

Second International Conference on
The Muslim Ummah
Fault Lines and Perils Facing Muslim Societies
The Challenges of Sectarianism, Secularism, Nationalism, and Colonialism

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CIGA is an independent, nonprofit, research and public policy institution based in Istanbul, Turkey, and affiliated with Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University. Its mission is “To conduct high quality research and analysis, educate the public and policy-makers, train experts, and propose novel ideas and policy recommendations regarding global policies and relations impacting the Islamic world, and the development and progress of Muslim societies.”

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Conference Topics and Objectives

For decades, scholars and academics have been debating the causes behind the steep decline in wealth and power across Muslim-majority countries during the past two centuries. There are certainly many explanatory theories for the resulting strategic weakness of many of these societies, their relative political disintegration, and the abject failure in maintaining functioning states capable of providing their citizens with basic social and economic needs. With the arrival of the colonial European powers in the nineteenth century, the collapse of the Ottoman Empire in the early twentieth century, the rise of the nation-state system, and the imposition of the neo-liberal order by global powers, Muslim societies have had to contend with great challenges from a vastly disadvantaged position.

The Center for Islam and Global Affairs (CIGA) at Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University (IZU), in cooperation with Alwaleed Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding (ACMCU) at Georgetown University in Washington DC, and the College of Islamic Studies (CIS) at Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) in Doha, Qatar, are convening their second annual international conference to discuss some of the most significant fault lines and perils facing Muslim societies today, particularly by focusing on the challenges of sectarianism, secularism, nationalism, colonialism, and the role of religion in society, especially in light of the retreat of the Arab Spring phenomenon.

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Last year, the conference aimed to re-examine the meaning of the Muslim Ummah in the modern world. This year, the conference will expound in greater detail on one of the topics discussed in the first conference, namely, the fault lines impeding the development and progress of Muslim societies.

The objective of the conference is to bring leading scholars in their respective fields in order to engage in thoughtful discussions regarding some of the major internal fault lines facing the Islamic world and explore appropriate responses. The panels will not only analyze these topics and present prescient assessments, but will also attempt to present practical perspectives to difficult challenges.

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Conference Program

Sunday, October 14, 2018

4:30-5:00 PM **Opening Session** IZU ISEFAM Auditorium

Program Chair: Dr. Sami A. Al-Arian, *CIGA Director, Istanbul, Turkey*

Welcoming Remarks: Dr. Mehmet Bulut, *Rector, IZU, Istanbul, Turkey*

Dr. Jonathan Brown, *Director, ACMCU,*

Georgetown University, Wash. DC, USA

Dr. Louay Safi, *College of Islamic Studies,*

Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha, Qatar

5:00-6:50 PM **Plenary Session** IZU ISEFAM Auditorium

Conflict and Struggle: The Legacy of Colonialism, Liberalism, and Modernity

Chair and Moderator: Dr. Sami A. Al-Arian, *IZU, Istanbul, Turkey*

Speakers:

Muslim Societies & the Legacy of Colonialism: What History Tells Us About Today

Dr. Halil Berktaç, *Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul, Turkey*

Liberalism versus Liberation: The Arab World at Present

Dr. Joseph Massad, *Columbia University, New York, USA*

Muslim Societies and Modernity: The Struggle for Liberation and Pluralism

Dr. Farid Esack, *University of Johannesburg, Johannesburg, South Africa*

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9:30-11:20 AM **Session I: The Challenge of Sectarianism** IZU ISEFAM Auditorium

Chair and Moderator: Dr. Ömer Çaha, *IZU, Istanbul, Turkey*

Speakers:

Politics and Religion: Understanding the Sunni-Shiite Divide

Dr. Ahmad Mousalli, *American University of Beirut, Lebanon*

The Authoritarian Roots of Sectarianism in the Middle East Today

Dr. Nader Hashemi, *University of Denver, Denver, CO, USA*

Introducing a Theoretical Paradigm for Interdenominational Harmony and Peace

Dr. Mehmet Ali Büyükkara, *Istanbul Şehir University, Istanbul, Turkey*

11:20-11:50 AM **Break**

11:50 AM-1:40 PM **Session II: The Challenge of Secularism** IZU ISEFAM Auditorium

