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# PEACE & PROSPERITY IN MUSLIM MAJORITY COUNTRIES & BEYOND



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Within most of the Muslim-majority societies today, the very notion of liberty seems to trigger the image of immorality and impiety. Not for us. We consider liberty as a political philosophy where individual freedom is manifested in economics, politics and religion. This individual freedom is organized by social norms and faith laws which are common pillars of public life. Within these constraints, democratic societies which offer citizens a choice to elect their governments, free markets which allows private enterprises to flourish and religious institutions which allow freedom of belief are consistent with the Islamic vision of a collective life. The propagation of these ideas is the *raison d'être* of Islam and Liberty Network. Our annual international conference has evolved into a forum for producing and exchanging these ideas.

Islam and Liberty Network has chosen “Peace and Prosperity” as the over-arching theme of the 10th conference. We are holding this conference in Malaysia which offers a shining example for the Muslim-majority nation-states, as a peaceful, inclusive, and economically well-developed country. This conference will feature 24 important presentations from our scholars and fellows from various Muslim majority countries on democracy, civil society, economic freedom, peace, development, and inclusion. Hopefully, these presentations will offer a constructive alternative to the pre-dominant narrative of authoritarianism, exclusion, and economic populism.

The conference has five broad objectives:

1. Present arguments supporting ideas and institutions for religious, political, and economic freedom within the contours of the Islamic faith.
2. Provide an opportunity to researchers and academics to assess the current and historical obstacles to peace and prosperity in Muslim majority countries.
3. Highlight governance challenges faced by political and economic systems especially in Muslim majority countries.
4. Present roadmaps and policy recommendations to the leadership in Malaysia and other Muslim majority countries.
5. Provide networking and collaborative opportunities for scholars, researchers and think tanks.

The conference features keynote addresses and panel discussions, which will be chaired by prominent Malaysian intellectuals. It will be attended by around 150 delegates who will gather for two full days. The conference will also be broadcast through social media to maximize attendance and participation globally. The conference will be organized by the Islam and Liberty Network Foundation with the support of the Atlas Network, the Network for a Free Society, and Amanie Advisors in collaboration with Emir Research and LEAD.



10TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## PEACE & PROSPERITY IN MUSLIM MAJORITY COUNTRIES & BEYOND

5TH-6TH SEPTEMBER 2023, KUALA LUMPUR

### PROGRAMME OUTLINE

#### DAY 1

5TH SEPTEMBER 2023

**9:30 am**                      **Registration**

**10:00 am**                      **Welcome Remarks**

*Amin Ahmad, former Malaysian Parliament Member, ILN Advisory Board Member*

**10:10 am**    **ILN History and Milestones & Conference Objectives**

*Ali Salman, CEO Islam & Liberty Network (L) Foundation*

**10:20 am**                      **Inaugural Speech**

*Lord Syed Kamall, Member UK House of Lords, ILN Co-Founder*

**10:40 am**                      **Keynote Address**

*HE Dr. Zambry Abd Kadir, Minister of Foreign Affairs Malaysia*

**11:10 am**                      **Group Photo with Speakers**

*Tea Break*

**12:00 pm**                      **Session 1: Democracy & Civil Society**

- Rule of Law & Democracy, *Dr. Bican Sahin (Türkiye)*
  - Can Muslims Save Democracy? Muslim Minority Communities Resisting Illiberalism, *Dr. Saeed Khan (USA)*
  - The Future of Democracy in Tunisia, *Amel Azzouz (Tunisia)*
  - Chair: *Professor Shad Saleem Faruqi & Tasnim Idriss (Co-Chair)*
- (Note: each presentation will take 15-20 mins, 30 minutes for Q&A)



**DAY 1**

5TH SEPTEMBER 2023

**1:30 pm**

**Lunch Break**

**2:30 pm**

**Session 2: Economic Prosperity**

- Roadmap for Economic Reforms in Tunisia,  
*Dr. Aymen Boughanmi (Tunisia) and Dr. Mohamed Nouri (Tunisia)*
- Free Markets: Perspectives from Türkiye,  
*Dr. Mustafa Acar (Türkiye)*
- Algeria and Muslim World from Economic Perspective (2011-2019)  
*Dr. Mustapha Radji (Algeria)*
- Chair: *Dato' Dr. Rais Hussin, President and CEO Emir Research*

**4:00 pm**

**Session 3: Gender Equity**

- Equality and Women Rights, *Dr. Azeemah Saleem (India)*
- Women and Economic Prosperity, *Souad Adnane (Morocco)*
- Personal Freedom and the Dress Code in Iran, *Dr. Ali Hassania (Iran)*
- Women in the Public Sphere, *MP Anggia Erma Rini (Indonesia)*
- Chair: *Rozana Isa, Executive Director Sisters in Islam*

**5:30 pm**

**Reception & Closing of Day 1**

**7:00 pm**

**Dinner for speakers and session chairs**



**DAY 2**

6TH SEPTEMBER 2023

**9:30 am Session 4: Keynote Address**

- Un-productive Labour: Revisiting Ibn Khaldun's view of Khidma  
Speaker: *Dr. Muhammad Khalid Masud* (Former Chairman, Council of Islamic Ideology, Pakistan)
- Discussant: *Dr. Syed Farid Alatas* (National University of Singapore)
- Chair: *Dr. Ahmed Badri*, Deputy CEO IAIS Malaysia

