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2023 ANNUAL REPORT & THE YEAR AHEAD

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

As we issue this report to reflect on the past year and envision the future of Maqasid Institute, we find ourselves at a pivotal moment. Our Ummah faces complex challenges – from genocide in Palestine to significant uncertainties and shallowness in thought. Yet, amidst these complex challenges lies the potential for change: the possibility of an intellectual revolution that seriously considers the purposeful nature of revelation, our interdependence and interconnectivity, and a holistic approach to scholarship and activism.

This annual report is a declaration of intent. We at Maqasid Institute stand firmly behind the notion that resistance against hegemonic systems must extend beyond the physical realm. It demands a profound transformation of the mind, a reawakening of our intellectual capacities within the framework of Islam. At the heart of this intellectual revolution are scholars and activists who exercise the power of ijthad and the renewal of fiqh through the higher objectives of justice, compassion, and human flourishing. This renewed understanding is not a dry academic exercise but a vital tool for addressing the pressing issues of our time.

We are fully aware that great social transformations cannot be done in isolation. We, at Maqasid Institute function as an agent of change, promoting networks of scholars, intellectuals, and practitioners from many disciplines and regions. We strongly believe genuine advancements come from teamwork and the combined knowledge of thinkers and activists committed to creating a better society.

We remain true to the foundations of this Deen - the Quran and Sunnah. We reject a superficial understanding of faith, one relegated solely to mosques, rituals, and narrow sectarian beliefs. Instead, we embrace the Quran and Sunnah as guides for every aspect of our existence, including policies, personal or societal conduct, and illuminating the path towards a flourishing Ummah.

This annual report is more than just a record of our achievements or plans forward; it is an invitation to join our efforts in this intellectual revolution to contribute your knowledge, passion, and commitment to building a world where revelation-centric thought reigns supreme.

Prof. Dr. Jasser Auda

President
Maqasid Institute

ABOUT MI

The Maqasid Institute (MI) is a non-profit educational and research organization. We believe that Revelation, the Quran and the Sunnah, hold the key to understanding our world, each other, and our role in it. We seek the wisdom of Revelation through research and education, focusing on how we are connected, can thrive together, and build a just, wise, and compassionate world. The Institute is based in the USA and operates globally through a network of independent researchers and partner organizations.

At the heart of Maqasid Institute's programming is a methodology that has been developed to harness the wisdom of the Quran and Sunnah to address contemporary challenges across diverse fields. Seven key elements – concepts, objectives, values, commands, universal laws, groups, and proofs – form the bedrock of this methodology, shaping our understanding and inspiring novel approaches to research, education, and community development. Furthermore, the Maqasid Research Network empowers individuals and communities to integrate these principles into their personal and collective lives. This holistic approach allows us to move beyond mere knowledge acquisition and to move toward transformative action.

Vision

Valuing divine guidance in human affairs.

Mission

To achieve this vision, we are aided by a three-pronged mission:

- (1) Providing the knowledge and tools that enable scholars in different disciplines to reconstruct thought in their area of specialization via the *maqāsid* methodology.
- (2) Applying the methodology to critical challenges and phenomena impacting our lives, societies, and welfare.
- (3) Facilitating the application of the *maqāsid* methodology in personal, professional, and community life through our courses and activities.

YEAR IN REVIEW

Impact

By the grace of Allah, in 2023, the Maqasid Institute (MI) saw a robust continuation of its activities in research, education, and community outreach. A growing number of participants in its various activities, such as the Maqasid Methodology course, the Qur'an Reflection program, and Maqasid Approach to Hadith, Nizam Al-Qur'an (Order of the Quran), as well as the Research Forums and publication of the Journal of Contemporary Maqasid Studies, serve as evidence of success of the Institute in promoting the Maqasid Methodology in Islamic scholarship and positively influencing interested individuals and organizations throughout the globe. Maqasid Institute is at the forefront of intellectual renewal by addressing pressing challenges in Islamic scholarship and contemporary phenomena.