Chair and Moderator: Dr. Nagihan Haliloğlu, *Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul, Turkey*

Speakers:

The Legacy and Impact of Revolution and Colonialism on French “Laïcité”

Dr. François Burgat, *National Centre for Scientific Research (NCSR), France*

The Secularism Debate in the Muslim World: Lessons from Turkey

Dr. Ömer Taşgetiren, *IZU, Istanbul, Turkey*

Secularism and Reform: How the Muslim Mind Maps Ideas and Trends

Dr. Heba Raouf Ezzat, *Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul, Turkey*

1:40-3:00 PM **Lunch**

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3:10-5:00 PM **Session III: Role of Religion in Society** IZU ISEFAM Auditorium

Chair and Moderator: Dr. Ravza Altuntaş Çakır, *IZU, Istanbul, Turkey*

Speakers:

Islam and Postmodernity: A View from Traditional Epistemology

Dr. Joseph Lombard, *College of Islamic Studies, HBKU, Doha, Qatar*

Religious and Doctrinal Challenges Facing Modern Muslims

Dr. Jonathan Brown, *Georgetown University, Wash. DC, USA*

Shari'ah and The Nation State: Governance, Law, and Society

Dr. Louay Safi, *College of Islamic Studies, HBKU, Doha, Qatar*

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9:30-11:20 AM **Session IV: The Challenge of Nationalism** IZU ISEFAM Auditorium

Chair and Moderator: Dr. Abdullah Al-Arian, *Georgetown University in Doha, Qatar*

Speakers:

The Paradox of Nationalism in South Asia: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Kashmir

Dr. Hafsa Kanjwal, *Lafayette College, PA, USA*

Rethinking Nationalism and Ethnic Identities in the Middle East

Dr. Sarah Shields, *University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, USA*

Islamic Multiculturalism and Muslim Nationalism in Turkey

Dr. Şener Aktürk, *Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey*

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11:50 AM-1:40 PM **Session V: The Challenge of Colonialism** IZU ISEFAM Auditorium

Chair and Moderator: Dr. Erhan İçener, *IZU, Istanbul, Turkey*

Speakers:

A Century after Sykes-Picot: A Critical Analysis of the Post-Ottoman Middle East

Mujeeb R. Khan, *University of California, Berkeley, CA, USA*

Israel as a Settler-Colonial State: Implications for the Greater Middle East

Dr. Joseph Massad, *Columbia University, New York, USA*

Dissecting American Hegemony Across the Muslim World

Dr. Sami A. Al-Arian, *IZU, Istanbul, Turkey*

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The Future of Muslim Societies in a Globalized World: Conversation with Scholars

Moderators: Dr. Sami A. Al-Arian, *IZU, Istanbul, Turkey*

Dr. Hussein ElKazzaz, *Director, Insan Center for Civilizational Studies, Istanbul, Turkey*

Panel I [3:10-4:25]: Abdullah Al-Arian (*Georgetown University in Doha*), Jonathan Brown (*Georgetown University, DC*), François Bugart (*NCSR, France*), Mujeeb R. Khan (*UC, Berkeley*), Joseph Massad (*Columbia*), Sarah Shields (*UNC*)

Panel II [4:30-5:45]: Mehmet Bulut (*IZU*), Farid Esack (*Uni. of Johannesburg, S. Africa*), Nagihan Haliloğlu, (*Ibn Haldun University*), Joseph Lumbard (*CIS-HBKU*), Ahmad Mousalli (*American University of Beirut*), Louay Safi (*CIS-HBKU*)

