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MI Progress Report 2021

Building a Global Maqasid Research Network



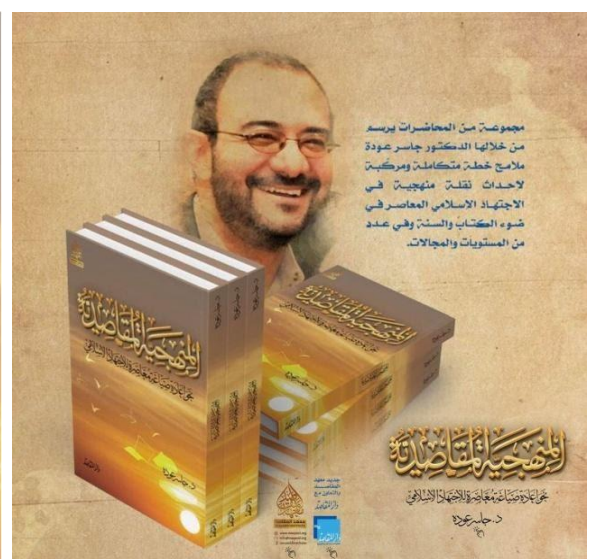
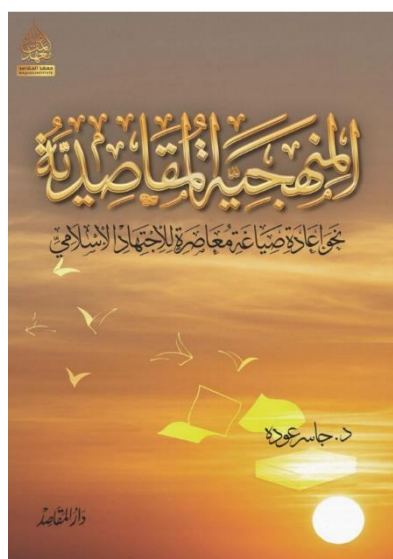
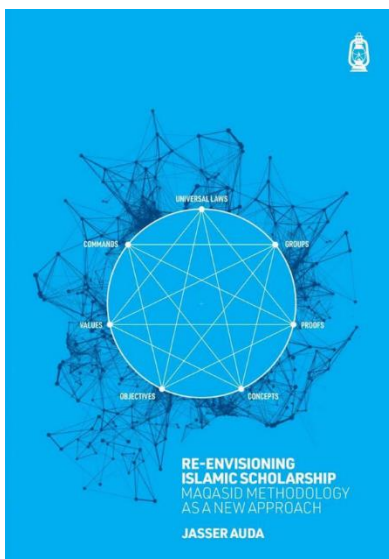
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MI's Story in 2021

Substantial Progress & Rapid Growth

In a hard-hit world by Covid-19, important milestones were achieved this past year by Allah's grace. These include: publication of the New Maqasid Methodology (NMM) as framed by Prof. Jasser Auda, MI President, in both Arabic and English books that establish the institute's intellectual identity, formation of the advisory and editorial board of the Journal of Contemporary Maqasid Studies (JCMS) in serious steps taken to increase the journal's academic strength given the first issue is due by the end of the year, massive growth of members of the Maqasid Research Network (MRN) to over 850 researchers from more than 55 countries, the start of a monthly newsletter to stay in touch with members, the training of over 250 members in NMM, the formation of two research groups with the aim to apply the maqasid methodology, and last but not least taking research & education to a new level by having MI senior staff teaching courses in contemporary Muslim societies and organizations, public policy and economics & finance from an Islamic perspective in a continuing & fruitful partnership with the



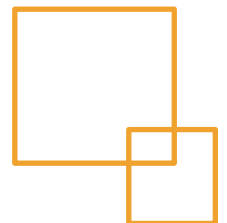
International Peace College of South Africa (IPSA) as well as in two summer schools in Turkey and Kyrgystan. Additionally, a research manager has been appointed to identify research topics and supervise research groups, ensuring their contribution applies concretely to (NMM). Alhamdulillah for all of these achievements and we ask Allah for His continuous blessings.