Empowerment of Muslim women was a critical area for Maqasid Institute in 2023. Our educational programs, research projects, conferences, and seminar presentations led by Dr. Basma Abdelgafar and Dr. Sanja Bilic had a great impact on women and girls on three continents - Singapore, Ireland, Bosnia & Herzegovina, and Qatar.

Apart from our educational courses and research-related activities, our scholars and team members have visited several countries and organizations in the USA, East Asia, South-East Asia, and Central Asia. Prof. Jasser Auda and Dr. Zaid Barzinji visited South Korea, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Malaysia in July. They carried a packed schedule of events with Islamic organizations. Dr. Basma Abdelgafar completed her 3-module course on "Purposefulness, Connectivity and Holism" at Ma'ahaduna (Hayaa Network) Singapore and participated in a number of conferences and seminars in Europe and the Middle East. Dr. Ildus Rafikov presented the Maqasid Methodology and related ideas about knowledge and worldview during IIIT Summer schools in Kyrgyzstan and Azerbaijan and during the 6th CIS Muslim Scholars' Forum in Istanbul, Türkiye. Last but certainly not least, Dr. Motaz Althaher was invited by Maqasid Institute India and presented his ideas on Maqasidi thinking at Al-Jamia Al-Islamia in Delhi. The event was convened by Jamaat-e-Islami Hind and the Students Islamic Organization of India.

It is important to note that the ideas advanced by the Maqasid Institute continue to be in high demand in many jurisdictions around the world and are talked about among scholars and students. Throughout 2023, the Maqasid Institute worked to inspire researchers, postgraduate students, established scholars, and practitioners via our courses, talks, seminars, and forums with the active participation of MI members or via our online resources, printed materials, and social media. The institute's work impacted thousands of participants in our courses, research forums, and events organized by MI partners around the world. In addition to participants or attendees, there is an immeasurable impact of the MI's ideas on learners who want to understand and apply the divine guidance contained in the Book of Allah and the Sunnah of His Messenger and put this knowledge into practice in their respected fields, such as psychology, economics, politics, and in Islamic studies. The following presentation of our programs and activities will provide a glimpse of the Institute's activities in 2023.



Programs & Activities

Maqasid Institute Global

2023 saw Maqasid Institute Global weaving a vibrant tapestry of knowledge and engagement across the globe. Guided by the principles of purposefulness, connectivity, and holism in research, education, and action, we served the Ummah through diverse initiatives that promoted Islamic scholarship and fostered intellectual exchange.

Maqasid Institute Study of the Qur'an (MISQ) Project



The Maqasid Institute Study of the Qur'an Project (MISQ Project), launched in 2020, continues its ambitious journey towards a comprehensive Maqasid-based tafsir of the Qur'an. Envisioned as an eight-volume undertaking, the project has already produced four volumes. Completion is projected for 2027.

Guided by the principles of purposefulness, interconnectedness, and holism, the MISQ Project seeks to overcome the problems of imitation, fragmentation, and partialism that often define modern Qur'anic scholarship. The tafsir delves into the Qur'an's inherent logic of purposefulness and connectivity, revealing its seamless integration of knowledge and its connection to the universe itself.

This methodology, rooted in the Maqasid framework, places revelation at the heart of knowledge, emphasizing purposeful linkages and the centrality of the Qur'anic Arabic. Looking at past, present, and future through a Qur'anic lens, the MISQ Project aspires to provide a foundational understanding for achieving Islamic renewal.

Beyond its written form, the project embraces diverse avenues for dissemination and engagement. A dedicated website houses the tafsir in print, audio, and video formats, while an e-learning platform facilitates learning at various levels. Social media

and media tools further broaden the project's reach, offering bite-sized content and fostering discussion and application across various academic disciplines.