**10:30 am Session 5: Muslim World- Bigger Picture**

- Social Non-Movements in Muslim Majority Countries,  
*Dr. Husnul Amin* (Pakistan)
- Liberty & Democracy- Case of Türkiye, *Ozlem Caglar Yilmaz* (Türkiye)
- Development & Freedom in Bangladesh,  
*Dr. Thowhidul Islam* (Bangladesh)
- Chair: *Dato' Dr. Ahmad Farouk Musa*, Founder & Director Islamic Renaissance Front, Malaysia

**12:00 pm Tea Break**

**12:30 pm Session 6: Personal Freedoms in Shariah & Law**

- Notion of Equality in Islamic Law, *Dr. Abbas Mehregan* (Iran)
  - Shariah Enforcement in Africa, *Dr. Kazeem Olaniyan* (Nigeria)
  - Religious Rights in Indonesia, *Dr. Pradana Boy Zulian* (Indonesia)
  - Chair: *Dr. Muhammad Khalid Masud*
- (Note: each presentation will take 15 mins, 15 minutes for Q&A)



**DAY 2**

6TH SEPTEMBER 2023

**1:30 pm**

**Lunch Break**

**2:30 pm**

**Session 7: Islam and Market Economy**

- Challenges and Achievements in promoting Shariah compliance products in the Islamic economy, *Tan Sri Daud Bakar (Malaysia)*
  - Market Economy from an Islamic Perspective, *Dr. Mohamed Nouri (Tunisia)*
  - Chair: *Ali Salman, CEO, Islam & Liberty Network*
- (Note: each presentation will take 20 mins, 20 minutes for Q&A)

**3:30 pm**

**Session 8: Peace, Diversity & Inclusion**

- Common Grounds in Abrahamic Faiths, *Dr. Mohsin Naqvi (Pakistan)*
  - Religion, Violence and Peacebuilding, *Dr. Iqbal Ahnaf (Indonesia)*
  - Non-violent Extremism, *Dr. Ahmad Fauzi (Malaysia)*
  - Peace in the Islamic Tradition: One Vision, Multiple Pathways, Professor *Dr. Muhammad Hashim Kamali (Distinguished Fellow IAIS)*
  - Chairs: *Tunku Zain Al-'Abidin ibni Tuanku Muhriz & Dina Zaman, Co-founder Iman Research*
- (Note: each presentation will take 20 mins + 30 minutes for Q&A)

**5:30 pm**

**Closing of Day 2**

**5:30 pm**

**Meeting of ILN Team/Council/Fellows followed by Dinner**

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## SPEAKERS PROFILE - DAY 1



### AMIN AHMAD

FORMER MALAYSIAN PARLIAMENT MEMBER  
**ILN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER**

Amin Ahmad is the founding director of an independent research organization with a mission to provide fact-based input to current policy challenges (LEAD), which has organized leadership programs on public policy for wide ranging participants – university students and young activists. Over 400 alumni all over the country. During 2018-2022, he was a member of Malaysian parliament, where he championed critical issues in Parliament namely in areas of fiscal policy, cost of living, economic growth and actively scrutinized actions of the Government.



### ALI SALMAN

*ILN HISTORY AND MILE STONES (SESSION 1), CEO ILN*

Ali Salman is a founding member and CEO of Islam & Liberty Network. He has published a well-received book *Islam and Economics: Markets, Morals & Justice* (Acton, 2021). Ali is based in Islamabad, where he heads Policy Research Institute of Market Economy (PRIME), an independent economic think tank in Pakistan that he founded in 2013. During 2017-2020, he served as CEO of Malaysia's prominent independent think tank, IDEAS. Ali has remained actively engaged with the government as an economist and public policy expert especially in the areas of public finance, regional trade, competition policy, and youth policy. He holds master's degrees in Economics, Public Policy and Business Administration. He writes op-eds on the economy for Express Tribune, a partner publication of New York Times.



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### **LORD SYED KAMALL**

**INAUGURAL SPEECH (SESSION 1)**

**MEMBER UK HOUSE OF LORDS, ILN CO-FOUNDER**

Lord Syed Kamall became a member of the UK House of Lords (upper chamber) in 2021 and was appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Technology, Innovation and Life Sciences at the Department of Health and Social Care in September

2021. From 2005 to 2019, he was a member of the European Parliament (MEP) and from 2014-19 was leader of the European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) group, one of the largest pan-European political groups. He is also a Professor of Politics and International Relations at St Mary's University, Twickenham. Lord Kamall is passionate about community-led non-state solutions to tackling poverty. He has also spoken and written about tackling radicalization in local communities. He was one of our founding members in Istanbul in 2011.





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### HE DR. ZAMBRY ABD KADIR

*KEYNOTE ADDRESS (SESSION 1)*

**MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MALAYSIA**

Dr. Zambry Abd Kadir's thought leadership runs parallel with his achievement as the Chief Minister of Perak (2008 – 2018) who fostered bottom-up and inclusive policies that prioritized the middle-income group for opportunities in employment and social improvement. Dr. Zambry was

frequently invited to share his experience and insights through public and academic lectures. He was the Adjunct Professor at IIUM Malaysia and also the Professor in Practice at Putra Business School, UPM. During his tenure, the State was named "The Most Promising State for International Investment" during the 6th Middle East Business Leaders Awards in Dubai in recognition of the State's achievements in the commerce and investment sectors in the region.

Dr. Zambry has also been awarded the Honorary Doctorate of Business Administration from the University of East London for his contribution in prospering and transforming the State of Perak. Holding a PhD in Political Thoughts from Temple University with expertise in the fields of political economy, contemporary South East Asian politics and contemporary Malaysian politics, Dr. Zambry is certainly a man who walks his thoughts.

Dr. Zambry was appointed as the Minister of Foreign Affairs on 2 December 2022 and subsequently sworn in as Senator in the Upper House of Parliament on 3 December 2022. He also serves in the UMNO Supreme Council.