New Maqasid Methodology (NMM)

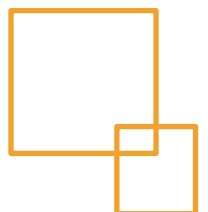
Prof. Auda was keen to have an internal discussion forum with the team around the new book pre-publication to incorporate the feedback aiming for a comprehensive presentation. The book, titled "Re-envisioning Islamic Scholarship: Maqasid Methodology as a New Approach, " was published in



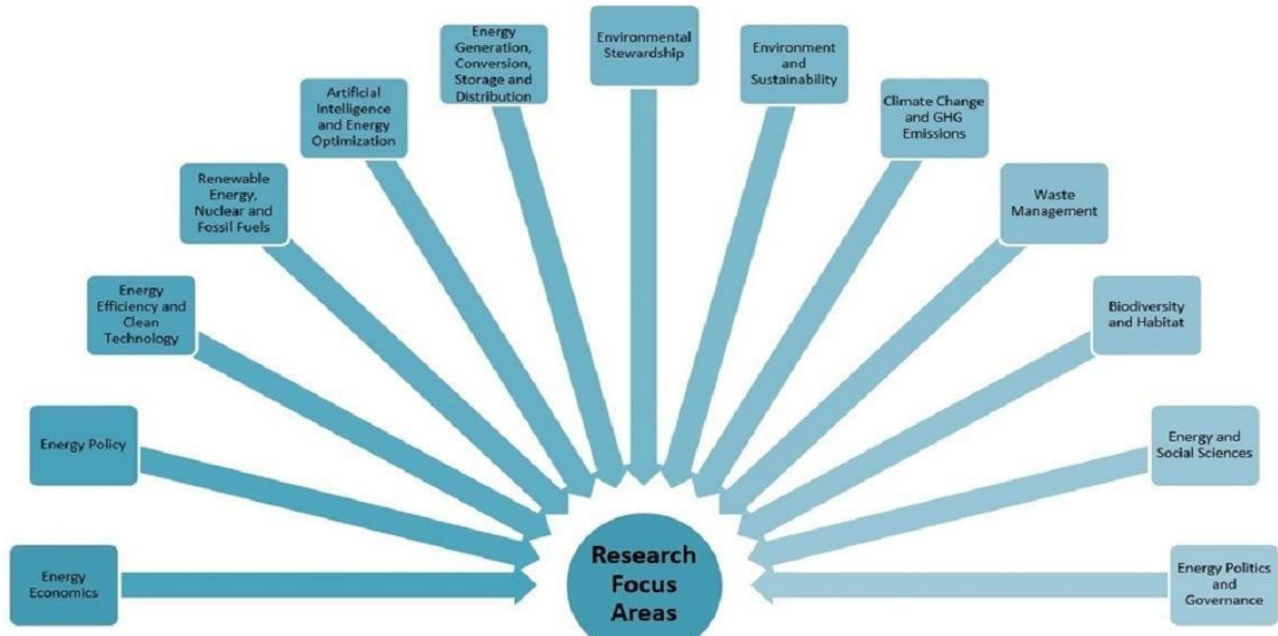
English by Claritas (UK) and in Arabic by Dar Al-Maqasid (Egypt). An Arabic e-book version is also available on Google Play Store with the English version following soon. Intensive courses, programs and discussion workshops with participants from all over the world were held around the book in the past few months post publication in both languages engaging in total around 250 participants who make over a quarter of MRN members from several countries such as Indonesia, Malaysia, India, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Oman, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco and Turkey. A number of researchers expressed interest in adopting the methodology at the end of the program. Their enrollment in research groups is underway. Furthermore, an e-learning version of the maqasid methodology program will be available as a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) soon inshallah.



Furthermore, a recent Ethiopian TV show exploring different schools of Islamic thought will be discussing Prof. Auda's book. MI President was also featured in a new book about Maqasid thinking from prophethood to the present time being one of the pioneers in the field. The book is written by a research fellow in Maqasid Institute Malaysia (MIM) in Malay.



Research



The first application of NMM was in the field of innovation and in particular research and development of pharmaceuticals led by Dr. Basma Abdelgafar, MI VP. The aim of the research is to identify the diverse and complex ways in which the Quran addresses this subject so that we can better critique and assess modern instruments that promote or hinder innovation. Dr. Abdelgafar has extensive expertise, both academic and practical, in the policy sciences with a focus on innovation, pharmaceuticals and access to medicines. Her commentary on the potential IP-waiver for COVID-19 vaccines that is currently being negotiated in several international fora was published by the American University in Cairo's Alternative Policy Solutions Centre. She has presented the main ideas of her research in a number of seminars to global audiences.

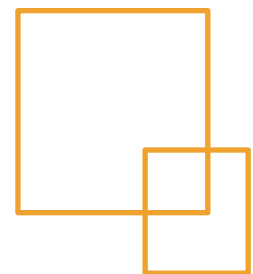
The second application was in the field of energy and environment around which the first research group was formed at the institute and led by Dr. Azzam Abu-Rayash, Research Fellow at MI. The aim is to explore and develop the Islamic worldview associated with multidisciplinary topics such as energy and environmental sustainability.