In 2023, the project witnessed significant milestones. Volumes 3 and 4 were completed, while collaborations with the Muslim Association of Canada and the Islamic Institute of Toronto brought Surah Al-Imran to a wider audience. Notably, lectures on the Maqasid methodology and its application to Tafsir were delivered at esteemed institutions like the University of Montreal, the University of Toronto, the University of George Mason, and other universities during the East and South-East Asia tour.

As the MISQ Project progresses toward its intended completion in 2027, we remain dedicated to enriching Islamic thought and understanding, challenging the status quo, fostering intellectual resistance, and contributing to a holistic interpretation of the divine message for the benefit of humanity and the Ummah.

MI Programs for Women Empowerment

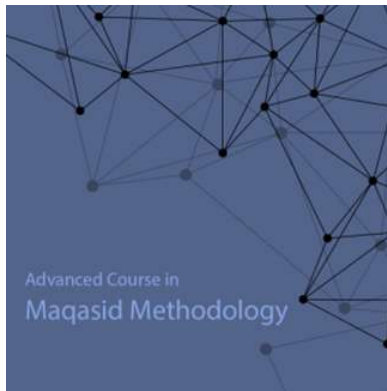


2023 marked a year of impactful strides for Maqasid Institute, with a singular focus: empowering women globally. This report traces our journey, from the initial spark of the Centre for Women and Policy Alternatives (CWPA) to the strategic pivot back towards education, all while witnessing the transformative power of Maqasid-based knowledge in the lives of Muslim women.

Our year began with igniting sparks of self-discovery. Dr. Basma Abdelgafar's workshop in Ireland empowered young girls to understand their identity through the lens of Quranic women, instilling a sense of ownership and responsibility. This spirit of empowerment resonated with Dr. Basma's insightful talk at Shahid Beheshti University about Muhammad Abdullah Draz's study of morality in the Qur'an.

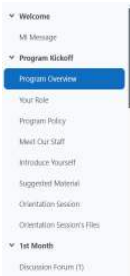
February 2023 witnessed a significant milestone with Dr. Sanja Bilic joining the Maqasid Institute. Her expertise in policy and leadership proved invaluable in crafting the vision for CWPA, an initiative dedicated to addressing critical issues faced by Muslim women globally. Dr. Bilic's tireless efforts, including expert consultations, needs assessments, and proposal development, laid a solid foundation for this groundbreaking initiative. We also actively participated in international forums, such as the consultation on the protection of women in forced displacement, organized by the University of Birmingham, and the QF Women's Summit, where Dr. Basma and Dr. Sanja presented on crucial topics related to public policy and creating new spaces for Muslim women.

Maqasid Institute Education



Our Maqasid Methodology course, which is Phase 1 of the 3-Phase Maqasid Fellowship Program introduced in 2022, empowered nearly 150 learners with this transformative paradigm. By year's end, we celebrated the graduation of our fourth cohort, equipping them to apply the Maqasid principles in their fields and communities.

Expanding our educational offerings, we introduced two courses in Arabic language: "Nizam Al-Qur'an" and "Maqasid Approach to Hadith." These MOOC-style courses, led by renowned scholars from India and Syria, provide deeper engagement with the Qur'an and Sunnah. Over sixty participants joined the two courses in Arabic.



The Quran is at the heart of Maqasid Institute's scholarly approach and methodology. Continuous cycles of reflection on the Quran form a necessary step for every scholar and practitioner desiring to understand divine guidance in their field of inquiry. This seven-month program is designed to guide participants through one full cycle of reflection. Its aim is to open hearts and minds to the objectives – Maqasid – of the Quran through its direct and more subtle forms of communication.

Marking a significant milestone, we also launched the Qur'an Reflection Program, Phase 2 of the Maqasid Fellowship Program. Close to 100 participants from around the world embarked on a

seven-month journey of personal reflection and scholarly discourse, facilitated by Dr. Motaz Al-Thaher and led by Prof. Jasser Auda and Dr. Basma Abdelgafar. Monthly online sessions and discussions fostered vibrant engagement with the Quran's divine message, culminating in insightful final assignments that showed the transformative power of Maqasid-based interpretation.