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### **DR. BICAN SAHIN**

*RULE OF LAW & DEMOCRACY (SESSION 1)*  
**PROFESSOR HACETTEPE UNIVERSITY**

Bican Sahin is a professor of political science in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at Hacettepe University, Ankara. He is the President of Freedom Research Association. He received his Ph.D. at the University of Maryland, College Park in 2003. Among his research topics are classical liberal and libertarian philosophy, the relation between liberal democracy and Islam, and the relationships between state and civil society in Turkey



### **DR. SAEED KHAN**

*CAN MUSLIMS SAVE DEMOCRACY? MUSLIM MINORITY COMMUNITIES RESISTING ILLIBERALISM (SESSION 1),*  
**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY**

Saeed Khan is Associate Professor of Near East & Asian Studies and Global Studies at Wayne State University, where he is also Director of the Center for the Study of Citizenship. He is Co-founder and Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Social Policy of Understanding, and his latest publications include *Global Studies: A Reader on Issues and Institutions* and the co-authored book, *What's Going On Here? US Experiences of Islamophobia Between Obama and Trump*.



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### **AMEL AZZOUZ**

*FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE*

Born on February 28, 1963, in Gabès, Amel Azzouz embarked on an academic journey in Sousse, focusing on English literature. Her academic achievements include a Master's degree (DEA) in 2001 and an aggregation in English literature. She also initiated doctoral studies in the same field. Her political engagement commenced

Within the academic sphere in the early 1980s, Amel was actively involved with UGTE. This commitment extended until 1991. After the pivotal date of January 14, 2011, she resumed her political involvement, assuming a role within Ennahdha's Gabès regional bureau.

Dedicated to upholding principles of citizenship and respect, Amel also aspires to contribute to women's empowerment through knowledge. She is proficient in Arabic, French, and English.



### **PROFESSOR DR. SHAD SALEEM FARUQI**

***CHAIR (SESSION 1), LEGAL SCHOLAR & PROFESSOR OF LAW AT UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA***

Professor Dr Shad Saleem Faruqi is a Malaysian legal scholar and professor of law at the University of Malaya, currently holding the Tunku Abdul Rahman Chair as Professor of Constitutional Law. He is also fourth holder of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies

at the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia effective July 2019 to June 2021. He is an Emeritus Professor of Law at Universiti Teknologi Mara, Shah Alam. He has served Universiti Teknologi MARA in Shah Alam, Selangor in various capacities from 1971 onwards. He served as the Head of the Diploma in Law programme (1979–1984), as Assistant Rector (1996–1999), Assistant Vice-Chancellor (1999–2001) and Legal Advisor (1996–2006, 2010–2017) He has also served in the faculties of law at the International Islamic University Malaysia, part-time at Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia and a visiting professor/Honorary Legal Adviser/Holder of the Tun Sambanthan Chair at Universiti Sains Malaysia and adjunct professor at New England University, Australia.



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### **TASNIM IDRIS**

*CO-CHAIR (SESSION 1), ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR ILN*

Tasnim is based in Tunis, Tunisia. She is an English university teacher at the University of Tunis El Manar, and a freelance translator and proofreader. As the then Liaison Academic Officer of the Munathara Initiative, Tasnim helped organize the 2019 first Tunisian Legislative and Presidential Debates. She was also a

polling station member in previous legislative, municipal and presidential Tunisian elections. Tasnim represented post-Revolution Tunisia through organizing, delivering and participating in several leadership conferences and programs in different parts of the world, mainly with the Initiatives of Change Foundation.



### **DR. AYMEN AL-BOUGHANMI**

*ROADMAP FOR ECONOMIC REFORMS IN TUNISIA (SESSION 2), RESEARCHER & A PROFESSOR AT TUNISIAN UNIVERSITY*

Dr. Ayman Al-Boughanmi is a researcher and a professor at the Tunisian University. He has published several research studies and articles specializing in politics and geo-economics in Tunisian, Arab and foreign newspapers and websites in Arabic, French

and English. He has a PhD in British civilization from the Sorbonne University in Paris. He is also a well-known radio political analyst in the Tunisia. of the Tun Hussein Onn Chair in International Studies.



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### **DR. MOHAMED NOURI**

*ROADMAP FOR ECONOMIC REFORMS IN TUNISIA (SESSION 2)*

**EXPERT AND TRAINER IN ISLAMIC FINANCE**

Economist, PHD in Islamic economics, expert and trainer in Islamic finance, Mohamed NOURI combines professional life, associations, studies, research and teaching. Advisor to Islamic investment funds, member

of the Paris-Europlace Islamic Finance Economist, PHD in Islamic economics, expert and trainer in Islamic finance, Mohamed NOURI combines professional life, associations, studies, research and teaching. Advisor to Islamic investment funds, member of the Paris-Europlace Islamic Finance



### **DR. MUSTAFA ACAR**

*FREE MARKETS: PERSPECTIVES FROM TÜRKIYE (SESSION 2),* **EXPERT AND TRAINER IN ISLAMIC FINANCE**

Mustafa Acar has graduated from METU (Türkiye), received master's and PhD from Purdue University (USA). He is full professor of economic development and international

economics at N. Erbakan University, Konya Türkiye. He has published widely on economic freedoms, globalization, regional economic integration, and agriculture including 40 books (18 translations), 67 chapters in edited books, and dozens of articles in peer-reviewed journals.