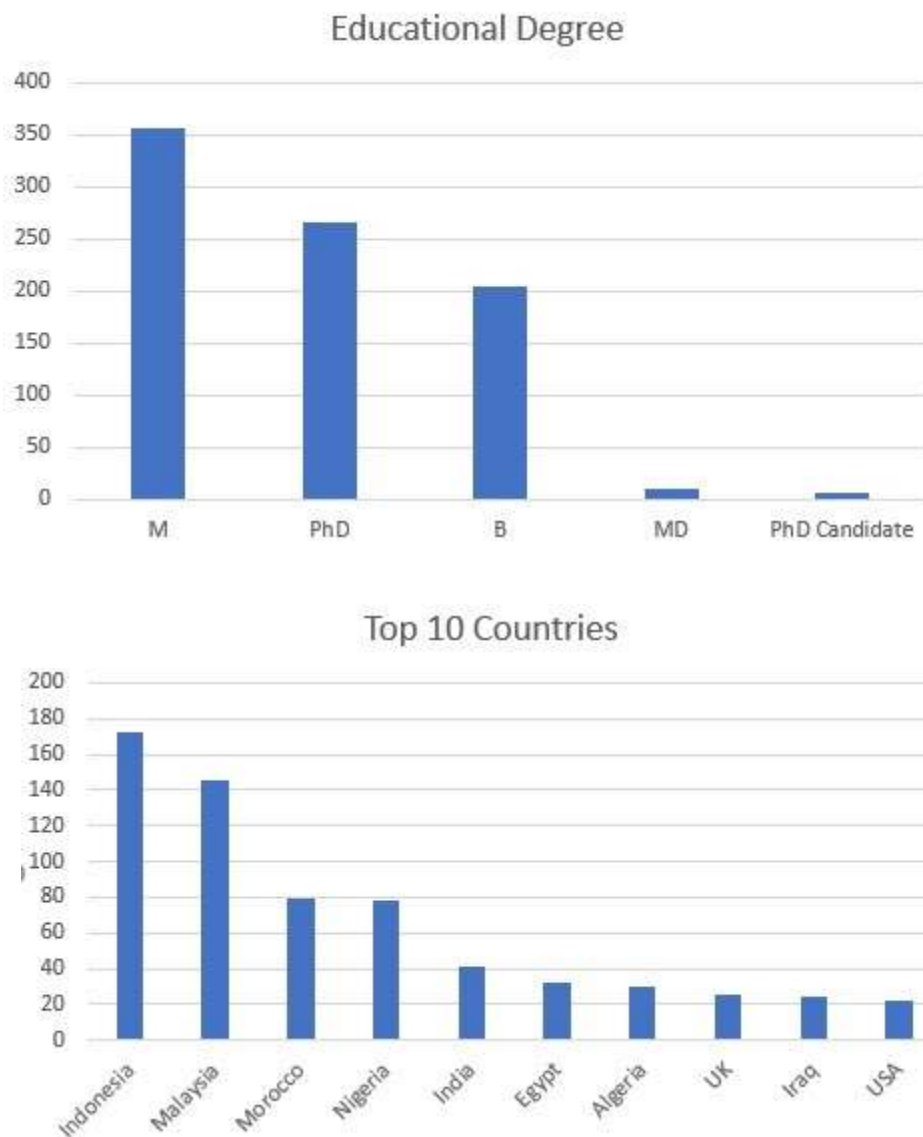
Dr. Abu-Rayash has extensive academic and industrial experience in the field and currently advises the Canadian government on energy and environment sustainability matters.

Further research groups in various disciplines are to follow in 2021 actively contributing to Islam's moral and intellectual leadership on the issues vexing humanity today from Intellectual property rights of life saving medicine like COVID19 vaccines, climate protection, sustainable development to wholistic education.

Maqasid Research Network (MRN)

Maqasid Research Network (MRN) has rapidly grown over the past year particularly in 2021 in parallel with the public lectures held on a monthly basis in addition to activities related to the Maqasid Methodology Program. MRN now is getting closer to 1000 members who are granted access to special programs, courses and events that enhance their skills in research and/or teaching and lecturing at MI and beyond as the institute organizes different educational programs on its own and with partners around the world. Furthermore, they will benefit from a 6000+ maqasid bibliography that is underway and will be accessible in the next few months inshallah. A better idea of the members can be gained from the following charts:





In order to activate MI's research network, Dr. Baptiste (Yahya) Brodard was appointed as a research manager to identify research topics and supervise research groups, ensuring their contribution applies concretely to the New Maqasid Methodology (NMM) with research projects divided into:

- **Usuli Studies** : to develop a theological reflection based on primary sources (Quran – Sunnah)
- **Disciplinary Studies**: to understand what are the proper Islamic views within various disciplines such as sociology, psychology, medicine, environment, and so on.