Furthermore, MI successfully delivered the Maqasid program in Singapore, delving deeper into the transformative principles of purposefulness, connectivity, and holism. The program's success in Singapore and the positive response from participants solidified our commitment to expanding it to other locations in the nearest future. The curriculum development for the “Maqasidi Thinking and Living Program” is a cornerstone of our efforts. We aim to equip participants with the knowledge and confidence to navigate their lives through the lens of authentic Islam. A structured Qur’an reading program, Q&A forums, and safe space discussions are being meticulously planned to foster a vibrant online community of active Muslim women.

It's a shift in the paradigm of my in learning, Alhamdulillah. The work of Dr Jasser Auda has opened the gateway of Ijtihad into new dimensions with the basic framework of Quran and Hadees and with the seven elements, webs of maeanings, purpose and cycles of reflection. The Shaikh makes new roads into the thinking coupling Quran and Sunnah with all other studies that each of it complement the other.

I was a learner in the second cohort of the Maqasid Methodology course. The Maqasid Methodology is highly transformative vis-à-vis our outlook on humanity, the cosmos and, more importantly, our understanding of the divine message. Being a revelation-centric methodology, it leads one to understand the issues facing humanity from the perspective of the Qur'an and Sunnah. Moreover, it inculcates in its learners the spirit of critical inquiry rooted in the revelation. I think the Maqasid Methodology is not only the pressing need of the hour, but it is also promising for long overdue ijthad regarding which the Muslim ummah is obliged.



Shameemul Islam
Chennai, India



Gowhar Quadir Wani
Kashmir, India

The great value in the work of the Maqasid Institute, and in the Maqasid Methodology course in particular, is its emphasis on returning to our core scriptural sources - the Qur'an and the Sunnah. It is my personal conviction that this is the call of the hour. Our community needs to reorient itself to its sources - God and His Prophet (s) through the mediums each has left us - the Quran and the Sunnah. The Maqasid Methodology is a coherent framework and system, possibly the only one explicated in this way, that allows us to interact with our sources directly and with a way to approach it which is both contemporary and authentic. I pray that God gives Sh. Jasser a long life and that the Maqasid Institute and its team serve their vision and mission.



Sajjad Chowdhry
Clifton, United States

Embarking on the journey through the Maqasid Methodology third cohort has been truly transformative. The depth of knowledge and wisdom shared by the instructors has enriched my understanding of Islamic principles and their real-world applications. The structured approach of the program has empowered me to navigate complex challenges while staying true to the core values of Islam. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of this cohort and highly recommend the Maqasid Methodology to anyone seeking a profound connection between faith and action.



Sani Abdullahi Sule
Solo, Indonesia

Maqasid Institute Research

Our commitment to research became more pronounced through the monthly Research Forums. Scholars from Australia, Mauritius, Indonesia, the UK, Switzerland, Jordan, and Malaysia presented their advanced research, showcasing diverse applications of the Maqasidi approach in fields ranging from Islamic studies to sociology, psychology, and finance. These forums served as fertile ground for scholarly exchange and intellectual exploration, pushing the boundaries of Maqasid-inspired knowledge production.



The Journal of Contemporary Maqasid Studies (JCMS), led by Editor-in-Chief Dr. Jamila Tilout, deputy Editor-in-Chief Dr. Mowloud Mohadi, and the Managing Editor, Dr. Zaid Barzinji, continued to attract scholars who submitted their articles for publication in the two issues. This year, volume one focused on the fundamentals of Tafsīr (*Uṣūl Al-Tafsīr*), presenting works on contemporary advancements in the field of Tafsir and its methodologies. Volume two focused on contemporary realities in the light of the Maqasid Al-Shari’ah. This volume presented discussions on the ethics of artificial intelligence, how to view the present reality from the Maqasidi lens, and how the Maqasidi ideas are connected to phenomenology.