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### **DR. MUSTAPHA RADJI**

*ALGERIA AND MUSLIM WORLD FROM ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE (2011-2019) (SESSION 2)*, **PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF MOSTAGANEM**

Mustapha Radji is Professor of Sociology and Economics at University of Mostaganem(Algeria), he teaches introduction to Economics for first year students. He supervises doctoral research on Social Entrepreneurship and Sufism, He has published papers

and articles on Entrepreneurship, Economic attitudes and religiosity and Sufism and Peace , he is the founder of initiative Hayek Institute of Economic Thinking. He writes regularly in Arabic speaking platform Ourouba22.com to present Classical Liberal perspective on Arab and Global Issues.



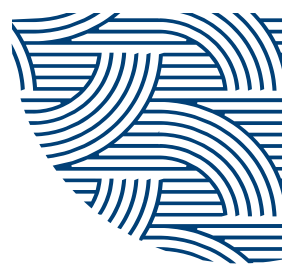
### **DATO' DR. RAIS HUSSIN**

*CHAIR (SESSION 2)*  
**PRESIDENT AND CEO EMIR RESEARCH**

An avid strategist, perennial wordsmith, accountable and serial entrepreneur, and serious policy intellectual. Dr. Rais has over 26 years of experience launching and expanding large, complex and ultimately successful enterprise initiatives and international programs across

a broad range of technical enterprises in for-profit and non-profit environments, that includes but not limited to, Telekom Malaysia, MCI WorldCom Malaysia, Teleglobe Canada, Axis Technologies and GoldNet Resources.

A noted thought leader in Malaysia and a highly sought-after Writer/ Columnist and Conference Presenter. He has a passion for bringing together the best possible resources and talents in pursuit of a prosperous, just and dynamic Malaysia. Perhaps most notably, Dr. Rais Hussin was responsible for overseeing the preparation of the first election manifesto to ever trigger a change of government in Malaysia.



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### **DR. AZEEMAH SALEEM**

*EQUALITY AND WOMEN RIGHTS (SESSION 3)*  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR JK LAKSHMIPAT UNIVERSITY**

Assistant Professor at Center for Communication and Critical Thinking, JK LakshmiPat University. PhD at the Center for West Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University. Thesis research work focused on refugees, forced

on refugees, forced migrants, state, society and politics in West Asia and North Africa region, and worked on South Asian Women, specifically Muslim women. Moreover, She has also worked on 'Tribal Factionalism and Nation-State Building in Libya' as my M.Phil dissertation. migrants, state, society and politics in West Asia and North Africa region, and worked on South Asian Women, specifically Muslim women. Moreover, She has also worked on 'Tribal Factionalism and Nation-State Building in Libya' as my M.Phil dissertation.



### **SOUAD ADNANE**

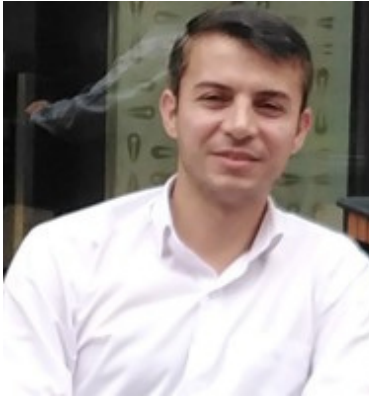
*WOMEN AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY (SESSION 3)*  
**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERT**

Souad Adnane is an international development expert. She has worked with multiple organizations including the World bank where her work focused on gender legal reform to advance

women's economic participation. She supported several countries to enact and implement legal reforms and policies in the areas of women's employment and entrepreneurship, financial inclusion, and gender-based violence. Souad is a board member of ILN and a founding member of the Arab Center for Research, a think tank aimed at promoting ideas of freedom and democracy in the Arab world. Souad is currently pursuing a PhD in Public Policy at the George Washington University.



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### **DR. ALI HASSANIA**

*PERSONAL FREEDOM AND THE DRESS CODE IN IRAN*  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR SHAHED UNIVERSITY**

Dr. Ali Hasannia works as an assistant professor of Qur'an and Hadith sciences at Shahed University in Iran. He also serves as the Research Deputy of the Faculty of Humanities there. In addition to various researches on the Qur'an and Islam, he has worked on

he has recently worked on controversial Islamic issues such as freedom, gender, minorities, and violence. His latest chapter is entitled: "Iranian Jews' Tendency to Religious Visibility and Adapted Coexistence" in the book *Ethnic Religious Minorities in Iran* published by Springer.



### **MP ANGGIA ERMA RINI**

*WOMEN IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE (SESSION 3)*  
**MEMBER OF INDONESIAN PARLIAMENT AND VICE CHAIR  
OF COMMISSION VI OF PARLIAMENT OF INDONESIA**

Ms. Anggia Erma Rini is a member of Indonesian parliament from the East Java VI and vice Chair of Commission VI of Parliament of Indonesia. She is the Chairperson of Central Board Fatayat- NU which is an organization of young female Muslims, a wing of the

biggest Islamic organization in Indonesia, Nahdlatul Ulama. She is also a member of the World Bank Interfaith Framework Steering Committee. Ms. Anggia is an alumnus of the International Visitor Leaders Program (IVLP) USA. She holds a diploma from English Education Department, master's degree in public health from the Universitas Indonesia and is a PhD candidate in Public Administration from the Universitas Padjajaran.





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### **ROZANA ISA**

*CHAIR (SESSION 3)*

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SISTERS IN ISLAM**

Rozana came into the women's rights movement in Malaysia in 1999, serving as Project Coordinator at Women's Aid Organisation (WAO), an NGO addressing violence against women.