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Sener Aktürk is an Associate Professor at Koç University in Istanbul. His research and teaching focus on comparative politics; ethnicity, religion, and nationalism; post-Soviet Eurasia; and qualitative research methods. He received his BA and MA degrees from the University of Chicago, and his PhD in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley. He was a post-doctoral fellow in the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, and a visiting lecturer in the Department of Government, both at Harvard University. His book, *Regimes of Ethnicity and Nationhood in Germany, Russia, and Turkey* (Cambridge University Press, 2012) received the 2013 Joseph Rothschild book prize from the Association for the Study of Nationalities and the Harriman Institute at Columbia University. His articles were published in *World Politics*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Post-Soviet Affairs*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *European Journal of Sociology*, *Turkish Studies*, *Middle Eastern Studies*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Theoria*, *Ab Imperio*, *Insight Turkey*, *Turkish Policy Quarterly* and *Central Eurasian Studies Review*, among others. Dr. Aktürk is also the recipient of Peter H. Odegard Award (2006) and Teaching Effectiveness Award (2009) at UC Berkeley, Sakıp Sabancı International Research Award (2010), Baki Komsuoğlu Social Sciences Encouragement Prize (2011), European Commission Marie Curie International Reintegration Grant (2010-2014), Kadir Has Promising Scientist Award (2015), Turkish Academy of Sciences Outstanding Young Scientist Award (2016), Science Academy Young Scientist Award (2017), and Koç University Outstanding Teaching Award (2016-2017).

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Abdullah Al-Arian is an Associate Professor of History at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in Qatar. He received his doctorate in History from Georgetown University in 2011, where he wrote his dissertation on the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt during the decade of the 1970s. Dr. Al-Arian received his Master's degree in Sociology of Religion from the London School of Economics, and his BA in Political Science from Duke University. He is co-editor of the Critical Currents in Islam page on the *Jadaliyya e-zine*. He received several awards that allowed him to conduct field research in many countries. His book, entitled *Answering the Call: Popular Islamic Activism in Sadat's Egypt*, was published by Oxford University Press in 2014. He is currently writing a book that explores the relationship between nationalism and Islamism or the tendency of Islamic political movements to adopt the nation-state paradigm in pursuit of their activist mission in six Arab countries. Dr. Al-Arian teaches introductory courses on the history of the Middle East, as well as advanced topics courses covering the history of modern Egypt, Islamic social movements, Islamic law and society, and the history of US policy towards the Middle East. He is also a frequent contributor to the Al-Jazeera English network as well as other websites and publications and has been a frequent commentator on many media outlets around the world.

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Sami A. Al-Arian is the Director of the Center for Islam and Global Affairs (CIGA) and Public Affairs Professor at Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University. He received his PhD in Computer Engineering in 1986, and was a tenured academic in the US for two decades receiving best teaching awards at the University of South Florida (1993 and 1994) and several grants, as well as having over forty publications to his credit. During his four decades in the US (1975-2015), Dr. Al-Arian founded numerous institutions and publications in the fields of education, research, religion and interfaith, as well as civil and human rights. He was a prolific speaker across many US campuses, especially on Palestine, Islam and the West, and civil rights. In 2001, he was named by *Newsweek* the “premier civil rights activist” in the US for his efforts to repeal the use of Secret Evidence in immigration courts. In 2012, he was profiled by historians in the *Encyclopedia of American Dissidents* as one of only three Muslims in the US out of 152 dissidents and prisoners of conscience that were included in the series from the past century (along with Malcolm X and Muhammad Ali). His US story was featured in 2007 in the award-winning documentary “US vs. Al-Arian,” and in 2016 in the book “Being Palestinian.” Dr. Al-Arian has written several studies and numerous articles focusing on US foreign policy, Palestine, and the Arab Spring phenomena. His book of poetry on spirituality, Palestine, and human rights “*Conspiring Against Joseph*” was published in 2004.

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Session III - Monday, October 15
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Ravza Altuntaş-Çakır is a lecturer at the Political Science and International Relations Department at Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University, Istanbul. She completed her BA (*magna cum laude*) in International Studies at American University of Sharjah, UAE, and MA (with distinction) in International Relations-Middle East at Durham University, UK. In 2018, she obtained her PhD in Political Science at Durham University's School of Government and International Affairs. Her research areas include political theory, modern Islamic thought, democracy, and multiculturalism. She is particularly interested in youth education, women's rights, and empowerment issues. She has participated in projects to support these causes in Turkey, UAE, India, Jordan, and the UK.