The MI’s Artificial Intelligence Research Group, headed by Mohammed Belyamani and Dr. Fareed Malik, embarked on a series of workshops on generative AI prompting. The workshop was attended by a small group of MRN members, who in the span of several weeks, learned how to use the newly developed science of prompting to generate better AI responses. Knowledge gained during the workshops helped advance ideas for academic research and writing.



Among notable achievements of MI in the area of partnerships and research is the creation of the Islamic Psychology Research Network (IPRN) designed as a platform for research in psychology using the Maqasid methodology. IPRN, which is the joint project between MI, Al-Balkhi Institute, and International Students of Islamic

Psychology (ISIP), has attracted some of the top thinkers in the field (e.g. Prof. Dr. Ghulam H. Rassool, Prof. Dr. Bagus Riyono), who are currently preparing a customized Maqasid Methodology course with special emphasis on Islamic psychology. This course and other related scholarly activities are expected to lead to knowledge production in the form of research projects, guidelines, and audio/video materials for practitioners of Islamic psychology.

The Economics and Finance Research Group had several discussions at the beginning of the year but mostly stayed dormant. The new group management has embarked on a robust planning process for 2024 and is specifically engaged in preparing the customized Maqasid Methodology course, the Qur'an reflection, and other economics-related discussions among group members.



Amplifying Voices

Beyond formal programs, we facilitated knowledge sharing through our monthly newsletter and a platform for established and emerging scholars to share their insights on diverse topics in the form of blog articles. These blog articles, unified by the Maqasid thinking, fostered public discourse and challenged conventional paradigms, reminding us of the transformative potential of purposefulness, connectivity, and holism.

Global Re-envisioning

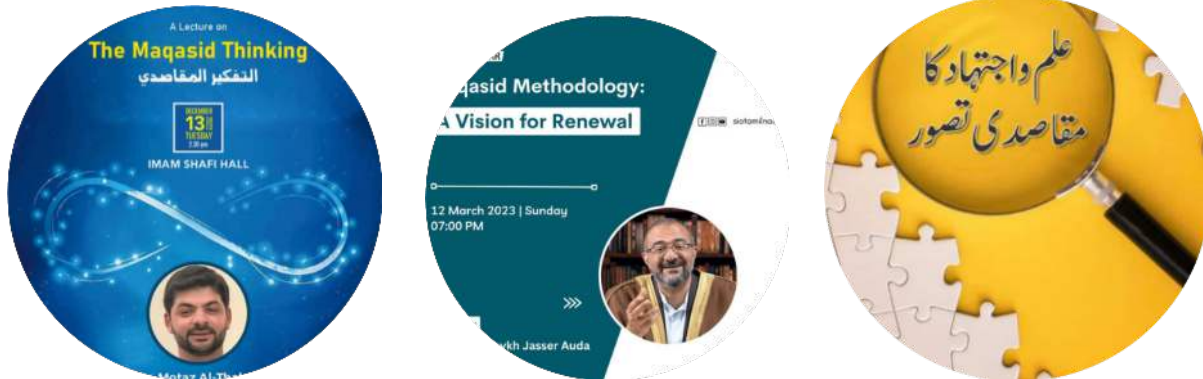
Our dedication to "Re-envisioning Islamic Scholarship" extended beyond the virtual realm. Through visits to various countries, including South Korea, the Philippines, India, Malaysia, Indonesia, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, and Qatar, we fostered collaboration and dialogue with leading academic institutions and organizations. These exchanges served as catalysts for future partnerships and initiatives, paving the way for a more vibrant and inclusive Islamic intellectual landscape.

Reflecting on 2023, we are grateful for the countless individuals who have contributed to our journey. From our dedicated team and esteemed faculty to our passionate learners and engaged partners, we stand together in a shared commitment to illuminating the path toward a more just, interconnected, and purpose-driven world. We look forward to the next chapter, eager to continue weaving our tapestry of knowledge and inspiring future generations to embrace the transformative power of the Maqasid.



