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About SIO

Students Islamic Organisation of India (SIO) is a dynamic student body working in the country for holistic progress and academic excellence. SIO works hard to prepare Students and Youth for the reconstruction of society in the light of divine guidance. SIO engages in the academic realm with innovative approaches to reframe educational policies. It maintains a wide network of students and research scholars, who are creatively contributing to knowledge production and intellectual capital.

SIO envisages student activism as a necessary component of an individual responsible for society and community. It orients itself to reaching out to every nook and corner of universities and campuses and to take part in various students' engagements. We believe students should participate in the creative transformation of society and must attempt to put their stamp upon our times.

SIO formulates its policies and proposals for multifaceted growth of members through Islamic orientation and guidance. The various involvement of Students Islamic Organisation of India is visible in the current academic spheres. SIO ensures a platform of creative people with insightful vision and tireless mission.

About Conference

The Ongoing creative involvement of the scholarly zeal in Islamic Academic discourses offers solid crystallization of enlightened ideas. Needless to say, triggering such waves spreads the subsequent intellectual current. To stimulate that, SIO has come up with the India International Islamic Academic Conference (IIIAC), which aims to focus the objectives under three main themes: "Islamic Epistemology", " Identity Formation: Nation State, Civil Society and Islam" and "Civilizational Discourses in the Light of Maqasid al-Sharia".

Envisaging a stage for gathering to crack the hard-nut shells of ideas, this conference seeks to encourage the emergence of deep creative centres, which would turn out to be the critical helpers of developing vibrant scholarship. Indeed such scholarship fills up the lacuna of pragmatic approach to policymaking through developing new methodological tools which would be able to heal the mind-boggling discrimination and spine-chilling atrocities and provide comforting reassurance for installing social justice. It lets our minds open and receptive for knowledge which emphasises the practical implications, ensuring social and economic emancipation, by exploring the present social edifice and order.

This conference hopefully will debate it under the higher intents and objectives of Islamic law in the host environment which will subsequently end up in evolving and exploring new discourses and accelerate the academics to inexplicable heights. Inviting global eminent intellectuals and expert researchers, it will include the sessions to spur ideas on the themes from diverse lines of thoughts to share, collaborate and learn. We hope you will find the lectures useful and gratifying and wish that you share your contribution with us to help advance the knowledge on these vital issues. We thank and appreciate your presence for engaging in this expanding global academic experience which helps us to be

CONCEPT NOTE

ISLAMIC EPISTEMOLOGY

Knowledge production houses have always circumvolved around the epistemological foundations. With the seeds that germinated and gave rise to the discussions of the sources of knowledge ('Ilm) which instigated the amalgam of 'Revelation' (Way) and 'Reason' subversive to the long established thought patterns, Islamic epistemological tradition unleashed great intellectual upsurge. Clearing horizons obscured by the limited lines of discussions, it bolted and continued the debates in the academic discourses till date. The design outlined and enhanced with the trajectories of "Ijtihād", which stands as an undeniably striking feature of the Islamic knowledge tradition. It tackled the obstacles to extract solutions out of complex contextual necessities and posited as diplomatic immunity from momentous crises. Never leaving a fatal vacuum, the whirlwind of discussions emerged on Philosophical and Jurisprudential domains. The debates which acted as a protein for the Islamic intellectual exercise led to the emergence of the various 'schools of Jurisprudence' and other 'Philosophical schools', triggered discussions on every part and parcel of human lives. Hermeneutics, Texts and Contexts, Interpretations, doctrines amidst modernism and post modernism are consulted under this canvas. The discourse is spearheaded with various ideologies engaged with their theological and ideological baggage. The whole process is therefore bolstered with the developments of research methodologies and subsequent tools and are ought to be improvised for more insightful expansion and advancement.

