zaim University, Istanbul, Turkey

Turkey - Assessing Turkey's Foreign Policy over the Last Decade

Dr. Hamit Ersoy, Istanbul Zaim University, Istanbul, Turkey

Malaysia - Courts, Networks, and Public Order in a Muslim State

Dr. Iza Hussin, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

Pakistan and Islam: What happened and why?

Dr. Junaid Ahmad, GIFT, Punjab, Pakistan

Day 5 -Wednesday, December 16

15:00-17:00 Session VI.A - Examining Case Studies in Political Concepts: Social Solidarity, Civil Society, Revolution, and Democratic Transition

Session Chair: Dr. Yasemin Saib, CIGA, IZU, Istanbul, Turkey

Postcolonial Foundations of Social Solidarity as Obstacles to Democratic Transition: A Case Study of Egypt's 2012 Constitution-Making process

Ms. Gehad Hasanin, University of Westminster, London, United Kingdom

The Impact of Arab Spring on the Development of Civil Society in Morocco

Ms. Nadia Lahdili and Dr. Murat Önder, Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University, Turkey and Dr. Emrah Ayhan, Bingöl University, Bingöl, Turkey

Towards a Post-Arab Spring Islamic Political Theology: Al-Oudeh's "Questions on Revolution"

Mr. Thomas Parker, Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul, Turkey

The Role of Political Parties in Democratic Transformation: Examining the Tunisian Model [in Arabic]

Mr. Ali Gabali, Strategic Fiker Center for Studies, Istanbul, Turkey

19:00-21:30: Session VI.B – Examining Case Studies: Exercising Political Authority II

Session Chair: Dr. Amr Darrag, Egyptian Institute for Studies, Istanbul, Turkey

Sudan - The Rise and Fall of the Shari'ah State Project

Dr. Rabie Hasan Ahmad, Center for Future Studies, Khartoum, Sudan

Egypt - A Missed Chance: What Went Wrong With the Muslim Brotherhood?

Dr. Mohammad Affan, Al Sharq Forum, Istanbul, Turkey

Palestine - The Politics of Resistance and the Perils of Governing

Dr. Mohsen Saleh, AlZaitouna Centre for Studies, Beirut, Lebanon

Tunisia - Islam and Democracy in Action: Is it working? [in Arabic]

Mr. Abdelhamid Jlassi, Author and Politician, Tunis, Tunisia

Morocco - A Changing Political System: The Coexistence of Religion and Modernity [in Arabic]

Dr. Salmane Bounaamane, Sidi Muhammad Ibn Abdillah University, Fez, Morocco

Day 6 - Thursday, December 17

15:00-16:45: Session VII.A – Examining Good Governance (al-Hukm al-Rasheed): Principles, Requirements, and Applications

Session Chair: Dr. Walaa Quisay, Author and Researcher (PhD, Oxford Univ.), London, United Kingdom

Good Governance in Islam and Democracy: Approaches and Comparisons

Dr. Sabri I. Samirah, MENA Institute for the Development of New Societies, Istanbul, Turkey

Good Governance: Principles, Requirements, and Application [in Arabic]

Mr. Abduladhem Alhamdi, Independent Researcher, Sanaa, Yemen

The Application of Good Governance in the System of Justice: A Case Study in Gaza [in Arabic]

Dr. Mohammed Ibraheem AlMadhoun and Mr. Mohammed Shehda Ibrahim, Gaza Center for Studies and Strategies, Gaza, Palestine

19:00-21:00: Session VII.B - Good Governance: Defining the Paradigm, Exploring the Challenges

Session Chair: Dr. Jonathan Brown, Georgetown University, Wash. DC, USA

Good Governance (al-Hukm al-Rasheed): Conceptualizing a Theoretical Framework [in Arabic]

Dr. Saifeldin Abdelfattah, University of Cairo, Egypt

Good Governance in Muslim Societies: The Institutionalization of Values and Demarcation of Authority

Dr. Louay Safi, Hamad Bin Khalifah University, Doha, Qatar

Good Governance and the Challenges of Multilaterism

Dr. Gülnur Aybet, National Defense University, Senior Advisor to the President of the Republic of Turkey, Ankara, Turkey

Day 7 - Friday, December 18

17:00-19:00: Session VIII - The Way Forward: Defining the Imperatives for the Political Revival of the Ummah

Session Chair: Dr. Heba Raouf Ezzat, Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul, Turkey

Examining the Principles for Reviving the Muslim Ummah

Mr. Anwar Ibrahim, Former Deputy Prime Minister, Leader of Opposition, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Exploring a New Paradigm for the Revival of the Muslim Ummah

Dr. Hussein ElKazzaz, Insan Center for Civilization Studies, Istanbul, Turkey

Palestine and the Revival of the Muslim Ummah

Dr. Sami Al-Arian, Center for Islam and Global Affairs, IZU, Istanbul, Turkey

19:30-21:30: Session IX – Closing Session

The Future of Politics and Political Transformations in the Muslim World

A Conversation with Scholars: Dr. John Esposito, Georgetown University, Wash. DC, USA, Dr. Heba Raouf Ezzat, Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul, Turkey, Dr. Hamed Mousavi, University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran, Dr. Ismail Yaylacı, Fatih Sultan Mehmet University, Istanbul, Turkey, and Dr. Abdullah Al-Arian, Georgetown University in Doha, Doha, Qatar.

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