- **Phenomena Studies:** to analyze concrete phenomena and provide innovative solutions based on the NMM.
- **Strategic Studies:** to ensure that the NMM is implemented by organizations in order to achieve social change.

Maqasid Action Network

MI also aims to institutionalize the process of transforming visionary ideas and academic research into high-impact gradual Islah projects. This is to be realized through the establishment of a Maqasid Action Network to coordinate and synergize the efforts of the more than 50 institutional partners of MI and which we can hopefully report on in the next annual report when research groups bear fruit.

Education

Intensive courses:



In parallel with the NMM book, intensive courses were held throughout 4 weeks to present and discuss the methodology engaging with researchers, scholars and professional experts in different disciplines.

Educational courses:

Additionally, MI has been giving some educational courses in a continuing partnership with the International Peace College of South Africa (IPSA). Courses given in the past year were:

1. Contemporary Islamic Law by Prof. Jasser Auda

Introducing "Fiqh" as a comprehensive revealed concept and also a historical heritage, and "Contemporary Fiqh" as an Islamic approach to all aspects of life in order to achieve the revealed higher objectives.

2. An Islamic Perspective on Governance by Dr. Basma Abdelgafar

Mining Islam's primary sources, the Qur'an and Sunnah, to explore governance, policy and leadership, through the four pillars of public policy in Islam – tawhid (unification), maqasid (objectives of the shariah), shura (collective decision-making) and islah (rectification) – and how they are intended to guide public affairs at multiple levels.

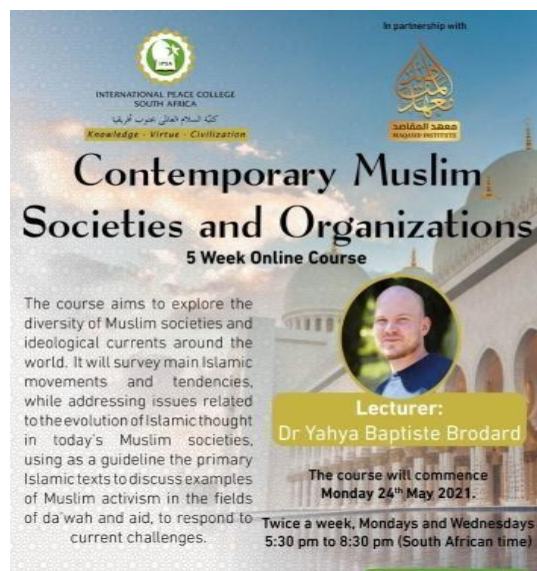
3. Contemporary Muslim Societies and Organizations by Dr. Baptiste Brodard

Surveying main Islamic movements and tendencies while addressing issues related to the evolution of Islamic thought in today's Muslim societies, using the primary Islamic texts as a guideline to discuss examples of Muslim activism in the fields of Da'awah and aid to respond to current challenges. Despite Covid circumstances, Dr. Brodard traveled to South Africa for his course to give classes on the ground at school which were also live-streamed.



4. Islamic Economics & Finance by Dr. Zaid Barzinji & Dr. Ildus Rafikov

Introducing the basics of Islamic economics, its higher objectives and how it challenges the capitalist model discussing the Islamic worldview alongside the Islamic economic methodology and system features. It also deals with market functions, consumer behavior, resource distribution and sustainability and the global economic order. Riba prohibition and principles of Islamic banking and finance are tackled as well.



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Contemporary Muslim Societies and Organizations
5 Week Online Course

The course aims to explore the diversity of Muslim societies and ideological currents around the world. It will survey main Islamic movements and tendencies, while addressing issues related to the evolution of Islamic thought in today's Muslim societies, using as a guideline the primary Islamic texts to discuss examples of Muslim activism in the fields of da'wah and aid, to respond to current challenges.

