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# Islamic Moral Theology and the Future Conference

7- 9 October 2023



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*Conference events at University of Sarajevo, Faculty  
of Islamic Studies, Cemerlina 54*



# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

## Saturday 7 October

Morning - Historic Tour of Sarajevo  
and lunch (departing from hotel,  
optional)

**4:30-5:30 PM**

### Opening Keynote Address

Conference events at University of  
Sarajevo, Faculty of Islamic Studies,  
Cemerlina 54

**Enes Karić**

“Traditional Muslim Moral Theology and its  
Implications for Individual and Communal  
Ethics of Responsibility and Care for  
Neighbor and Society”

**6:00 PM**

**Participant Dinner**

## Sunday 8 October

**8:30-9:30 AM**

Breakfast (at hotel)

Conference events at University of  
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Cemerlina 54



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9:30-11:00 AM

**Panel Session I: Ethics and Inclusivity in Muslim Communal Spaces**

**Tazeen Ali**

“The Mosque as a Site of Inclusivity: Muslim Women's Authority in US Islam”

**Syed Muhd Khairudin Aljuneid**

“*Pintu Kami Sentiasa Terbuka* (Our Doors are Always Open): Mosques in Southeast Asia as Cosmopolitan Hubs”

**Ismail Alatas**

“Brought up by the *zāwiya*: Immobility and Ethical Formation in Java’s Islamic Communal Spaces”

11:00-11:30 AM

**BREAK**

11:30-1:00 PM

**Panel Session 2: Muslim Communal Spaces in the American Context**

**Asma Sayeed & Fatima van Hattum**

“‘Out of the Earth of America’: The Built Environment and Communal Ethics of Abiquiú’s Dar al Islam”

**Maryam Eskandari**

“The Mosque: Models of Urban and Ecological Integration”

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1:00-2:30

Lunch

2:30-4:00

**Panel Session 3: Conceptions of Zakat and Economic Justice**

**Abdoulaye Ndiaye**

“Rethinking Economic Inequality Through Islamic Moral Theology”

**Esra Tunc**

“Zakatifying Finance”

**Maryam Kashani**

“Zakat and the Potential to Change Everything”

4:00-6:00 PM

BREAK

6:00

Participant Dinner

**Monday 9 October**

8:30-9:30 AM

Conference events at University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Islamic Studies, Cemerlina 54



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**9:30-11:00 AM**

**Panel Session 4: Ethics in the Face of Economic Inequalities**

**Atif Khalil**

“Charity, Detachment, & the Global Inequality of Wealth: Ruminations from the Muslim Tradition”

**Mohammed Gamal Abdelnour**

“The Islamic Theology of Poverty”

**Ermin Sinanovic**

“Making Islam Safe for Capitalism: The Political Economy of Islamic Finance”

**11:00-11:30 AM**

**BREAK**

**11:30-1:00 PM**

Working Lunch: Publishing and Future Prospects for the Project

Conference participant discussion of IMTF website, publication prospects, future trajectories



1:00-2:30 PM

**Panel Session 5: Local  
Community and Charitable  
Organizations in Sarajevo**

- **The Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- **Pomozi.ba**
- **Nahla.ba**

2:30-3:00 PM

**Closing Remarks**

**Maria Dakake and Martin Nguyen (15 mins)**

**Ahmet Alibasic (15 mins)**

3:00 PM

**Conference Concludes**

6:00 PM

**Participant Dinner (Optional)**

**Tuesday 10 October**

**Participant Departures**