THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ISLAMIC THOUGHT

2014 SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR SCHOLARS

June 16 – June 21, 2014

“Islamic Law and Ethics”

PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2014

Arrival of Out-of-Town Guests

Accommodation at Comfort Inn Dulles International Airport

Address: 200 Elden St.
Herndon, VA 20170
Tel: 703-437-7555

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2014

09:30 – Arrival, Meet-and-Greet, and Registration at IIIT Library/Conference Room

2nd Floor, 500 Grove St, Herndon, VA 20170

10:00 – Welcoming Remarks

Dr. Ermin Sinanović, Program Director

Prof. Abdulaziz Sachedina, Program Chair, IIIT Chair in Islamic Studies, GMU

Dr. Abubaker al-Shingieti, Executive Director, IIIT USA

Dr. Jamal Barzinji, President, IIIT USA
10:15 – Introductions (Scholars, Students, Special Guests)

10:35 – IIIT Documentary Video

10:45 – Opening Lecture

“Law and Ethics in Islamic Jurisprudence” by Prof. Abdulaziz Sachedina

Prof. Abdulaziz Sachedina is Professor and IIIT Chair in Islamic Studies at George Mason University

Comments by Prof. Ebrahim Moosa, Duke University

12:45 – Lunch at IIIT

1:30 – Zuhr prayer

2:00 – 5:00 – Special Panel 1: “Reform of Higher Education in the Muslim World”

Abdul Aziz Sachedina, IIIT Chair, George Mason University

Ermin Sinanović, IIIT USA

Ebrahim Moosa, Duke University

Moderator: Abubaker al-Shingieti, IIIT

6:30 – Dinner hosted by Dr. Jamal Barzinji, President of IIIT, at his home. 
Address: 11919 Safa Ct, Herndon, VA 20170
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2014

09:30 – 12:30 – Special Lecture

“Pluralism in Islamic Ethics” by Prof. Carl W. Ernst

Prof. Carl W. Ernst is William R. Kenan, Jr., Distinguished Professor and Co-Director of the Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill

Respondents:

Prof. Abdulaziz Sachedina, IIIT Chair, GMU

Prof. Mahmoud Ayoub, Hartford Seminary

12:30 – Break

1:30 – Zuhr Prayer

2:00 – 5:00 – Special Panel 2: “Ethics in Maqasid al-Shari’ah, Politics, and Policy”

Lecture 1: “Realizing Islamic Ethics in the Islamic Rules”

Prof. Jasser Auda, Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies

Lecture 2: “Islam With the Heart”

Prof. Emad Shahin, Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars

Moderator: Carl W. Ernst, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill

5:00 – End of Program
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2014

9:30 – 12:30 – Paper Session 1

Presenters:

Hamid Mavani, “Two Shi'i Jurisprudential Methodologies to Address Contemporary Challenges: Traditional *Ijtihad* and Foundational *Ijtihad***”

Usaama al-Azami, Princeton University, “Law and Ethics in the Wake of the Arab Revolutions”

Respondents: Abdulaziz Sachedina, George Mason University

David Vishanoff, University of Oklahoma

Moderator: Ermin Sinanović, IIIT

12:30 – Break

1:30 – Zuhr Prayer

2:00 – 5:00 – Paper Session 2

Presenters:

Mouez Khalfaoui, University of Tuebingen, “Work Ethics in Muslim Culture: The Transformation of an Obligation Into a Right”

Jacqueline Brinton, University of Kansas, “Making Ethics Theological Through Qur’anic Exegesis”

Respondents: Asaad al-Saleh, University of Utah

Katrin Jomaa, University of Rhode Island

Moderator: Dr. Abubaker Al-Shingjeti, IIIT
THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2014

9:30 – 12:30 – Paper Session 3

Presenters:

David R. Vishanoff, University of Oklahoma, “The Ethical Structure of Imam al-Haramayn al-Juwayni’s Usul al-Fiqh”

Samy Ayoub, University of Arizona, “Necessity and Ethical Hierarchy in Islamic Law”

Respondents: Hamid Mavani

Usaama al-Azami, Princeton University

Moderator: Dr. Jamal Barzinji, IIIT

12:30 – Break

1:30 – Zuhr Prayer

2:00 – 5:00 – Paper Session 4

Presenters:

Christopher Taylor, Boston University, “Fiqh al-Zakah in India and the Emergence of New Applied Ethics of Socioeconomic Justice: Case Studies of Islamic Charities”

Shahirah Mahmood, University of Wisconsin – Madison, “Symbolic and Identity-Based Contestations: The Evolution of Marriage Law in Indonesia”

Respondents: Sarra Tlili, University of Florida

Samy Ayoub, University of Arizona

Moderator: Dr. M. Yaqub Mirza, Sterling Management Group
**FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2014**

9:00-11:45 – Paper Session 5

Presenters:

Kamal Abu-Shamsieh, Graduate Theological Union, “Application of Maqasid al-Shari’ah in Islamic Chaplaincy”


Respondents: Christopher Taylor, Boston University

Mouez Khalfaoui, University of Tuebingen

Moderator: Dr. Iqbal Unus, IIIT

11:45 – Lunch at IIIT

12:45 – Friday Prayer at ADAMS Center

2:15 – 5:15 – Paper Session 6

Presenters:

Katrin Jomaa, University of Rhode Island, “Social Justice and Islamic Legal/Ethical Code: A Case Study from the Prophetic Period”

Asaad al-Saleh, University of Utah, “The Concept of Rida (Approval) in the Qur’an and the Misunderstanding of Coexistence”

Respondents: Shahirah Mahmood, University of Wisconsin – Madison

Jacqueline Brinton, University of Kansas

Moderator: David Vishanoff, University of Oklahoma
5:15 – 5:25 – Break

5:25 – 6:30 – Concluding Session

Moderator: Ermin Sinanović, IIT

Saturday, June 21, 2014

12:00 – 5:00 – Trip & Picnic (Dr. Yaqub Mirza’s home, Woodstock, VA)

Paper session timings:

Presenters (30-35 minutes each)
Discussants (10-15 minutes each)
Break (5 minutes)
Open Discussion and Q&A (~75 minutes)
Total: 180 minutes