Lecturer:
Dr Yahya Baptiste Brodard

The course will commence
Monday 24th May 2021.
Twice a week, Mondays and Wednesdays
5:30 pm to 8:30 pm (South African time)



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Islamic Economics and Finance

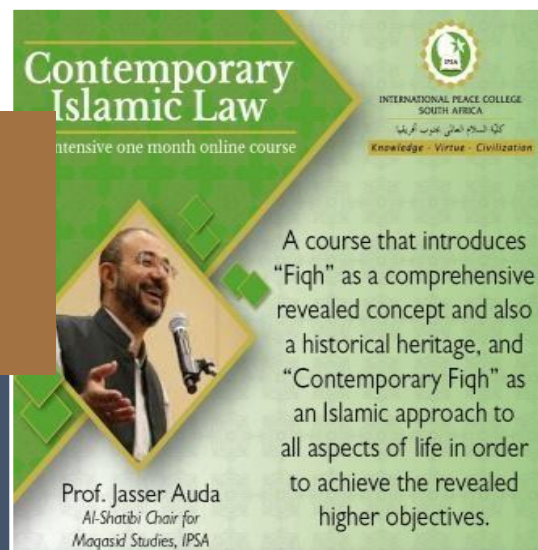
Course Synopsis:
This course introduces students to the basics of Islamic economics, its higher objectives and how it challenges the capitalist model. The course discusses Islamic worldview, Islamic economic methodology and system features. The course also deals with market functions, consumer behavior, resource distribution and sustainability, and the global economic order. Significant areas such as riba prohibition and principles of Islamic banking and finance are also discussed.

Co-Presented by
Dr. Zaid Barzinji
The director of the Maqasid Institute with a PhD in Economics. His experience covers the banking industry, BBC expert commentary on current global economic & finance affairs and research in the area of the higher objectives of Economics.

Dr. Ildus Rafikov
Senior Research Fellow at Maqasid Institute and a lecturer at the Institute for Knowledge Integration. He is an expert in Islamic Economics, Banking and Finance with a holistic view towards sustainable development.

COST PER STUDENT
International Students \$300
South African Students R5000

Date: Monday, 02 August 2021
Times: Monday and Wednesday 5:30pm to 8:30pm
Duration: 5 Week Online Course

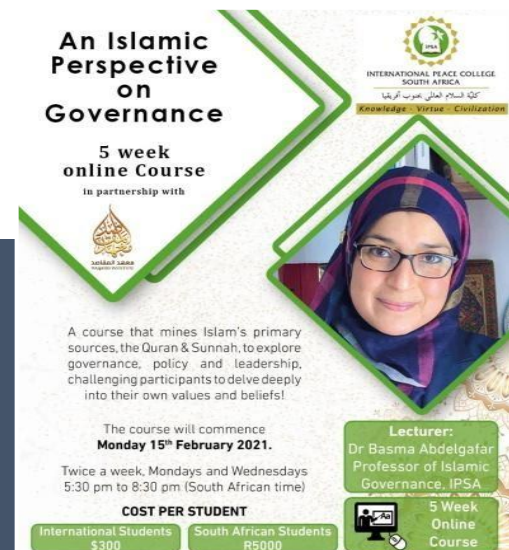


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Contemporary Islamic Law
Intensive one month online course

A course that introduces "Fiqh" as a comprehensive revealed concept and also a historical heritage, and "Contemporary Fiqh" as an Islamic approach to all aspects of life in order to achieve the revealed higher objectives.

Prof. Jasser Auda
Al-Shatibi Chair for Maqasid Studies, IPSA



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Knowledge - Virtue - Civilization

An Islamic Perspective on Governance
5 week online Course
In partnership with

A course that mines Islam's primary sources, the Quran & Sunnah, to explore governance, policy and leadership, challenging participants to delve deeply into their own values and beliefs!

The course will commence
Monday 15th February 2021.
Twice a week, Mondays and Wednesdays
5:30 pm to 8:30 pm (South African time)

Lecturer:
Dr Basma Abdelgafar
Professor of Islamic Governance, IPSA

COST PER STUDENT
International Students \$300
South African Students R5000

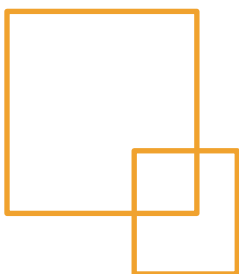
5 Week Online Course

Free seats were given to MI team members and discounted fee for MI's wider membership. Furthermore, MI granted one scholarship to a team member for the year 2021 for enrollment in the BA Honours Degree in Islamic Studies at IPSA.

Journal of Contemporary Maqasid Studies (JCMS)

Announcements were posted inviting academics: professors, researchers, and specialists in maqasid studies to submit their research papers for publication at the Journal of Contemporary Maqasid Studies (JCMS) in addition to specialists interested in joining the peer-reviewing team.