IDENTITY FORMATION: NATION STATE, CIVIL SOCIETY AND ISLAM

The current political scenario engages with diverse critical approaches to the scope and end of nationalism and nation state with the emergence of various theoretical frameworks. The notions of citizenship and its exclusivist criteria have been challenged by the conscious engagements of multiple identities and marginalised sections in and out of a nation state. While the existing demographical divisions over Majority/Minority unleashing major means of innate violent genre of nation making and sustainability, discourses over exclusion and inclusion come up to the forefront. The emerging trends of Civil Society enrooted in various spheres of identity formulation are interrogating the narratives of mainstream polity and state apparatus. Analytical endeavours to restructure categories of discrimination in the light of Social Justice apparently invoke critical voices against the prevailing structural deficiencies in addressing Race, Caste, Gender and Minority. Offering a glimpse at Islamic Liberation Theology as an alternate critical approach toward such onslaughts of discriminations would be worthwhile to be discussed. The vital themes of various political projects that seek to position Islam in the centre of any social order can be analysed by recapitulating proceeding debates over Ummah, Khilafah and Islamism. Redefining norms of Plurality and Nationhood paves an approach to confront hegemonic measures by necessary critical exploration of Decoloniality, Post-nationalism and Post-secularism. Academic discourses over these wider themes will be held by emphasising newer cognizance in the contemporary global political circumstances.

CIVILIZATIONAL DISCOURSES IN THE LIGHT OF MAQĀSID AL SHARIA

The domain of Maqāsid al Shari'a (The higher intents of Islamic law) spreads over the whole scenario of civilizational discourses, in which human life can achieve diverse solutions through its contextual cognizance and pragmatic approaches. The foundation of Islamic Law can be concisely pointed out as "Bringing benefits and warding off evil" (Jalbul-Masālih wa Dar'-ul Mafāsid), which has been solely affirmed by the prophetic narration "Neither harming nor reciprocating harm". The appliance of these higher intends in the field of law and ethics must be thoroughly investigated through the prisms of existing debates. Various manifestations of civilizational achievements in our times underline a severe deficiency of sustainable developmental projects with venerable visions of a better future. The knowledge explosion in the arena of Science and Technology transformed the world into a global digital village. Meanwhile, these colossal developments coupled with enormous impacts on peoples' lives. Islam provides its benevolent principles of construction (Ta'mir), nevertheless maintaining a crucial caution over multiple means of destruction (Tadmir). The widening economic gap between the privileged and the dispossessed in a global scale and the existing exploitive inequalities compelled us in the realisation of inevitability of Inclusive economic development. Islam promotes a holistic vision of fulfilment of basic necessities (Hadd-ul Kifayah) and security (Amn) with its encompassing implications in different social circumstances. These broad themes would be analysed in the light of Maqāsid al Shari'a with a lenient emphasis of contemporary approaches in wider sphere of understanding.

THEMES

ISLAMIC EPISTEMOLOGY

- FOUNDATIONS OF ISLAMIC EPISTEMOLOGY
- ENGAGING EPISTEMOLOGICAL DISCOURSES
- PLACING CONTEXT IN KNOWLEDGE TRADITION
- ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE ON RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

IDENTITY FORMATION:NATION STATE, CIVIL SOCIETY AND ISLAM

- NATIONS RE-IMAGINED: ISSUES OF CITIZENSHIP
- NATION AND NATIONALISM: EXCLUSION AND INCLUSION
- CATEGORIES OF DISCRIMINATION: RACE, CASTE, GENDER AND MINORITY
- ISLAMIC LIBERATION THEOLOGY : RETROSPECT AND PROSPECTS
- RECAPITULATING DEBATES: UMMAH, KHILĀFAH, ISLAMISM, - PLURALITY AND NATIONHOOD

CIVILIZATIONAL DISCOURSES IN THE LIGHT OF MAQĀSID'AL SHARI'A

- CONTEMPLATION ON LAW AND ETHICS
- DEVELOPMENTAL ETHICS: AN ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE
- SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS
- INCLUSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- CONTEMPORARY APPROACHES TO ISLAMIC JURISPRUDENCE

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Important Dates

Deadline for abstract submission: **15 September 2016**

Notification of acceptance: **25 September 2016**

Deadline for final paper submission: **05 October 2016**

Upload your abstract at http://iiiac.in/call-for-papers/

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