Activities at Independent Maqasid Institute Offices

MI India



MI India facilitated wider access to Maqasidi scholarship by translating and publishing Prof. Jasser Auda's seminal work, "Re-envisioning Islamic Scholarship," in Urdu. Dr. Enayatullah Subhani's groundbreaking course, "Nizam Al-Qur'an" offered scholars and enthusiasts a deep dive into the Quran's intricate methodology. The publication of a landmark book on Dr. Mohammad Nejatullah Siddiqi enriched Islamic intellectual discourse.

Beyond translations, MI India advanced vibrant intellectual exchange through impactful programs. Dr. Motaz Al-Thaher's visit sparked stimulating discussions on Islamic thought and contemporary issues among students, scholars, and leaders. Prof. Jasser Auda and Director of MI India Zulqernain Subhani's insightful lectures and workshops deepened the participants' understanding of contemporary Islamic disciplines through the lens of Maqasid Methodology.

Collaboration played a key role in MI India's success. Fruitful discussions with Indian researchers laid the groundwork for future collaborative endeavors, while regular meetings within the MI India community ensured alignment and collective progress. These initiatives, along with scholarly translations and impactful programs, solidified MI India's role in advancing Islamic scholarship and nurturing a vibrant intellectual landscape in 2023.



MI Malaysia



Maqasid Institute Malaysia (MIM) dedicated 2023 to promoting Maqasid understanding and establishing a solid Maqasid research culture within Malaysia. Leveraging online platforms, translations, and workshops, MIM engaged academics, researchers, and the public alike.

Highlighting this commitment, MIM hosted the MI Global Executive Team, facilitating valuable meetings with influential Islamic organizations. Prof. Dr. Jasser Auda and Dr. Barzinji engaged with the International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS), Institute for Islamic Understanding (IKIM), and the Ministry of Religious Affairs (JAKIM), reaching numerous distinguished officials, including Senator Dato' Dr. Haji Mohd Na'im bin Haji Mokhtar, the political secretary Dr. Razak Idris, the chief Judge of Syariah Court Dato Mohd Amran Bin Mat Zain.

Collaboration was further amplified at sessions with universities and organizations like the International Islamic University Malaysia and its related institutes and faculties like ISTAC and IRKHS, Kolej Darul Hikmah, Muslim Youth Organization of Malaysia (ABIM), and IIIT South-East Asia. Notably, a dedicated meeting with MI Global solidified plans for joint research and educational initiatives in Malaysia.

MIM's research contribution was evident in Prof. Dr. Zulkifli Hassan's groundbreaking presentation on "The Future of Islamic Finance: Beyond Legalism and Shari'ah Compliance" at the MI Global Research Forum in October. Additionally, the team actively disseminated Maqasid knowledge through various local platforms and events.

MI Indonesia



2023 witnessed Maqasid Institute Indonesia (MII) actively cultivating Maqasid awareness and research in the country. This journey unfolded through strategic partnerships, impactful courses, and workshops.

MII facilitated a visit by MI Global's Executive Team, fostering collaborations with renowned universities like Universitas Ahmed Dahlan, Muhammadiyah University, UIN Sulthan Thaha Saifuddin Jambi, and Universitas Islam Indonesia. Four MoUs signed with these institutions cemented partnerships for Maqasid-based research, joint events, and academic program development.

MII members Dr. Addi Arrahman and Dr. Aulia Rahmat spearheaded a postgraduate course on Maqasid methodology at UIN Imam Bonjol, Padang. This intensive program, led by Prof. Dr. Jasser Auda, Dr. Zaid Barzinji, and Dr. Ildus Rafikov, equipped the postgraduate students and lecturers in the faculty of Islamic law with the new paradigm for research, thought, and action.

MII further hosted workshops and internal discussions on diverse research topics, fostering knowledge production and scholarly engagement. These activities, alongside Prof. Jasser Auda's keynote speech at the Islamic Psychology conference in July, amplified Maqasid's impact on Indonesia's academic landscape.