Dr. Jamila Tilout, Visiting Professor of Maqasid at the Institute of Mohammed VI for Koranic and Readings Studies at Al-Qaraouiyine University in Morocco, joined the advisory board of JCMS. Additional languages are being considered for JCMS other than Arabic and English such as Malay, Indonesian and/or French.



Organizational Structure & Logistics



- The Knowledge Management System was completed in Arabic emphasizing the organizational learning & structure for new members of MI team joining in. The guiding document helps staff/volunteers in mutual understanding, peer-learning and utilizing diverse experiences in order to achieve MI goals.



- A website assessment was done followed by a list of web development changes that were carried out for an easier navigation and new divisions such as the Journal section and the newsletter subscribe button on the homepage.



- Ustaza Heba Abduljawad is now the Director of Education succeeding Dr. Basma Abdelgafar, MI Vice President & Director of Policy
- Dr. Baptiste Brodard was appointed as the Research Manager.
- Dr. Isra Brifkani joined MI team as Senior Research Associate
- Ustaza Hanan Sulaiman was hired as the Media & PR Manager in charge of member relations and helping also with fundraising and grants.
- A directory of potential grantmakers was developed to pursue different opportunities and projects.



- Tools and applications used include Zoom, Whatsapp, Mailchimp & Microsoft Teams. Team meetings were held regularly on a weekly basis

Media & Outreach

A monthly newsletter has been constantly sent out to MI members since February 2021 updating them with MI agenda for the following month and highlights of recent activities. Two versions of the newsletter in both languages: Arabic and English were sent out every month while Malay was recently added and so we decided to sum them all up in one newsletter that includes the three different languages instead.

With regards to social media, Facebook remains the most engaging channel and the main one with nearly 2000 followers then comes YouTube where audience has rapidly grown to a few hundred in addition to LinkedIn. Presence has been established on Twitter & Instagram as well.

Two radio interviews were conducted in English with Dr. Basma Abdelgafar, MI Vice President & Director of Policy, and Dr. Yahya Baptiste Brodard, MI Research Manager, in 2021. Both interviews were for South African radio channels and in parallel with two courses they were to give at that time: An Islamic Perspective on Governance and Contemporary Muslim Societies and Organizations respectively. Prof. Jasser Auda, MI President, made an appearance on AlRafidain TV of Iraq in a show discussing the maqasid of education.



We started developing a series of impact stories of maqasid applications in different fields around the globe that highlight maqasid in theory and practice worldwide. Such documentation will support fundraising and showcase impact for media and membership relations.

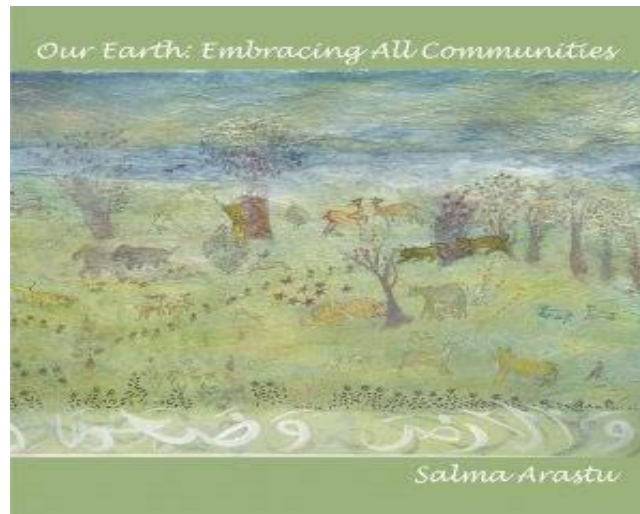
Activities

1) Publications



A Bosnian Translation of Dr. Basma Abdelgafar's "Public Policy Beyond Traditional Jurisprudence.. A Maqasid Approach" book has been released in 2020 by the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT). The book charts new territory in Islamic scholarship by attempting to address

the field of public policy from a maqasid (higher objectives of the Shariah) perspective. It deals with a number of critical topics that include methodology, governance, human rights, ethics, political power, and reform and renewal. It highlights how the maqasid approach is indispensable to the theory and practice of public policy in Islam, how it could resolve some of the most persistent governance dilemmas throughout Muslim history, but more significantly, how it forces a re-conceptualisation of the wealth of knowledge available in Islam's primary sources to introduce Public Policy in Islam to mainstream policy studies.



