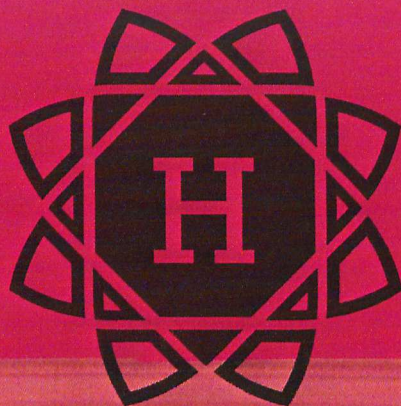




SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Islamic Finance Conference

October 21 - 22, 2022



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ISLAMIC FINANCE CONFERENCE

WAQF AND PHILANTHROPIC FOUNDATIONS SHARED VALUES FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A.
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Across the world, hundreds of thousands of properties are under the management of charitable trusts and endowments known in the Islamic law as waqf. Similarly, there are several philanthropic efforts outside the Islamic law that are well known for their roles and services in community development. It holds great potential for all the philanthropic foundations, regardless of their religious affiliations, to complement each other's efforts in addressing the socio-economic needs of the global community.

The 2022 Harvard University Muslim Association (HUMA) Islamic Finance Conference aims to bring together academics, professionals, and community leaders of waqf and philanthropic foundations in the United States and from across the world. The conference will cover the effectiveness of these institutions especially the concept of cash waqf and leveraging charitable giving that is targeted to community and their endeavours as an effective tool to address the societal needs. The conference will also examine the use of modern tools and techniques to overcome the challenges in the management of philanthropic institutions.

Conference Themes

- Perspectives and practices of major religions on philanthropy: this will include all the major religions
- Tools and techniques and other underutilized mechanisms traditionally available, technology (e.g., blockchain), and transparency/governance.
- Highlighting the status of endowments and philanthropic foundations and its management around the world
- Impact of endowments and philanthropic foundations in the socio-economic development of the community

Silver Jubilee Celebrations

The Harvard Islamic Finance Conference commemorates its 25 years since hosting the first forum in 1997. In its rich and vibrant history, the forum over the years has discussed contemporary topics and pressing issues and hosted various luminaries including a Nobel Laureate and high-ranking individuals in government establishments in the US and across the world as well as Islamic finance industry stalwarts.



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Day 1: Friday October 21, 2022

2:00 pm: **REGISTRATION**

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

WELCOME REMARKS

Ms. Lana Idris, *President, Harvard University Muslim Alumni*

Ms. Jenna Albezreh, *Co-President, Harvard Islamic Society*

Dr. Khalil Abdur-Rashid, *Harvard University Muslim Chaplain*

CONFERENCE OPENING ADDRESS

Philanthropy and Shared Prosperity: A Multi Religious Perspective

Dr Omar Suleiman, *Founder, Yaqeen Institute for Islamic Research, Dallas, TX*

3:15 pm – 5:00 pm

PLENARY SESSION I

Theme: Contemporary Religious Perspectives and Practices on Philanthropy

Moderator: Mr. M. Bilal Kaleem, *Managing Partner - Hoopoe Advisors, Boston*

Panelists:

Dr. Mohamed Abutaleb, *Dean of Administration, Boston Islamic Seminary*

Fr. Seamus Finn, *Director, Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation, Missionary Oblates, Washington, DC.*

Dr. Shashikala Dwarkanath, *Spiritual Guide of Chinmaya Mission Boston*

Dr. Rabbi Dan Judson, *Dean, Rabbinic Ordination, Hebrew Union College–Jewish Institute of Religion*

5:00 pm – 6:15 pm: **BREAK**

Asr & Maghrib prayers and refreshments

Day 1: Friday October 21, 2022

6:15 pm – 8:00 pm

Theme: TED Talk-Style Presentations on Philanthropic Entities

Speakers from various Philanthropic organizations will share the journey of their institutions and the community they are serving and the impact they are making on the ground.

Dr. Hooman Keshavarzi, *Executive Director, Khalil Institute, The Khalil Center*

Dr. Marium Husain, *President, Islamic Medical Association of North America*

Dr. Hanan Hashem, *Researcher, The Family & Youth Institute*

Mr. Bilal Kaleem, *Islamic Scholarship Fund*

Dr. Zahir I. Kazi, *President, Anjuman-I-Islam, Mumbai, India*

Alumni Remarks

Dr. Aamir Rehman, *Chair, Innate Capital Partners. New York City*

8:00 pm – 9:00 pm: **RECEPTION**

Day 2: Saturday October 22, 2022

8:00 am - 9:00 am: REGISTRATION

9:00 am – 9:30 am

WELCOME REMARKS

Dr Syed Nazim Ali, *Director Research Div, College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University*

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Endowments and Philanthropic Foundations: A Critical Role in Democratizing Socio-Economic Development

Prof Asim Khwaja, *Director, Center for International Development, Harvard Kennedy School*

9:30 am – 11:30 am

PLENARY SESSION II

Theme: Waqf: Current landscape and Developments (incl. Cash Waqf etc.)

Moderator: Emad Shahin, *Alshawwaf Visiting Professor for Near Eastern Languages and Civilization, Harvard University & Professor of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar*

Panelists:

Dr. Tariq H. Cheema, *Founder, The World Congress of Muslim Philanthropist*

Dr. Mehmet Bulut, *Former Rector, Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University, Turkey*

Dr. Aamir Rehman, *Chair, Innate Capital Partners. New York City*

Sh. Taha AbdulBasser, *Principal and Co-Founder of the Straightway Ethical Advisory LLC*

Mr. Rafiuddin Shikoh, *CEO and Managing Director, Dinar Standard, New York City*

11:30 am – 1:30 pm

PLENARY SESSION III

Theme: Endowments & Philanthropic Foundations: Role in Community Development

Moderator: Ms. Fatema Sumar, *Executive Director · Harvard's Center for International International Development*

Panelists:

Dr. Razzaque Ahmed, *Founder, Noor Jahan Begum Charitable Trust, India*

Ms. Eleanor Murphy, *Director of Philanthropy at Acumen*

Mr. Moid Mohammed, *Partner at McKinsey & Company, Chicago*

Ms. Salma Kazmi, *Board Member, Penny Appeal*

Mr. Abdullah Syed, *Executive Director, AccEducate*

Day 2: Saturday October 22, 2022

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Lunch & Prayer Break

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

PLENARY SESSION IV

Theme: Opportunities and Potentials of Waqf / Endowments / Philanthropic Foundations and its Socio-Economic Impact

Moderator: Dr. Tariq H. Cheema, *Founder, The World Congress of Muslim Philanthropist*

Panelists:

Dr. Kabir Hassan, *Professor, New Orleans University, Louisiana*

Dr. Raditya Sukmana, *Head of Doctorate Degree in Islamic Finance, Universitas Airlangga, Indonesia*

Dr. Sabith Khan, *Assistant Professor, California Lutheran University*

Mr. Rashid Dar, *Program Officer, Culture & Global Perspectives, John Templeton Foundation, Washington, D.C.*

Mr Aslam Khan, *Chairman & Founder, Actaware Technologies Ltd, Mumbai, India*

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Closing Remarks

Role of Religion in Promoting Philanthropy and Waqf

Prof. Recep Şentürk, *Dean, College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar*

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