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# PLURALISM, DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN MUSLIM MAJORITY COUNTRIES

27 - 28 OCTOBER 2022, MARDIN, TÜRKİYE

## THURSDAY, 27 OCTOBER 2022

09.00 - 09.30 Registration

09.30 - 10.15 Opening Speeches

**Ali Salman**, CEO, Islam and Liberty Network

**Mohammed Amin**, Chairman, Islam and Liberty Network

**Dr. Feridun Bilgin**, Vice Rector Mardin Artuklu University

**Rasit Sarıkaya**, Lawyer, Board Member Association for Liberal Thinking

10.15 - 10.45 Keynote Speech:

*A Historical and Economical Analysis of Islamic Civilization,*

**Dr. Ahmet Uzun**, Mediterranean University, Antalya

10.45 - 11.00 Break

11.00 - 12.00 I. Session: Islam, Liberal Democracy and Individual Rights

Chair: **Dr. Atilla Yayla**, Medipol University

Speakers:

- Liberal Democracy in Retreat: Causes and Consequences, **Zeeshan Hashim**, UK

- The Impossible Muslim: A deconstruction of the dynamics between Islam and Freedom, **Mondher Youssfi**, Tunisia

12.00 - 13.30 Lunch Break

13.30 - 15.00 II. Session Islam, Pluralism and Modernity

Chair: **Dr. Feridun Bilgin**, Vice Rector Mardin Artuklu University

Speakers:

- The Contending Hegemonies of Islamism: From Contextual Modernism to Reactionary Modernism? **Mohammad-Taghi Ghezelsofla** and

**Dr. Mohsen Abbaszadeh Marzbali**, Iran

- Islamic Ethics towards Refugee: Reflections on the Responses of Muslim majority countries, **Md. Thowhidul Islam**, Bangladesh

15.00 - 15.30 Break

15.30 - 17.00 III. Session, Development & Economic Freedom

Chair: **Ali Salman**, Economist, CEO, Islam and Liberty Network

Speakers:

- Undoing Economic Progress, Unravelling Nation-States. Think about the Unthinkable in the Anthropocene, **Dr. Wardah Alkatiri**, Indonesia

- The Moderating Role of Cross-Cultural Variations in the Relationship between Economic Freedom and Macro-Performance: A Cross-Country Analysis, **Dr. Sumayya Chughtai**, Pakistan

- Freedom, the Muslim World and Turkish experience with Free Market Economy, **Dr. Mustafa Acar**, Türkiye

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FRIDAY, 28 OCTOBER 2022

09.30 - 10.15 **IV. Session**

Moderator: **Ozlem Caglar Yilmaz**, Board Member, Association for Liberal Thinking - Islam and Liberty Network

Speakers:

**Dr. Kelly James Clark**, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, Ibn Haldun University, *Istanbul* : "Liberty and Tolerance in Islam and Christianity"

10.15 - 10.30 **Break**

10.30 - 11.30 **V. Session: Global Perspectives on Muslim Societies**

Chair: **Dr. Büsra Sonmez**, Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University

Speakers:

- Freedom and Governance in OIC Countries, **Dr. Edo Omercevic**, *Bosnia*  
- Introduction of Islam and Liberty Network Index, **Mohammed Amin**, Chairman, ILN

11.30 - 12.30 **Break for Friday Pray**

12.30 - 13.30 **Lunch**

13.30 - 15.00 **VI. Session: Democracy & Secularism**

Chair: **Dr. Alim Yilmaz**, Istanbul Medeniyet University

Speakers:

- Fault lines and Fallacies of Western Secularism and Revisiting the Millet System: Solutions for Multifaith Societies from Islamic History, **Dr. Saeed Khan**, *USA*  
- Secularism and Fundamentalism: An Examination of the Prospect of Implementation of Sharia in Southwest Nigeria, **Dr. Kazeem O. Olaniyan and Jaleelah F. Idris**, *Nigeria*  
- The Question of Democratic Values: Constitutional Secularism and the 'Dignity' of Indian Muslim Women, **Dr. Azeemah Saleem and Mohammad Imtiyaz**, *India*  
- The Social and Economic Situation of Afghanistan, **Dr. Mohammad Ramizpoor**, Afghan Economic and Legal Studies, *Afghanistan*

15.00 - 15.30 **Break**

15.30 - 17.00 **VII. Session: Peace & Moderation**

Chair: **Dr. Husnul Amin**, National Defense University, *Islamabad*

Speakers:

- The Movement of Religious Moderation: The Indonesian Experience of Non-Radical Approach to Deradicalization, **Dr. Pradana Boy Zulian**, *Indonesia*  
- The Traditionalist Pushback against the Salafi Drive in Malaysian Islam: The Role of Afifi al Akiti, **Dr. Ahmad Fauzi Abdul Hamid**, *Malaysia*  
- The Role of Hujra and Jirga in Post-Conflict Peacebuilding in Valley Swat Pakistan, **Tabassum Majeed**, *Pakistan*

17.00

Closing

SATURDAY, 29 OCTOBER 2022

09.30 - 13.30 **Sightseeing Tour**

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