

FIFTH SOASCIS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (SICON 5)

Co-organizers (confirmed)

- ◆ International Islamic University Malaysia (Centre for Islamic Economics), Malaysia
- ◆ International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- ◆ Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya, Turkey
- ◆ Ebrahim College, London
- ◆ The Islamic Academy, Cambridge, UK

Co-organizers (yet to confirm)

- ◆ University of Malaya, Malaysia
- ◆ The State of Islamic University (Faculty of Psychology), Jakarta, Indonesia

THEME:

INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN CONTEMPORARY ISLAMIC STUDIES

Possibilities in light of the Traditional Ideas of
Ijtihad, Tajdid, Islah and Bid'ah

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Background

The academic field popularly known as Islamic studies is offered in different universities and colleges throughout the world with varying scopes and objectives in mind. Some of these academic institutions offer Islamic studies for both undergraduate and graduate students while the others do either just for undergraduates or graduates. Most graduate programmes in Islamic studies are aimed at producing MAs and PhDs specialising in numerous branches of this fast growing field of studies. Due to a number of factors, particularly academic globalisation, there is a rapid convergence of graduate Islamic studies programmes in Western and Muslim universities in respects of structure, scope and academic evaluation criteria.

At the undergraduate level, there is a noticeable difference between Islamic studies courses offered in universities and colleges in Muslim majority countries and those offered in the rest of the world both in the East and in the West. In the former case the main objective is to enable students interested in Islamic studies to earn a Bachelor's degree majoring in the subject. In the latter case, however, the purpose is to just provide undergraduates with a broader range of courses to choose from in fulfilment of the elective courses or modules requirement.

For various reasons Islamic studies programmes are under increasing pressure to remain relevant and competitive. Yet, some of these programmes continue to remain indifferent to the challenges now facing all academic courses in universities and challenges. In light of present and possible future challenges to Islamic studies SOASCIS proposes for its SICON 5 to deal with the theme of *Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Contemporary Islamic Studies: Possibilities in Light of the Traditional Ideas of Ijtihad, Tajdid, Islah and Bid'ah*. SICON 5 would therefore be a very helpful academic and scholarly event to academic leaders of both traditional and Islamic studies programmes who are in search of new ideas and insights on how to renew, change or transform them to meet the needs of contemporary society.

Objectives of SICON 5

- ◆ To explain the meanings and necessity of innovation and entrepreneurship as these ideas are applied to the field of Islamic studies
- ◆ To provide a theoretical discussion of the ideas of *ijtihad*, *tajdid*, *islah*, and *bid'ah* with the view of examining the relevance of each of them to the pursuit of innovation and entrepreneurship in Islamic studies at the levels of both ideas and practices
- ◆ To discuss opportunities of empowerment of Islamic studies that may open up from the application of the four fundamental ideas under discussion to the state of contemporary Islamic studies
- ◆ To discuss the different kinds of challenges that may have to be faced in pursuing innovation and entrepreneurship in Islamic studies

Sub-themes

- ◆ Concepts of *ijtihad*, *tajdid*, *islah* and *bid'ah* as generating ideas and motivating factors for the progress of Islamic studies
- ◆ Innovation and entrepreneurship in the context of Islamic studies
- ◆ Empowerment of Islamic studies: opportunities and challenges

List of Speakers (confirmed)

- ◆ Prof Tan Sri Dr Muhammad Kamal Hassan, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)
- ◆ Prof Mohd Aslam Mohd Haneef, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)
- ◆ Prof Datuk Dr Osman Bakar, SOASCIS, UBD
- ◆ Prof Muzaffer Seker, Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya, Turkey
- ◆ Prof Bilal Kuspinar, Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya, Turkey
- ◆ Prof Omar Kasule, International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT), Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- ◆ Dr Muhammad Mansur Ali, Ebrahim College, London & Cardiff University
- ◆ Sheikh Shams A. Muhammad, Ebrahim College, London
- ◆ Pg Dr Norhazlin binti Pg Hj Muhammad, SOASCIS, UBD
- ◆ Dr Mohamad Azmi bin Hj Mohamad, SOASCIS, UBD
- ◆ Adna Shatrimie bin Hj A. Abd Rahman, UBDSBE & Entrepreneurship Village, UBD

List of Speakers (yet to confirm)

- ◆ Prof Malik Badri, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)

Registration Fees

Participants from Brunei Darussalam

- ◆ Students: BND100
- ◆ Non-students: BND300
- ◆ Pensioners: BND100
- ◆ Institution/Organization (for a group of 3 persons): BND650

Participants from Outside Brunei Darussalam

- ◆ Students: USD100
- ◆ Non-students: USD250
- ◆ Institution/Organization (for a group of 3 persons): USD550