Driven by these accomplishments, MII stands ready to continue its crucial role in shaping a vibrant Maqasid scholarship ecosystem within Indonesia.

FINANCIAL REPORT

As Maqasid Institute embarks on a new chapter in its Islamic education journey, we are equally committed to financial stewardship and transparency. This financial report reflects the resources entrusted to us by our donors and demonstrates how these contributions fuel the vital work we do in building a community of Maqasidi thinkers and practitioners.

This report provides a transparent and comprehensive overview of Maqasid Institute's financial health for 2023, highlighting our income streams, expenditure allocations, and future financial goals. Responsible management and open communication are essential to building trust and ensuring the long-term sustainability of our mission.

2023 Budget

Costs	Amount US\$	Revenues	Amount US\$
Office expenses	2,800	Cash on hand	10,000
Staff salaries	194,000	Secured donations	195,000
Center for Woman Policy & Research	23,800	Center for Woman Policy & Research - Grant	24,400
Quranic Studies (MISQ) - Tafsir Project	30,000	Quranic Studies (MISQ) - Tafsir Project - Grant	30,000
Travel	10,000	Other Research grant	0
Maqasid Research Network	1,000	Education Services	7,000
Maqasid Journal (JCMS) - operations	18,900		
Miscellaneous	900	Small donations	15,000
Total expense	281,400	Total income	281,400

LOOKING AHEAD: EMPHASIS ON EDUCATION IN 2024-2028

Intellectual challenging mainstream secular thought and reviving Islamic scholarship cannot happen without properly cultivating the mind. Consequently, Maqasid Institute, driven by its vision of "Valuing Divine Guidance in Human Affairs," is embarking on an exciting new chapter in its journey. Expanding beyond its established focus on research and postgraduate programs, we will expand our attention to the broader community by launching the General Educational Program. This dual-track approach, encompassing both Graduate Studies and the General Program, reaffirms our commitment to providing transformative Islamic education for individuals at different levels of learning.

Our Educational Vision

At the heart of our philosophy lies a dedication to purposeful, connected, and holistic learning grounded in the wisdom of the Qur'an and the Sunnah. We envision a world where individuals, empowered by a comprehensive understanding of the Revelation, actively contribute to the common good with wisdom, compassion, and a firm appreciation of the Deen.

Our Educational Mission

- To cultivate individuals equipped with a holistic understanding of Islam, capable of contributing to the well-being of their communities and the world.
- To encourage critical thinking, ethical reflection, and spiritual growth within a framework guided by Divine Revelation.
- To empower learners to navigate the world's complexities, guided by Divine wisdom and the higher objectives of Islam.

Our Educational Objectives

- Equip individuals with a comprehensive and interconnected understanding of Islam, empowering them to be active contributors to society.

- Foster intellectual curiosity, discernment, and ethical reflection grounded in Islamic principles enabling graduates to navigate complex challenges with wisdom and compassion.
- Promote transdisciplinary education in diverse areas, empowering graduates to apply their learning to contemporary issues and contribute meaningfully to society.

Two Educational Tracks, One Vision



Graduate Studies



General Educational Program

The Graduate Studies track continues its legacy of nurturing scholars and researchers who make significant contributions to Islamic discourse and scholarship through foundational courses on Islamic worldview, Contemporary Challenges in Islamic scholarship, Maqasid methodology, the Qur'an Reflection program, Maqasid Approach to Hadith and additional elective courses in various social science disciplines.

The General Educational Program welcomes a diverse range of learners, providing them with the up-to-date information, critical thinking skills, and ethical foundations needed to engage with the challenges of today's world. This general track is designed for a broad spectrum of students/participants who would like to experience the purposeful, interconnected, and holistic nature of Islam through immersion into a three-part "Purposeful Living and Thinking" program, as well as selected specialized courses covering various social phenomena. Apart from the two programs in the general educational program, Maqasid Institute is also planning to implement the

“Qur’an Immersion Rihlah Program,” which will be offered off-line and in-person as retreats or summer camps.