Rozana gained both organisational and programme development experience with various institutions and NGOs, nationally, regionally and globally. This includes The Urban Governance Initiative, a programme under the United Nations Development Programme, International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific (IWRAP-AP) - an organisation coordinating the submissions and communications between NGOs and various UN international human rights mechanisms, and Musawah, the global movement for equality and justice in the Muslim family.

She is currently in her sixth year serving as the Executive Director of Sisters in Islam (SIS), an NGO advancing the rights of Muslim women within the framework of Islam, human rights, constitutional guarantees and lived realities.

Her experience over the last 21 years provided her with a wide range of skills including:

- capacity building on knowledge specifically on Islam and women's rights,
- facilitating courses on understanding Islam from a rights perspective,
- proposal writing to various institutional funders and individual donors,
- strategy development in communications and media,
- strategy and tactical development specifically in crisis and reputation management.

Rozana graduated from Sheffield Hallam University with a BA in Accounting and Management Control. She also completed the examinations for the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).



## SPEAKERS PROFILE - DAY 2



### **DR. MUHAMMAD KHALID MASUD**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS (SESSION 4), FORMER CHAIRMAN,  
COUNCIL OF ISLAMIC IDEOLOGY, PAKISTAN)**

M.A. (Gold medalist, Punjab 1962), M.A., Ph.D. (1973) McGill University, Canada has formerly held the following positions in Pakistan and abroad: Director General, Islamic Research Institute, International Islamic University, Islamabad; Chairman, Council of Islamic Ideology, Gov of

Pakistan, Islamabad; Professor, Islamic Law, Leiden University, the Netherlands and Academic Director of ISIM, Leiden; Senior Lecturer, Centre for Islamic Legal Studies, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria.

Distinguished Professor, Faculty of Law, International Islamic University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and Visiting Professor, Collège de France, Paris.

He has published extensively on Islamic law, contemporary issues, and on trends in the Muslim societies. Some of his publications are: Shatibi's Philosophy of Islamic Law (1995), Iqbal's Reconstruction of Ijtihad (1995), Islamic Legal Interpretation: The Muftis and their Fatwas, Co-edited with Brinkley Messick and David Powers (Harvard, 1996), (Edited Volume) Islamic Laws and Women in the Modern World (1996), (Edited Volume) Travelers in Faith, Studies on Tablighi Jama'at (Brill, Leiden 2000), Mafahim-i Qur'an, Urdu Translation of T. Izutsu's Ethical Terms in the Qur'an (2005), Dispensing Justice in Islam, Qadis and Their Judgments, Co-edited with David S. Powers and Ruud Peters (Brill, 2006), (Edited Volume) Athharwin Sadilsawi men Barri Saghira men Islami Fikr ke Rahnuma in Urdu (IRI, 2008), and Islam and Modernity, an Introduction to key issues and debates, co-edited with Armando Salvatore and Martin van Bruinessen (University of Edinburgh Press, 2009), Nuqush-e Tagore (Translation of Tagore's Fire Flies, 2012), Shari'a Today: Essays on Contemporary Issues and Debates in Muslim Societies (Iqbal Institute for Research and Dialogue, 2013) and Ummat Muslima dahshat gardike gradab men (Narrative 2015).



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### **DR. SYED FARID ALATAS**

**DISCUSSANT (SESSION 4), NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE**

Dr. Syed Farid Alatas, a Malaysian national, is a Professor of Sociology at the National University of Singapore. He lectured at the University of Malaya in the Department of Southeast Asian Studies prior to joining NUS. His areas of interest are historical sociology, the sociology of social science, the sociology of religion, and inter-religious dialogue.



### **DR. AHMED BADRI**

**CHAIR (SESSION 4), DEPUTY CEO IAIS MALAYSIA**

He is currently the Deputy CEO and principal research fellow at the International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS) Malaysia, with a focus on maqasid al-Shari'ah (the higher objectives of Shariah), usul al-fiqh and contemporary Islamic jurisprudence discourse, particularly in the subject of systems thinking and its applications in Islamic law as well

as public policy. After obtaining his degree in Shariah (UM), he was attached to the School of Humanities, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) as a researcher, and then to the Department of Fiqh and Usul al-Fiqh, Academy of Islamic Studies at the University of Malaya as a teaching assistant. He has taught various subjects in Shariah studies include Usul al-Fiqh, Fiqh al-Mu'amalat, Fiqh al-Jinayat etc. He obtained his PhD from the Academy of Islamic Studies, University of Malaya (UM) in the study of maslahah, maqasid al-Shariah and their relation to systems theories. He was also the head of 'Science & Islam, Technology, Environment & Ethics' unit at IAIS Malaysia. He was also involved as consultant trainer to several institutions such as; the International Research Center of Islamic Economics and Finance (IRCIEF) and Lembaga Zakat Selangor (LZS). He is currently the Managing Director of Maqasid Institute Malaysia (MIM), the Malaysian chapter of the Maqasid Institute (global) and sits on the editorial board of the Journal of Contemporary Maqasid Studies. He writes on wide array of topics which include Islamic legal theories, public policy, Islamic banking and finance, Shariah court, halal industry, international relations as well as on the Islamic perspectives on science, technology and the environment. He is a regular contributor to columns in reputable news outlets such as The News Straits Times, The Edge Malaysia, and Berita Harian.