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Halil Berktaş is Professor and Chairman of the Department of History at Ibn Haldun University. He was a member of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Sabancı University (1998-2016), as well as a program coordinator of its summer school and the joint Sabancı-Harvard Summer School. Dr. Berktaş received his BA and MA degrees in Economics from Yale University in the US (both in 1968), and his PhD in History from University of Birmingham, UK, in 1991. Professor Berktaş has taught at the Political Science Department of Ankara University, the Middle East Technical University, Boğaziçi University, as well as at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and on two separate occasions at Harvard University (in 1997 and 2007-2008). Dr. Berktaş's research interests include historiography (general and Turkish); debates over pre-capitalist modes of production and theories of feudalism; attempts at conceptualising the Ottoman social formation; the formation of Turkish nationalism and national memory; revolutions and military takeovers; the Turkish revolutions in comparative perspective; the human costs of modernity and the nation-state, remembering and forgetting; history curricula and textbooks in the Balkans; and history of Marxism and socialism. Dr. Berktaş has published six books, two edited books, and many articles in several languages including Turkish, English, German, and Hungarian.

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Jonathan Brown is the Alwaleed bin Talal Chair of Islamic Civilization in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. He is also the Director of the Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown University. He received his BA in History from Georgetown University in 2000, and his doctorate in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations from the University of Chicago in 2006. Dr. Brown has studied and conducted research in many countries including Egypt, Syria, Turkey, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, South Africa, India, Indonesia, and Iran. His book publications include *The Canonization of al-Bukhari and Muslim: The Formation and Function of the Sunni Hadith Canon* (Brill, 2007), *Hadith: Muhammad's Legacy in the Medieval and Modern World* (Oneworld, 2009) and *Muhammad: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press, 2011), which was selected for the National Endowment for the Humanities' Bridging Cultures Muslim Journeys Bookshelf. His book, *Misquoting Muhammad: The Challenges and Choices of Interpreting the Prophet's Legacy* (Oneworld, 2014), was named one of the top books on religion in 2014 by *The Independent*. He has published articles in the fields of Hadith, Islamic law, Salafism, Sufism, Arabic lexical theory and Pre-Islamic poetry and is the Editor-in-Chief of the Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Law. Dr. Brown's current research interests include Islamic legal reform and a translation of Sahih al-Bukhari.

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Dr. François Burgat is a political scientist and Arabist, as well as a Senior Research Fellow (Emeritus) at the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS). Between May 2008 and April 2013, Dr. Burgat was the Director of the French Institute for the Near East (IFPO) serving in Damascus and Beirut. He had also lived in the Middle East for over 24 years, where he taught at the University of Constantine, Algeria (1973-1980), the CEDEJ in Cairo (1989-1993), and as the Director of the French Centre for Archaeology and Social Sciences in Sana'a, Yemen (1997-2003). He also served at the IREMAM (Institut de Recherches et d'Études sur le Monde Arabe et Musulman) in Aix-en-Provence (2003-2008). Dr. Burgat has lectured at a wide range of academic institutions and think tanks across the world. Among many books he is the author of *The Islamic Movement in North Africa* (University of Texas Press, 1997), *Face to Face with Political Islam* (IB Tauris, 2002), *Islamism in the shadow of al-Qaeda*, (University of Texas Press at Austin 2008), and “*Comprendre l’Islam politique : une trajectoire sur l’altérité islamiste 1973-2016*” (Paris, La Découverte 2016, Manchester University Press 2018).

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Mehmet Bulut is the Rector of Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University as well as a Professor of Economics and Economic History. He received his PhD from the University of Utrecht in the Netherlands in 2000, and MA from Posthumus Institute (1998) in the field of Economic History. He received his BS and MA degrees from Dokuz Eylül University in Economics. Dr. Bulut taught at Başkent University and served as the chair of its Economics Department. He became Dean of the College of Political Sciences and Vice-President at Yıldırım Beyazıt University in 2011, and served as a member of the Turkish Academy of Sciences (TUBA) in 2012. He has also served as a member of the board of directors in several public and private companies. Dr. Bulut is currently working on long-term economic changes and development, economic performance comparisons and differences between countries, international political economy, the Ottoman-European-Atlantic economic relations, economic history, history of economic thought, and of economic and financial institutions. As a visiting scholar, he has been to Dalarna (Sweden), Cambridge (England), as well as Harvard and Princeton Universities. Dr. Bulut has many publications in refereed international academic journals including the American Journal of Economics and Sociology, Journal of Economic and Social History of the Orient, Journal of European Economic History, Middle Eastern Studies, and Journal for the Study of Religions and Ideologies. He currently serves as the general editor of the Journal of Islamic Economics and Finance, and ADAM Academy Journal of Social Sciences.

