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## **The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on Muslim Philanthropy & Civil Society**

**Monday, October 31 – Friday, November 4, 2022**  
10:00 am to 2:15 pm EST

**DAY 1 – Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm EST

### **Session 1:**

**“Neither Sufi nor Salafi: The Cadre Unitaire and The Search for A Consensual Islam In Senegal”**  
Cheikh Anta Babou

**“Faith-Based Organizations in Kashmir: Mapping the Intersectionalities of Philanthropy, Religion, and Politics”**  
Mudasir Amin, Independent Researcher

**“Muslim community volunteering – service to God, community, and society”**  
Mario Peucker, Victoria University

**“Acquire Knowledge and Impart It to the People: A Case for Sectarian Education”**  
Russell Powell, Seattle University School of Law

**“Philanthropy in Yemen: From the Perspective of Local Charitable Organizations”**  
Sumaia Ahmed Al kohlani, United Arab Emirates University

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**Session 2:**

**“Why Does She Give and Gift? - An Explanation of a Large Amount of Female Muslim Women as Main Givers in Cross-Border Diasporic and Bi-Cultural Philanthropy and Volunteering in the Netherlands”**

Malika Ouacha, Erasmus University

**“The Politics of Self-help: Investigating the Role of Muslim Philanthropy in Child-Centred Alternate Care in Kashmir”**

Iqbal Sonallah, Kardan University

**“Muslim Women in Northern Nigeria: The Unworthy Category of Zakāt Beneficiaries”**

Dauda Abubakar

**“Who Is Going to Take Care of Muslim Foster Children?”**

Zainab Alwani

**“Islamic Pacifism(s): On the Need for Pluralism in Thinking about Nonviolence in Islamic Traditions”**

Andrew Fiala, California State University

*Chair/Moderator: Micah Hughes, Muslim Philanthropy Initiative*

**DAY 2 – Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

10:00 am – 12:00 pm EST

**Session 1:**

**“Creating an Ecosystem of Change”**

Hussein Rashid

**“Engaging Civil Society Through Islamic Arts - Insights from John Dewey”**

Steve Fink

**“Dynamics of an International Islamic NGO’s Healthcare Interventions during Covid-19: An Ethnographic Case Study of Direct Aid in Urban Tanzania”**

Mara Alyse Leichtman, Michigan State University

Mussa Said Muhoja, Affiliation



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**"Western Civil Society and Islamic Endowments: Neo-institutionalist Insights"**

Riham Ahmed Khafagy, Zayed University

**"Pakistani women and gender roles: Examining dilemmas of motherhood and employment"**

Tabassum Fahim Ruby, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

*Chair/Moderator: Zeeshan Noor, Muslim Philanthropy Initiative*

**DAY 2 – Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**  
12:15 pm – 2:15 pm EST

## Session 2:

**"Reflections from the Field: Can 'InshaAllah Voters' in Pennsylvania Prevent Harm?"**

Ahmet Tekelioglu, George Mason University

**"Perceived Hope and its Correlates in Muslim Societies"**

Ilham Nasser, International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT)

**"Service is Life and Service is Islam" The Spatial Dynamic of Charitable Work in Volunteering Events"**

Katherine Merriman, University of Detroit Mercy

**"Crisis, Covid and Muslim Charity: Giving home or away?"**

Samantha May, University of Aberdeen

**"Strategies of American Muslim and Interfaith Nonprofits on Combating Islamophobia"**

Samantha Budd

*Chair/Moderator: Zeeshan Noor, Muslim Philanthropy Initiative*

**DAY 3 – Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm EST

## Session 1:

**"Asnafs (Zakat Beneficiaries) in Digital Economy: Involving Muslim Professionals in Zakat Institutions and Training Centres"**

Musa Yusuf Owoyemi, Universiti Utara Malaysia

**"Unsystematic Pattern of Zakah Administration Among Muslims Living Under Non-Islamic Governments and Its Impact on Poverty Eradication"**

Ummulkhayr Adamu, Prince Abubakar Audu University



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**“Exploring the Zakatable Assets Phenomenon as an Open System”**