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### **DR. HUSNUL AMIN**

**SOCIAL NON-MOVEMENTS IN MUSLIM MAJORITY COUNTRIES (SESSION 5), RESEARCH FELLOW AT STOCKTON UNIVERSITY NEW JERSEY**

Dr Husnul Amin is a Fulbright postdoctoral research fellow at Stockton University New Jersey. He obtained his Ph.D. in Development Studies (with further specialization in Political Sociology) in 2010 from the International Institute of Social Studies (The Hauge). His dissertation concerned the genesis and proliferation of post-Islamist intellectual and social-political trajectories in Pakistan. He has been awarded Fulbright Research Fellowship, 2019-2020 at Stockton University, Galloway, N.J, USA. He was awarded post-doc fellowship supported by the DRS-COFUND Fellowship Program of Freie Universität Berlin and the European Commission, hosted by the Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures & Societies (BGSUMCS) during his research stay, March 2013 - July 2014; availed fellowship at William and Mary, Virginia, USA (January 2014), and research stay at the University of North Carolina Wilmington, USA (October 2015). Under his supervision, 8 Ph.D. and 30 M.Phil. scholars have successfully defended their dissertations, others are in submission stage. His main areas of research and teaching include: religion and politics in the Muslim world; Islamic social movements and post-Islamist trends; conflict, peace and development; neoliberal globalization and contemporary Islam, and International Political Economy.



## SPEAKERS PROFILE - DAY 2



### **OZLEM CAGLAR YILMAZ**

*LIBERTY & DEMOCRACY- CASE OF TÜRKIYE (SESSION 5)*  
**BOARD AND GENERAL COORDINATOR OF ALT**

Ozlem Caglar-Yilmaz is the member of the Board and the general coordinator of the Association for Liberal Thinking established in 1992, in Ankara, Turkey. She started working part-time at ALT when she was an undergraduate student as an assistant of the founding president in 1993. She has developed and conducted collaborative projects, organized training seminars, and national/ international conferences. She works as editor of books, and articles at quarterly Liberal Thought, and makes translations. She is the editor of the online commentary in Turkish. She is also publishing director of Liberte Publications.



### **DR. THOWHIDUL ISLAM**

*DEVELOPMENT & FREEDOM IN BANGLADESH (SESSION 5)*  
**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AT INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY CHITTAGONG,**

Dr. Md. Thowhidul Islam is an Associate Professor of Bangladesh Studies at the International Islamic University Chittagong, Bangladesh. He has published a number of research articles in different referred and indexed journals and presented academic papers at several international conferences. He authored two books Globalization: The Muslim World and South Asia, and Bangladesh Studies.



## CHAIR PROFILE - SESSION 5 | DAY 1



### **DATO' DR. AHMAD FAROUK MUSA**

**CHAIR (SESSION 5)**

**FOUNDER & DIRECTOR ISLAMIC RENAISSANCE FRONT**

Dato' Dr Ahmad Farouk Musa is a Founder and Director of the Islamic Renaissance Front, an intellectual movement and think-tank promoting reform and renewal in Islam, democracy, good governance, and human rights. He is actively involved

in civil society and the emerging discourse on post-Islamism. He is also involved in interfaith dialogues especially with regard to Christian-Muslim relations and intra-faith dialogues especially the Shi'i-Sunni discourse. He has presented papers at numerous national and international seminars and conferences. Professionally, he is an academic researcher at the School of Medicine, Monash University Malaysia. He is currently a Commissioner at the Commonwealth Initiative for the Freedom of Religion or Belief (CIForB) based in Westminster, London, and a Research Fellow at Sekolah Tinggi Filsafat Islam (STFI) Sadra, Jakarta. He was a Director at the Centre for Combating Corruption and Cronyism (C4) and a former Deputy-Chairperson of BERSIH 2.0, a strong civil movement working for a free and fair election in Malaysia.



## SPEAKERS PROFILE - DAY 2



### **DR. ABBAS MEHREGAN**

NOTION OF EQUALITY IN ISLAMIC LAW

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEHRAN**

Abbas Mehregan is an Assistant Professor at the University of Tehran. He completed his PhD in Sociology of Religion and Politics at the University of Cologne, Germany. In addition to that, he has

dedicated two decades to studying Islamic Studies. His researches and publications, reflecting his interdisciplinary background, encompass topics such as sociology of Islamic countries, sociology of Islam, and sociology of Shia religious organization.



### **DR. KAZEEM OLANIYAN**

*SHARIAH ENFORCEMENT IN AFRICA*

**PH.D OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JURISPRUDENCE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW, FACULTY OF LAW UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN.**

Kazeem O.OLANIYAN,Ph.D is currently the Dean of the College of Law, Fountain University, Osogbo in Osun State of Nigeria. He is also the National President of

Muslim Lawyers Association of Nigeria, as well as the Board member of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Institute for Human Rights. He is widely published and has participated in some many national and international discourse and training workshops on matters relating to religious freedom and Muslim rights . He is currently a FELLOW of the ISLAM & LIBERTY NETWORK (ILN).



## SPEAKERS PROFILE - DAY 2



### **DR. PRADANA BOY ZULIAN**

RELIGIOUS RIGHTS IN INDONESIA (SESSION 6)

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR UNIVERSITY OF  
MUHAMMADIYAH MALANG (UMM)**