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Mehmet Ali Büyükkara completed his BA (1990) and MA (1993) studies at Marmara University in theology, and received his PhD in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Edinburgh (1997). After returning to Turkey, he became Associate Professor (2000) and Professor (2006) at the Faculty of Theology, Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University. He subsequently joined the academic staff of Marmara University in 2009 and Istanbul Şehir University in 2012. Beside Islamic denominations and the classical schools of theology, his particular research areas include Shi'ism, Salafism, contemporary Islamic trends and movements, and the relation between politics and religion in Islam.

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Ömer Çaha is Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University. His areas of research include women's movements, political theory, and theory of democracy. Dr. Çaha has many books and publications in English and Turkish including; *Women and Civil Society in Turkey: Women's Movements in a Muslim Society* (2012); *Türkiye'de Cam Tavan Sendromu* [Glass Ceiling Syndrome in Turkey, 2016] (with Havva Çaha and Sare Aydın); *Dünyada ve Türkiye'de Siyasi İdeolojiler* [Political Ideologies in Turkey and the World, 2014] (with Bican Şahin); *Değişen Türkiye'de Kadın* [Women in Changing Turkey, 2014] (with Havva Çaha and Sare Aydın); *Sivil Toplum ve Devlet* [Civil Society and the State, 6th ed., 2014]; *Kadın Örgütleri ve Yerel Demokrasi* [Women's Organizations and Local Democracy, 2012] (with Havva Çaha); *Women and Politics: Class Differences in Feminism*, 2008. He also co-edited several volumes including *Türkiye'de ve Dünyada Aile* [Family in the World and in Turkey, 2006], and *Process of EU Enlargement in the 21st Century: New Challenges*, (with Peter Terem), published in 2005 by the University of Matej Bel.

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Hussein ElKazzaz received his Master of Business Administration degree, as well as PhD in Business Administration and Organizational Behavior (1988) from Ohio State University. Dr. Elkazzaz was Assistant Professor of Management at Alexandria University, Egypt (1988-1992, 1999-2000). He was the Co-founder and former Managing Director of Skopos Consulting Group in the Middle East (2002-2012), an organizational development consulting firm operating in the MENA region. In 2012-2013, he served as senior advisor to the democratically elected president of Egypt in charge of the Integrated National Development Strategic Project. Currently, he is the Director of *Insan Center for Civilization Studies*, an Istanbul-based think tank focusing on issues of Ummah revival and new paradigms of Islamic civilization. Dr. ElKazzaz is the author of two published books on management and editor of internal project reports on integrated development and Ummah revival at the Center.

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Farid Esack is a scholar of Islam and the Qur'an, and a veteran in the South African struggle for liberation. Dr. Esack completed the *Darsi Nizami* in madrasahs in Karachi, Pakistan, received his PhD from the University of Birmingham (UK), and conducted post-doctoral research at *The Samt Georgen Philosophische Theologische Hochschule* in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. He is the author of, amongst others, *Qur'an, Liberation and Pluralism, On Being a Muslim, An Introduction to the Qur'an*, and *Islam, HIV & AIDS: Between Scorn Pity & Justice*. He has published on Islam, gender, liberation theology, interfaith relations, and Qur'anic hermeneutics. Dr. Esack served as Commissioner for Gender Equality in South Africa, and has taught at a number of universities across the globe, including Universities of the Western Cape, as well as in Amsterdam, Hamburg, Gadjah Mada (Yogyakarta), Xavier Universities (Ohio), and Union Theological Seminary (New York). Before moving to the University of Johannesburg, where he is Professor in the field of Islam, he served as Professor of Contemporary Islam at Harvard University. He is the President Emeritus of the International Qur'anic Studies Association and is the Chairperson of Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) in South Africa. A veteran of the struggle against Apartheid and an activist in the inter-religious solidarity movement for justice and peace, he was recently presented with the Order of Luthuli (Sliver), South Africa's highest national award for "his brilliant contribution to academic research and to the fight against race, gender, class and religious oppression".

