The programme is designed primarily for graduate students from Turkey and neighbouring countries who are majoring in Islamic studies, humanities or the social sciences and who are interested in developing their knowledge and expertise in the listed topics. The programme will also provide an opportunity for participants to present and discuss their particular research in workshops. During the course of the programme participants will engage interactively with speakers and colleagues within and outside lectures. On completion they will receive a certificate of attendance from the organisers.

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Topics

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- Hadith Criticism and Controversies: The Challenges of Contemporary Times
- Islamic Jurisprudence and Maqasid al-Shariah
- Muslim History and Civilization
- Contemporary Islamic Thought — Contemporary Western Thought
- Rewriting the History of Islamic Philosophy
- Women and the Qur’an: Gender and the Politics of Interpretation
- Science and the Dominant Paradigm
- A New Approach to Higher Education in Muslim Societies
- Epistemological Bias: Case Studies in Popular Culture
- Future Studies in Post-Normal Times
- The Virtuous City in a Global Age: How to Think About the Urban Future
- Unlearning Modernity: Why We Need to Reform Education
- Turkey and a New Concept of Civilisation
- Interpreting the Qur’an: Hermeneutical Responses in Contemporary Times
- Hermeneutic Problems in the Interpretation / Misinterpretation of the Qur’an

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