Pradana Boy Zulian is an associate professor in Islamic Legal Studies at the Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Muhammadiyah Malang (UMM), Indonesia. He is trained as an Islamic legal scholar at the Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Muhammadiyah Malang and

completed his degree in Islamic Law in 2000. In 2005, he won Australian Government scholarship named Australian Development Scholarship (ADS) which enabled him to his study at the Australian National University (ANU), Canberra. Under the supervision of leading Indonesianist, Greg Fealy, he completed his master thesis on the contestation of progressive and conservative group within Muhammadiyah, a modern Islamic organization in Indonesia. This thesis has been published both in English and Indonesian languages. His Master of Arts (MA) in contemporary Islamic thought and movements in Southeast Asia is gained in 2007. From 2010-2015 he pursued doctoral studies at the Department of Malay Studies, National University of Singapore (NUS). His Doctor of Philosophy in sociology of Islamic law is awarded in 2015. His Ph.D thesis is published by Amsterdam University Press (2018) under the title *Fatwa in Indonesia: An Analysis of Dominant Legal Ideas and Mode of Thought of Fatwa-Making Agencies and Their Implications in the Post-New Order Period*. Pradana is actively engaged in many academic forums. In 2017 he was awarded Study of US Institute (SUSI) scholarship for the study of American Political Thought at University of Massachusetts at Amherst, United States of America in 2017. His interest in Islamic Philosophy and Thought has led to his participation in a short course at al-Mustafa International University, Qom, Iran where he studied Islamic Philosophy and Thought in 2020. From 2018-2022, he participated in a research consortium on religion, secularization and radicalization lead by European University Institute, Italy. In this research consortium, he contributed a policy brief, country report, articles and book chapters on radicalization and the governance of religious diversity in Indonesia. As an interfaith activist, he also engaged in many forums on interreligious dialogue and the role of religion in society. In 2016, he was an international fellow at King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID) based in Lisbon, Portugal. He is also member of Global Exchanges on Religion in Society (GERIS). Although his main expertise is in Islamic Legal Studies, he also has interests in topic such as contemporary Islamic thought, Islamic history in Southeast Asia, and Quranic Studies. As an open-minded scholar and activist, he set up a foundation named Bait al-Hikmah Foundation in Malang, East Java, Indonesia, to spread and implement his thought and visions on Islam.





## SPEAKERS PROFILE - DAY 2



### TAN SRI DR. DAUD BAKAR

CHALLENGES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN PROMOTING SHARIAH COMPLIANCE PRODUCTS IN THE ISLAMIC ECONOMY (SESSION 7), **CHAIRMAN AMANIE GROUP**

Tan Sri Dr. Mohd Daud Bakar is the Founder and Executive Chairman of Amanie Group. One of its flagship companies namely Amanie Advisors, is operating in a few cities globally. He serves as the Chairman of The Shariah Advisory Council (SAC) at the

Central Bank of Malaysia, the Securities Commission of Malaysia, the Labuan Financial Services Authority, the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC), Kazakhstan, the first Abu Dhabi Bank (UAE), and Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB).

Tan Sri Dr. Daud is also a Shariah board member of various global financial institutions, including the National Bank of Oman (Oman), Amundi asset management (France), bank of London and the middle east (London), BNP Paribas Najma (Bahrain), Natixis Bank (Dubai), Morgan Stanley (Dubai), Sedco Capital Saudi and Luxembourg) and Dow Jones Islamic Market Index (New York) amongst many others.

Currently, Tan Sri serves as The Chairman of the Federal Territory Islamic Religious Department [Majlis Agama Islam Persekutuan (MAIWP)]. In the corporate world, he is currently a member of the PNB investment committee. Previously, he served as a board director at Sime Darby Property Berhad and Chairman to Malaysia Islamic Economic Development Foundation (YAPEIM). In addition, he is the Co-Founder of Experts Analytics Centre Sdn Bhd and MyFinB Sdn. Bhd. He also serves as the Chairman of Berry Pay Sdn. Bhd., Data Sukan Consulting Sdn. Bhd., Bio Fluid Sdn. Bhd., Kab Gold Dynamics Sdn. Bhd., Bio-Angle Vacs Sdn. Bhd., Tulus Digital Sdn. Bhd., and Amanie-Afra Halal Capital Co (Bangkok).

In 2014, he received the “most outstanding individual” award by His Majesty, The King of Malaysia, in conjunction with the National-Level Prophet Muhammad’s Birthday. Under his leadership, Amanie Advisors received the “Islamic Economy Knowledge Infrastructure Award” at The Global Islamic Economy Summit, Dubai 2015, by His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, Oct 2015. On 13 November 2021, he was conferred the Darjah Kebesaran Panglima Setia Mahkota (P.S.M.) Which carries the title of “Tan Sri”.



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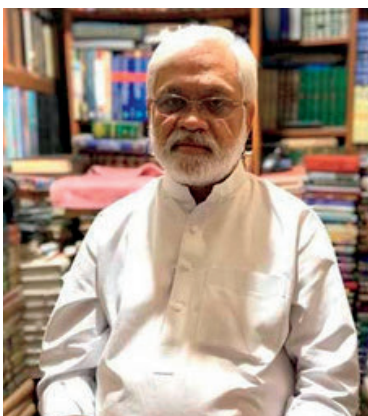
### **DR. MOHAMED NOURI**

MARKET ECONOMY FROM ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE  
(SESSION 7)

**MEMBER OF THE PARIS-EUROPLACE ISLAMIC  
FINANCE**

Economist, PHD in Islamic economics, expert and trainer in Islamic finance, Mohamed NOURI combines professional life, associations, studies, research and teaching. Advisor to Islamic

investment funds, member of the Paris-Europlace Islamic Finance Committee (2009-2011) and President of COFFIS (French Council for Islamic Finance (2009-2019)). Author of "Finalities of Islamic Economics» Edited by GLD- Tunis 2021, and "Islamic Economics: An Ethical Approach" editions l'Harmattan - Paris 2023, as well as several articles and research, international lecturer.