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Heba Raouf Ezzat is currently on the faculty of the Political Science Department at Ibn Haldoun University in Istanbul. She was an Assistant Professor of Political Science and Deputy Director of the Center for Humanities and Interdisciplinary Studies at Cairo University, as well as an Adjunct Professor at the American University in Cairo. She was also a Visiting Fellow at Oxford University, University of Westminster, University of California at Berkeley, Georgetown University, and Oxford's Centre for Islamic Studies. Dr. Ezzat received her BA, MA, and PhD degrees from the University of Cairo in political science in 1987, 1995, and 2007 respectively. She has researched and written on many topics including global civil society, building global democracy, women and politics in Islam, faith and citizenship, and political and social movements in Islam. Some of her publications include *Women, Ethics and Religion* (Co-authored with Nawal Saadawi in the form of a debate, 2000), *On the Future of Women and Politics in the Arab World*, a chapter in *Islam in Transition: Muslim Perspectives* (edited by John J. Donodue and John L. Esposito, Oxford University Press, 2006), and *The Political Imagination of Islamists: A Conceptual Analysis* (in Arabic, 2nd ed. 2015). She has served as a member of the C-100 initiative for Islamic-Western understanding set up by the World Economic Forum, where she was named a Young Global Leader in 2005.

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Nagihan Haliloğlu is a lecturer in Comparative Literature at Ibn Haldun University in Istanbul. She holds an MS in Oriental Studies from the University of Oxford and a PhD in English from the University of Heidelberg. Her book on Jean Rhys, *Narrating from the Margins: Self-Representation of Female and Colonial Subjectivities in Jean Rhys's Novels*, was published by Rodopi in 2011. She has published articles on multiculturalism, modernism, travel writing, and contemporary Turkish literature. She has given talks and held workshops on literature, cinema, and theatre at various universities. Her reviews have appeared in The Millions, Full Stop, and the Royal Society for Asian Affairs blog. She also writes reviews in English and Turkish for media outlets in Turkey.

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Nader Hashemi is the Director of the Center for Middle East Studies and an Associate Professor of Middle East and Islamic Politics at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver. He obtained his doctorate from the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto and was previously an Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at Northwestern University and a Visiting Assistant Professor at the UCLA Global Institute. His intellectual and research interests lie at the intersection of comparative politics and political theory, particularly in debates on religion and democracy, secularism and its discontents, Middle East and Islamic politics, democratic and human rights struggles in non-Western societies, and Islam-West relations. He is the author of *Islam, Secularism and Liberal Democracy: Toward a Democratic Theory for Muslim Societies* (Oxford University Press, 2009), and co-editor of *The People Reloaded: The Green Movement and the Struggle for Iran's Future* (Melville House, 2011), *The Syria Dilemma* (MIT Press, 2013) and *Sectarianization: Mapping the New Politics of the Middle East* (Oxford University Press, 2017). He is frequently interviewed by PBS, NPR, CNN, Al Jazeera, Pacifica Radio and the BBC and his writings have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *Wall Street Journal*, *The Globe and Mail* (Toronto), CNN.com among other media outlets.

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Erhan İçener is Assistant Professor and Vice Chair of the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University. He holds BSc in International Relations from Middle East Technical University, MSSc with Distinction in European Integration, and PhD in European Studies from Queen's University Belfast (QUB). He received Chevening Scholarship for his Master's degree and the QUB International Postgraduate Research Student Scholarship and University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) Scholarship for his PhD study entitled "*Explaining European Union Enlargement: A Comparative Study of Romania and Turkey*". Dr. İçener's research and publications focus on EU enlargement, EU external relations, Turkey and Romania's integration with the EU and the Cyprus issue. His work has been published in peer-reviewed journals including *Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, *Perspectives on European Politics and Society* and *Insight Turkey*. Dr. İçener also contributed chapters to edited books focusing on EU enlargement. His forthcoming chapter "*The EU's role in the Cyprus conflict: a Turkish perspective*" will be published in *Cyprus and the Roadmap for Peace: A Critical Interrogation of the Conflict* (Edward Elgar, 2018, edited by Michális S. Michael and Yücel Vural).