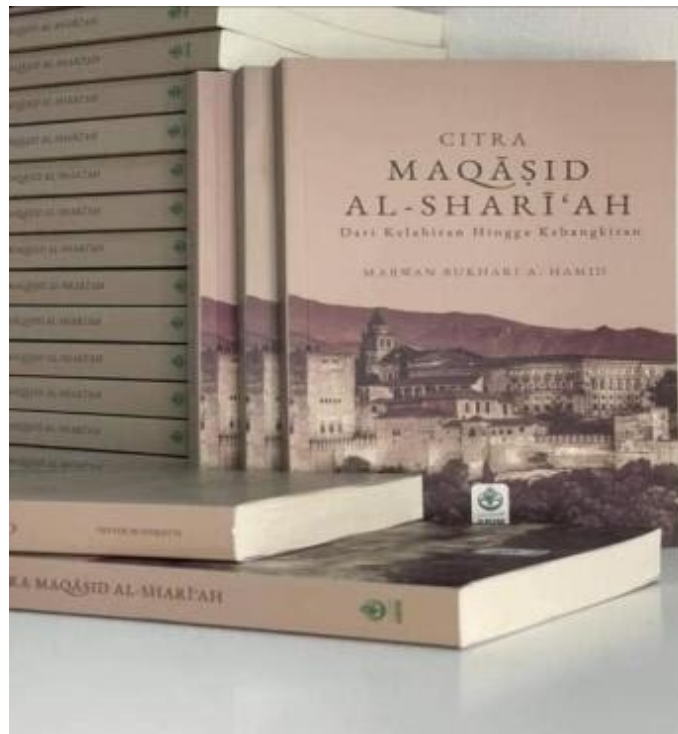
- MI and Tawasul (Rome) jointly published “Our Earth: Embracing All Communities,” a work comprised of over 40 paintings inspired by verses from the Quran by artist Salma Arastu. Dr. Basma Abdelgafar, MI Vice President, collaborated with Arastu on the project by contributing the translations of the Quranic verses and providing commentary.

In Dr. Jasser Auda’s publisher’s note, included as a foreword to the book, he discussed the divine objective or maqsid of beauty. His note highlighted the Quranic concept of jamal (beauty) and its association with other core Islamic concepts, including husn (intrinsic beauty), zeena (decoration), zukhruf (adornment), nuddrah (illumination), taswiyah (leveling), ta`deel (proportioning) and tawazun (balance). Similarly, Prophet Muhammad was known to praise diverse forms of beauty and to have said, “Allah is Beautiful and He loves beauty”. The book was published in English and Italian.

- A research paper titled "The Concept of Civil State in the Framework of Islamic Juridicial Tradition: Introductory Remarks" by Prof. Dr. Jasser Auda, MI President, was published in the International Research Journal of Islamic Civilization (IRJIC), affiliated

with Tawasul International's Centre for Publishing, Research and Dialogue, Vol 1 Issue 1 Jan. 2021.

- Ustaz Marwan Bukhari, Research Fellow at MIM, published a recent book in Malay about Maqasid thinking and its progress from prophethood to present times.



2) Lectures

- Monthly public lectures were held in Arabic and English since February 2021 accessible to members first then were opened to everyone. Events in Malay are also organized by MIM. Dr. Baptiste Brodard gave a seminar at IPSA on opportunities and challenges of Daawa

Public lecture

Welfare Social Services and Human Dignity: A Maqasid Approach

Dr. Baptiste Brodard
Assistant Professor and Research Associate, MI

Saturday, April 24th
9:00 AM EST - 4:00 PM MAKKAH - 9:00 PM Kuala Lumpur
ON LINE - ZOOM
English Language

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Public lecture

Cognitive Thinking Tools of Islamic Jurisprudence for Contemporary Contexts

Sheikh Muhammad Nuruddeen Lemu

Saturday March the 13th
9:00 AM EST - 5:00 PM MAKKAH - 10:00 PM Kuala Lumpur
ON LINE - ZOOM
English Language

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"Maqasid untuk Keluarga Islam Kontemporer"

3. Maqasidisme: teori wujud, pengetahuan dan nilai (Filsafat Maqasid: Ontologi, epistemology and axiology)

Pokok-pokok Pembahasan :

- Falsafah, tasawwur dan tasawuf
- Model ontologi Maqasidi
- Model epistemologi Maqasidi
- Model aksiologi Maqasidi
- Model aksiologi terapan Maqasidi