Abderrazak Belabes, King Abdulaziz University

**“Fiscal Activism: Operational dimensions of the shift towards the Islamic wealth tax for financing SDG3”**

Laila Abdul Latif, University of Nairobi

**“The Philanthropic Attitudes and Practices of Muslims in America”**

Selman Salim Kesgin

*Chair/Moderator: Abdul Samad, Muslim Philanthropy Initiative*

**DAY 3 – Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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## **Session 2:**

**“The Role of Zakat in International Development: Opportunities and Challenges for Islamic Philanthropy”**

Zenobia Ismail, University of Birmingham

**“Zakat in Ghana: A tool for empowerment?”**

Holger Weiss, Åbo Akademi University

**“When Muslim Charity Met Capitalism: The Roots of Muslim Corporate Philanthropy in Russia”**

Danielle Ross, Utah State University

**“Is it possible to combine waqfs and zakat for enhancing entrepreneurship in the world of Islam?”**

Murat Çizakça

*Chair/Moderator: Rafeel Wasif, Muslim Philanthropy Initiative*

**DAY 4 - Thursday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

10:00 am – 12:00 pm EST

## **Session 1:**

**“Impact of Ethical Servitude on Philanthropy in Sufism”**

Masoud Shavarani, University of Islamic Denominations (Iran/Tehran)

**“Sharī‘ah versus Secular Law; Plurality in Muslim Legal Traditions”**

John Bursawi



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**“Kindness (reflection of divine mercy) is the basic pillar of Quranic social capital”**  
Mohammad Ibrahim Ehsani

**“Effort and Intentionality as Markers of iḥsān: The Burden of Accountability”**  
Amira Abou-Taleb, University of Helsinki

**“Historical Study: Islamic Terms for "Charity" in The Textbooks of Arithmetic and Elementary Mathematics”**  
Fatima Saadatmand, University of Tehran

*Chair/Moderator: Zeeshan Noor, Muslim Philanthropy Initiative*

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## **Session 2:**

**“Relevance of Madrasas and Social Mobility in the Existing Religious Economy”**  
Zainab Farhat, ZFI Research and Post-Doctoral fellow

**“Hindu-Muslim Bridge-Building in the South Asian American Diaspora: Challenges and Opportunities**  
Sunita Vishvanath, Hindus for Human Rights  
Nikhil Mandalaparthy

**“Philanthropy in India: A focus on the Indian Muslims”**  
Amir Khan, Centre for Development Policy, and Practice  
Anjana Divakar, Centre for Development Policy, and Practice

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**DAY 5 – Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 am – 12:00 pm EST

This program will be offered online for 3.0 CLE credit hours (pending approval). A certificate of attendance can be provided for those wishing to apply for CLE credit hours outside of Indiana. Although the program will be recorded for later viewing, no CLE credit will be offered for watching the recording.

### **Law & Policy Perspectives on Muslim Philanthropy: A Look at Waqf (Islamic Endowments) in Building a Strong and More Resilient Community in a Pluralistic Society**

**Session 1 (1 hour): 9 AM – 10 AM EST. What is the role of Islamic social finance in promoting economic justice in society – Rahma Hersi, Moderator**

**Panelists:**

- Prof. Lee Ann Bambach, JD, PhD, Emory University School of Law
- David John Doree Vicary, Former President and CEO of INCEIF- The Global University of Islamic Finance
- Prof. Dr. Frank Emmert, LL.M, PhD, FCI Arb, John S. Grimes Professor of Law and Executive Director, Center for International and Comparative Law, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law
- Salma Taman, LL.M '09, Associate Editor, European Journal of Law Reform

**Session 2 (1 hour): 10 AM – 11 AM EST. Understanding Islamic finance tools: An examination of the waqf – Micah Hughes, Moderator**

**Panelists:**

- Aboubacar Senghore, LL.M, PhD, Deputy Director General, Research Center for Islamic History, Art and Culture (IRCICA)
- Mwanakitina Bakari, LL.M, PhD, University of Nairobi

**Session 3 (1 hour): 11 AM – 12 PM EST. How Can NGOs engage with Islamic social finance? – Afshan Paarlberg, Moderator**

**Panelists:**

- Mohammed R. Kroessin, PhD, Islamic Relief UK
- Ummahani Amin, The Metropolitan Law Firm