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Hafsa Kanjwal is Assistant Professor of South Asian History at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania. She completed her PhD in history and women's studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and her Bachelor's from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. Her dissertation was titled, *"Building a New Kashmir: Bakshi Ghulam Muhammad and the Politics of State-Formation in a Disputed Territory (1953-1963)."* She is a founding member of Critical Kashmir Studies, a network that promotes critical scholarship and engagement on the region. Dr. Kanjwal has written and provided critical analysis for a variety of news outlets including The Washington Post, Al Jazeera English, Kindle Magazine, Salon, Foreign Policy Magazine, Kashmir Life, Kashmir Ink, and the Al Jazeera Center for Study.

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Mujeeb R. Khan was a Fulbright Research Fellow in the Persian Gulf and has published extensively on the politics and history of the modern Middle East. He has been published in leading academic journals such as *East European Politics and Societies*, *Arab Studies Quarterly*, and the *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*. He has also been published in the *New York Times*, *Al-Jazeera*, and *Current History*. His latest publication is a chapter in the new volume, *Turkey's July 15 Coup: What Happened and Why?* (Ed. M. Hakan Yavuz and Bayram Balci, The University of Utah Press, 2018). He holds advanced degrees in political science from the University of Chicago and UC Berkeley and is fluent in and has conducted field work in Hindi-Urdu, Arabic, Turkish, and Serbo-Croatian-Bosnian, and reads French and German.

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Joseph E. B. Lombard is Associate Professor of Quranic Studies at the College of Islamic Studies (CIS) in Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU), Doha. Dr. Lombard has previously taught at the American University of Sharjah, Brandeis University, and the American University in Cairo. He also served as Advisor for Interfaith Affairs to the Jordanian Royal Court. He received his PhD in Islamic Studies from Yale University and has studied with scholars in Morocco, Egypt, Yemen, Jordan, and Iran. His scholarship contributes to the fields of Islamic Philosophical Theology, Sufism, and Quranic Studies. He served as author, translator and Managing General Editor for *The Study Quran* (HarperOne 2015), which has been heralded as one of the most important contributions to Islamic Studies in the English language. In addition to articles in the fields of Quranic Studies and Islamic Thought, he is the author of *Aḥmad al-Ghazālī, Remembrance, and the Metaphysics of Love* (SUNY Press, 2016) and *Submission, Faith and Beauty: The Religion of Islam* (Zaytuna, 2009), and the editor of *Islam, Fundamentalism, and the Betrayal of Tradition* (2nd edition, 2010).

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Joseph Massad is Professor of Modern Arab Politics and Intellectual History at Columbia University. He is the author of dozens of books and academic and journalistic articles, including *Colonial Effects, The Making of National Identity in Jordan* (Columbia University Press, 2001), *The Persistence of the Palestinian Question: Essays on Zionism and the Palestinians* (Routledge 2006), *Desiring Arabs* (University of Chicago Press, 2007), and *Islam in Liberalism* (University of Chicago Press, 2015). His books and articles have been translated in a number of languages including Arabic, French, Spanish, Italian, Turkish, Japanese, German, Russian, Persian, Dutch, and Swedish.

