

# 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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – IIT Documentary Video

10:45 – Opening Lecture

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

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

Comments by Prof. Ebrahim Moosa, Duke University

12:45 – Lunch at IIT

1:30 – Zuhr prayer

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

Abdul Aziz Sachedina, IIT Chair, George Mason University

Ermin Sinanović, IIT USA

Ebrahim Moosa, Duke University

Moderator: Abubaker al-Shingieti, IIT

6:30 – Dinner hosted by Dr. Jamal Barzinji, President of IIT, 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, IIT 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-Shingieti, 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”

Sarra Tlili, University of Florida, “Muslims, Animals, and Modernity: A Triangle of an Unhappy Love”

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