Sabtu, 23 Januari 2021
Pukul 07.30-10.00 WIB
Via ZOOM Meeting

PEMBICARA

Dr. Ali Abul Ma'een MA
Maqasid Institute

MODERATOR
Rahlan Maqasid Sita, MHI
Sekretaris Pusat Studi Gender

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*sila masukkan alamat surat Maqasid

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SLOT WACANA MAQASID (SIRI 8)

PURPOSES OF CREATION
FROM THE ISLAMIC COSMOLOGY PERSPECTIVE

27 FEB TIME: 2021 8.15PM-9.15PM

SIM invites a Human Studies source philosopher, Prof. Emeritus Datuk Dr. Osman Bakar, the holder of An-Chair of Cosmology and Ontological Studies at ITCAC-UM, to discuss on purposes of creation (Maqasid al-Khalq), an important dimension of the maqasid particularly from the Islamic cosmology perspective. The session will be moderated by UINet, Marwan Bakhat Abul-Hamed from the Maqasid Institute Malaysia (MIM).

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LIVE FACEBOOK

Partnerships

Our partnership with the International Peace College of South Africa (IPSA) continues. Dr. Zaid Barzinji and Dr. Basma Abdelgafar and Shk Nuruldeen Lemu (MI Board member from Nigeria) were appointed as Governance Board members of IPSA where they are contributing toward a complete professional overhaul of IPSA's governance and management structure. With the contribution of Dr. Baptiste (Yahya) Brodard concerted efforts were spent to provide significant support to IPSA's masters program in applied Islamic studies (MAIT). The MAIT is expected to graduate its first batch of 10 students in the next 6 months.



Fundraising & Grants

We launched a crowdfunding campaign on LaunchGood in support of Islamic education in South Africa. The goal was to enable ten master's degree students from a minority community in SA to graduate in Applied Islamic Thought specializing in Maqasid Al-Shari'ah. The campaign has not achieved its funding goal, however, it was a learning experience knocking doors where potential funds could be released. It also asserted our belief that Muslims, generally speaking, support charity work more than Islamic education and preparing promising students to become future scholars.

Strategic Priorities

MI's strategic priorities for the rest of 2021 remains the same:

1. The articulation and dissemination of a sound maqasid methodology
2. Better Identification of and focus on target audience
3. Offering a unique and conducive research & ideas incubation environment
4. Demonstrating the impact of maqasidi ideas on policy and institutional practices
5. Nurturing the growth of a global network of researchers and partnerships
6. Telling our story and building sustainable finances and operations
7. Maintaining momentum and striving towards our vision

The above seven priorities are identified as essential for defining MI, its purpose and success criteria. As such, MI's limited resources will continue to be focused on supporting our priorities and what we consider to be true mission success (falah).

By the end of the year an MI team has been tasked with a complete assessment of MI's strategic planning for 2022-2025.

Key Challenges

MI's proper establishment and sustainability as a thinktank requires commitment of its executives to its strategy and the support of an active board of directors. Efforts remain ongoing to find board members who are able to dedicate time and financial resources suitable to the current formative stage of MI and its rapid growth. Efforts of the executive team at fundraising faced major challenges as MI is still operating at basic research and doesn't have clear products and focus target audience.



COVID-19 pandemic also prevented active fundraising and travel to meet prospective donors. However, the nature of MI's unique and promising approach and our scholarly work is inspiring and generates strong enthusiasm during public engagements worldwide. This is evidenced from a back-log of lecture invitations and the many organizations interested in partnering with MI to introduce our brand of Maqasid based tajdeed/renewal to their institutions and audience. Alhamdulillah, with basic funding restored for MI to maintain its skeletal staff, and with a commitment from the two founding family funds to support MI on a long-term base, MI management is in a great shape to focus operations on strategy implementation over the coming two years. With MI's novel scholarly work, positive contributions and expanding team, we expect funding levels to increase substantially.

Budget

- In 2020, MI raised \$149,000 in grants to support its activities.
- In 2021, MI needs at least \$175,000 to function properly and maintain basic activities and current initiatives.

Cost		Revenue	
Staff (8)	140,000	Grant 1	85,000
Payroll taxes	5,000	Grant 2	65,000
Operational Expenses	10,000	Fundraising	15,000
Maqasid Research Network	10,000	Fees	10,000
e-Learning	5,000		
Journal	5,000		
Total Cost	175,000	Total Revenue	175,000

May Allah SWT enable us to continue on this path of reform/tajdeed with your collective help, dua and support.

Sincerely,

Prof. Jasser Auda, President

Dr. Basma Abdelgafar, Vice President

Dr. Zaid Barzinji, Executive Director

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A Paypal account is open for further generous contributions.