### **DR. MOHSIN NAQVI**

*COMMON GROUNDS IN ABRAHAMIC FAITHS (SESSION 8)*  
**SCHOLAR OF ISLAMIC STUDIES**

Dr. Mohsin Naqvi is an independent academic and scholar of Islamic Studies based in Pakistan. He holds a doctorate in Biblical Studies from NC State University, Chapel Hill (2003) where his main research was on Synoptic Gospel. Prior to this, he completed formal religious education from local

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## SPEAKERS PROFILE - DAY 2



### **DR. IQBAL AHNAF**

RELIGION, VIOLENCE AND PEACEBUILDING (SESSION 8)  
**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR CRCS**

Dr. Mohammad Iqbal Ahnaf an assistant professor in sociology of religion at the Centre for Religious and Cross-Cultural Studies (CRCS), Graduate School, Gadjah Mada University. He teaches a graduate course on religion, violence and peacebuilding. He is currently the Indonesian country coordinator of V-

Dem and a producer at the Indonesian Pluralities Project.



### **DR. AHMAD FAUZI**

*NON-VIOLENT EXTREMISM (SESSION 8)*  
**PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE (USM)**

Ahmad Fauzi Abdul Hamid is Professor of Political Science, School of Distance Education, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM). He was visiting senior fellow at the ISEAS Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore, from 1 September 2015 to 31 May 2016. He obtained his BA

and MA from the University of Oxford and the University of Leeds respectively, and earned his PhD in Politics from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom, in 1998. He teaches undergraduate courses at USM in political science and manages as well a postgraduate course, "Islam in Southeast Asia," for the M.A. in Asian Studies at the School of Social Sciences. He has held visiting research fellowships in Singapore and Australia, participated in international research projects and published in leading international journals.



## SPEAKERS PROFILE - DAY 2



### **PROFESSOR DR. HASHIM KAMALI**

PEACE IN THE ISLAMIC TRADITION: ONE VISION,  
MULTIPLE PATHWAYS (SESSION 8)

#### **VERY DISTINGUISHED FELLOW IAIS**

He is currently a Very Distinguished Fellow at the International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS) Malaysia and a world renowned scholar in his field of specialisation. He served as Professor of Islamic Law and Jurisprudence at the International Islamic University

Malaysia (IIUM, 1985–2004); and was Dean of the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilisation (ISTAC, 2004–2006). Currently he is Senior Fellow at the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia, a Senior Fellow of the Academy of Sciences of Afghanistan, and also Senior Fellow of the Royal Academy of Jordan. He serves on the International Advisory Board of thirteen academic journals published in Malaysia, USA, Canada, Kuwait, India, Australia and Pakistan. Professor Kamali has served as a member and sometime Chairman of the Constitution Review Commission of Afghanistan (2003); as a UN consultant on constitutional reforms in Afghanistan, the Maldives, and Iraq; and currently advises the UN on a new constitution for Somalia.

He graduated from Kabul University in Afghanistan with 1st Class Honours in Law and Political Science (1965), and served as Public Prosecutor with the Afghan Ministry of Justice for two years. He completed his LLM in Comparative Law, and Ph.D in Islamic and Middle Eastern Law, at the University of London (1969–1976); following which he was employed as a broadcasting support staff by the BBC in Reading, UK (1976–1979). Dr. Kamali was Assistant Professor at the Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University in Montreal (1979–84); and a Research Associate with the Canada Council for Social Science and Humanities (1984–1985). He has been a Visiting Professor at Capital University, Ohio (1991), as well as Visiting Professor at the Institute for Advanced Study in Berlin, Germany for the academic year 2000–2001.

Professor Kamali has given presentations at over 230 national and international conferences, published 46 books and over 260 academic articles. Prof. Kamali has been member and chairman of the CIMB Shariah Committee, Sunlife Takaful Malaysia, and formerly Stanlib Corporation of South Africa. He was member of the Shariah Advisory Council of the Securities Commission Malaysia. He is an original signatory to, and active participant in, the 'Common Word' initiative between Muslims and Christians.

He delivered the 20th 'Prominent Scholars Lecture Series' (Silsila Muhadarat Ulama' al-Barizin) in 1996 at the Islamic Research and Training Institute in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; and the Multaqa Sultan Ahmad Shah Lecture of 2002 in Kuantan.



## CHAIR PROFILES - SESSION 8 | DAY 2



### **TUNKU ZAIN AL-'ABIDIN IBNI TUANKU MUHRIZ**

CHAIR (SESSION 8)

**FOUNDING PRESIDENT INSTITUTE FOR DEMOCRACY AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (IDEAS)**

Tunku 'Abidin Muhriz, is the Founding President of the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS), Malaysia. He was educated at the Kuala Lumpur Alice Smith School, Marlborough College and the London School of Economics and Political Science, where he .

obtained his BSc in Government and Sociology and MSc in Comparative Politics and Imperial History. Tunku 'Abidin worked in a number of London-based think tanks and the Houses of Parliament before moving to Washington DC to join the World Bank as a Public Sector Consultant. Upon returning to Kuala Lumpur in 2008, Tunku 'Abidin worked at the United Nations Development Programme and a regional stakeholder management firm. Throughout, he helped to develop the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (IDEAS, formerly known as the Malaysia Think Tank) which he co-founded in 2006. He has maintained his regular column Abiding Times in theSun since March 2008[1], and was a Research Fellow at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy at the National University of Singapore from March 2009 to August 2010.



### **DINA ZAMAN**

CHAIR (SESSION 8)

**CO-FOUNDER IMAN RESEARCH**

Dina Zaman is one of the founders of IMAN Research. She worked in communications and the media prior to that, and wrote for various English language newspapers in Malaysia. She has published three books, of which two, I Am Muslim, and Holy Men, Holy Women, are based on her

columns on religions and faith in Malaysia. This blogspace will act as a journal-column-todolist, as she no longer writes columns.



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