

# 2019 Progress Report

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**ISLAM & LIBERTY**  
**NETWORK**

# Who are we?

The Islam and Liberty Network is a platform for researchers, academics and public intellectuals with the mission to “explore and promote a Muslim case for freedom”, in the religious, economic, and political spheres through creating knowledge and building a network.

It is registered as a non-profit Labuan foundation in Malaysia and is governed by an international board of directors, all of whom except for the part-time CEO give their time freely.

Established in 2011 in Istanbul, formally incorporated in 2016 in Malaysia.

# What we do?

## Our objectives:

*We facilitate debate on 'A Muslim Case for Liberty' by:*

- Publishing and disseminating high quality scholarly papers and articles;
- Developing a vibrant network of public intellectuals, scholars, and researchers;
- Educating and training young researchers, writers, teachers and journalists working on Islam

## Our Annual Programme comprises:

- Annual International Conference leading to dialogue, papers and books
- Summer Workshop leading to training of young scholars
- Local seminars for public education particularly for students
- Weekly podcasts for scholarly debate and public education
- Monthly articles for scholarly debate and public education



## 7<sup>th</sup> International Islam & Liberty Conference Islamic Case for Religious Freedom

- In partnership with:  
International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS) Malaysia and Religious Freedom Institute, USA
- Supported by Network for a Free Society, Atlas Network
- South East Asia, South Asia, North Africa, Middle East, Europe and the USA
- 20 speakers
- 120 participants
- Jakarta, Indonesia,  
11-12 November 2019

# 7<sup>th</sup> International Islam & Liberty Conference Selected Papers

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Apostasy, Religious Freedom and Individual Liberty

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The Concept of Freedom and Natural Rights in Classical Islamic Jurisprudence

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Minority at Home and Abroad: The Islamic Theory and its Challenge

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in Iran since the Islamic Revolution Apostasy

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Religious Freedom in a Muslim Democracy: Case of new Tunisian Constitution

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The Jurisprudential Principles of Equality between Muslims and Non-Muslims in Sharia

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“The Ahmediyya question, the response of Muslim Scholars, and the (im)possibility of religious co-existence in Contemporary Islamic Thought

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Secularism, Islamism and Religious Minorities: the Case of Bangladesh

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Dialectics of Religious Freedom and Harmony in Post-Reform Indonesia

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Efforts for Religious Freedom in Nepal

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Does democracy positively affect religious freedom- A case Study of Pakistan

Islam & Liberty  
Webinars-  
on-line, open  
access seminars  
with leading public  
intellectuals

# ISLAM AND LIBERTY WEBINARS





# Islam & Liberty Summer Workshop in Tunis, Tunisia

17-19 July 2019



# Outline of Islam & Liberty Summer Workshop Tunis, Tunisia. 17-19 July 2019

- Negative and Positive liberty and their relationship with religion
- Civil liberties as examples of negative liberty and their place in Islam
- Liberty, democracy and Islam
- General discussion on Islam and Economic Freedom
- Which kind of societies do Muslims aspire to live in?
- What is “Islamicity index”?
- Where do Turkey and Malaysia stand today with respect to political and economic progress?
- The individual, freedom of choice and religious freedom in Islam



# BUILDING AN ISLAMIC CASE FOR OPEN MARKETS

History, Theory & Practice



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Islamic International Institute  
for Research and Dialogue

Second book published...

## Building an Islamic Case for Open Markets

### • Selected Chapters

- Economic Model: Lessons learned from Madina
- The Socialist Sufi of Sindh: Social Justice and Radical Democracy in 17<sup>th</sup> Century Sindh
- Institutional Setup of Market Economy & Property Rights in Islam
- Corporate Social Responsibility in Islam
- Lebanon's Experience with Economic Freedom
- Historical Development of Waqf Governance in Bangladesh Challenges and Prospects
- Why (Not) Understanding Economic Liberalism from Public Opinion? Indonesia and Malaysia Compared

Islam & Liberty  
Webinars & Podcasts  
2019

Podcasts			
Number	Date	Speaker	Topic
021	January 12, 2020	Ali Hassannia	Between “Religious Intolerance” and “Holy Ignorance”: Discussion of Misconceptions about Religious Freedom
022	January 26, 2020	Fida Ur Rahman	Apostasy, Religious Freedom, and Individual Liberty: Textual and Contextual Analysis of Classical Islamist and Post-Islamist Narratives
023	February 9, 2020	Azeemah Saleem	Revisiting Religious Freedom in ‘Secular’ and ‘Islamic’ Constitution
024	February 26, 2020	Amel Azzouz	Religious Freedom in a Muslim Democracy: Case of new Tunisian Constitution
025	March 7, 2020	Mujeeb Hussain Gattoo	The Ahmediyya question, the response of Muslim Scholars, and the (im)possibility of religious co-existence in Contemporary Islamic Thought
026	March 22, 2020	A.K.M Iftekharul Islam	Secularism, Islamism and Religious Minorities: the Case of Bangladesh
027	April 19, 2020	Mohd. Izharul Haque Mikrani	IMAN: Efforts for Religious Freedom in Nepal
Webinar			
	September 22nd, 2019	Ali Salman, CEO, ILN Tasnim Idriss, Editorial Associate, ILN	Islam and Liberty: Political, Economic and Social Manifestations (facilitated by Students or Liberty, South Asia)



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Bosnia and Herzegovina



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Iran



**Mustafa Akyol**  
Global Fellow



**Muhamad Ikhsan**  
Indonesia



**Bican Sahin**  
Turkey



**Dr. Husnul Amin**  
Pakistan

# ILN Fellows

# ILN 2020 Plans



Regional Leadership Development Workshops (Online)



3<sup>rd</sup> Islam & Liberty Summer Workshop



Weekly podcasts based on scholarly conversations on different intellectual dimensions of Islam and liberty



Monthly articles on contemporary debates



Publication of book “Islamic Case for Religious Freedom”