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Ahmad S. Moussalli is Professor of Political Science and Islamic Studies at the American University of Beirut. Dr. Moussalli was the recipient of the 2004 Fulbright Visiting Specialist Award; the recipient of several selections of an Outstanding Academic Book by Choice, The Current Reviews of Academic Books in the US in 1994, 2000, 2001, and 2003; 1999 Abd al-Hadi al-Dibs Prize in the field of Islamic Sciences; 1999-2000 Senior Fellowship, United States Institute of Peace; 1995-99 Research Grant, Earhart Foundation; 1998 Fulbright Research Grant; The 1992 Abdul Hamid Shoman Prize for Young Arab Scholars in the Social Sciences, Amman Jordan; and the 1993 Islamic Fundamentalism and World Order, A Best-seller Book, International Book Exhibition, 1993. Prof. Mousalli has dozens of publications including the following books: *Wahhabism, Salafism, and Islamism: Who is the Enemy?*; *U.S. Foreign Policy and Islamist Politics*; *Dialectics of Shura and Democracy: Democracy and Human Rights in Islamic Thought*; *A History of Islamic Legal Theories*; *Encyclopedia of Islamic Movements in the Arab World, Iran and Turkey*; *Islamic Movements: Impact on Political Stability in the Arab World*; *The West, the United States, and Political Islam*; *Images of Islam in the Western World and Images of the West in the Islamic World*; *Roots of the Intellectual's Crisis in the Arab Homeland*; *Understanding Islam: Basic Principles*; *Moderate and Radical Islamic Fundamentalism: the Quest for Modernity, Legitimacy and the Islamic State*; *Islamic Fundamentalism: Myths and Realities*; *Radical Islamic Fundamentalism: The Ideological and Political Discourse of Sayyid Qutb*.

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Louay M. Safi is professor of Political Science at the College of Islamic Studies (CIS) in Hamad bin Khalifa University (HBKU), Doha, and senior fellow at the Institute of Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU). Dr. Safi has taught at several universities, including Wayne State University, the University of Michigan (1988-92), the International Islamic University of Malaysia (1994-99), The George Washington University (2001-2002), Indiana University and Purdue University at Indianapolis (2009-2010), and Georgetown University (2010-2011). Dr. Safi has been active in defending human rights and promoting democracy for over two decades. He is a founding member of the Syrian National Council (SNC) and the Syrian National Coalition (2011-14). He is also co-founder and first chair of the Syrian American Council (2005-2011), and co-founder and former board member of the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy (1999-2007). He is the author of fifteen books, including *The Qur'anic Narrative* (Praeger, 2008), *Tensions and Transitions in the Muslim World*, (University Press of America, 2003), *Peace and the Limits of War* (IIIT, 2001), and *The Challenge of Modernity* (University Press of America, 1994). Dr. Safi has served as Dean of Research and member of the University Senate at the International Islamic University of Malaysia (1997-99), Executive Director (1995-97) and Director of Research (1999-2003) of the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT), Editor of the American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences (1999-2003), and President of the Association of Muslim Social Scientists in the US (1999-2003).

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Sarah Shields earned her PhD from the University of Chicago in 1986. She has been at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill since 1993, and is now Professor and Director of Graduate Studies. Her book, *Fezzes in the River: Identity Politics and European Diplomacy in the Middle East on the Eve of World War II* (Oxford University Press, 2011), is a social and diplomatic history of the contest between France and Turkey over the Sanjak of Alexandretta (1936–1940). Her previous book, *Mosul before Iraq: Like Bees Making Five-Sided Cells* (State University Press of New York, 2000), analyzes the economy and society of nineteenth-century Mosul and the region surrounding it. She is currently researching the long-term impact of the League of Nations on the Middle East. She teaches courses on the modern Middle East, the history of Iraq, the Arab-Israeli conflict, water in the Middle East, and the development and consequences of nationalism and borders in the region. She has been named a “Favorite Geek” by the Independent Weekly.

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Ömer Taşgetiren is an Assistant Professor in the Political Science and International Relations Department at Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University. He received his BA degree from Boğaziçi University (2005), his MA from University of Georgia (2010), and his PhD from Georgia State University (2016). His dissertation title was *Rethinking Turkish Laicism in Light of the Debates about Liberal Neutrality*. He published book chapters and journal articles on such topics as sociology of religion in Turkey, the rights of non-liberal people within a liberal state, the possibility and desirability of liberal neutrality, and reception of liberal ideas in Turkey. His research interests include comparative political theory, liberalism and its critiques, secularism, Islamic political thought, and comparative politics.

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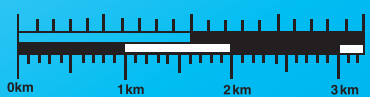
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