Flexible and Accessible Learning

We recognize that learning journeys take diverse forms. To cater to individual needs, we offer our programs through various formats, including:

- Synchronous online learning: Real-time interaction with instructors and fellow students.
- MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses): Asynchronous learning with live sessions for enhanced engagement.
- Blended learning: Combining online and face-to-face components for a flexible learning experience.
- Face-to-face learning: Traditional classroom setting for a close-knit learning environment.

As we embark on this new chapter, we remain steadfast in our commitment to providing transformative Islamic education that empowers individuals to challenge the status quo and promote intellectual resistance to the hegemonic systems. Through our diverse educational offerings, we strive to cultivate a generation of individuals who navigate life's complexities with wisdom, compassion, and a firm grounding in Islamic principles.

Graduate Studies Program

Delving deep into the revelatory core of Islam, the Graduate Studies Program equips scholars and researchers with the Maqasid Methodology. This unique approach centers on a holistic, forward-looking, and critical understanding of the Qur'an and Sunnah, empowering graduates to address pressing global challenges and contribute to Islamic renewal.

Key Features:

- Purposeful: Understanding Islam's overarching objectives for humanity.
- Connected: Recognizing the interdependence of all creation.
- Holistic: Integrating knowledge from diverse disciplines guided by revelation.
- Critical: Critically analyzing contemporary issues and Islamic scholarship.

Target Audience

- Knowledge seekers interested in authentic Islamic perspectives on current challenges.
- Individuals seeking to contribute to new understandings and solutions.
- Those seeking a deeper connection with the Qur'anic guidance and with the Prophet's Sunnah.
- Advanced degree holders aiming to advance their research and careers.

Outcomes

- Understand the Maqasid Methodology and its application to critical issues.
- Develop a comprehensive Islamic worldview informed by Revelation.
- Critically evaluate global challenges from a holistic perspective.
- Design research agendas and conduct research using the Maqasid framework.
- Earn a Graduate Certificate in Maqasid Studies and become a Maqasid Research Fellow.

Courses

- Cultivating the Islamic/Qur'anic Worldview
- Contemporary Challenges in Islamic Scholarship
- Maqasid Methodology
- Maqasid Approach to Hadith (Arabic - optional)
- Psychology, Economics & Finance, Public Policy (electives)

Maqasid Fellowship Program

This innovative program awards fellowships to outstanding participants who complete the Graduate Studies program. Fellows are expected to make original contributions to pressing issues, drawing on their unique expertise.

General Education Program

Empowering individuals to live and think as Muslims guided by the divine objectives of Islam. This program uses a novel Quran-inspired approach to cultivate a personal connection with Allah and navigate daily challenges with purpose.

Objectives

Many Muslims yearn for a deeper understanding of Islam and its relevance to their lives. The General Program addresses this need by:

- Activating the Quran and the Sunnah as sources of guidance and inspiration.
- Cultivating Maqasidi thinking for purposefulness, connection, and holism.
- Equipping individuals with contextual frameworks to address modern challenges.
- Nudging hearts and minds towards positive change through revelation.

Target Audience

- Individuals seeking meaning and purpose in their lives and communities.
- Those seeking intellectual renewal and authentic expressions of Islam.
- Educated professionals and concerned Muslims facing faith or intellectual challenges.
- Youth and young students of knowledge for long-term investment and impact.

Outcomes

- Discover the truth and guidance of the Qur'an in life.
- Cultivate peace and harmony in oneself, relationships, and communities.
- Understand the divine design and one's role in creation.
- Apply authentic Islamic guidance to address complex social challenges.

Program Modules

- Purposeful Thinking and Living (foundational)
- Quran Immersion Rihlah (intensive retreats)
- Specialized Courses (focused on specific issues)

Proposed Specialized Courses

- Re-imagining Economics: A Transdisciplinary Approach
- Maqasid Methodology for Islamic Psychology
- Reading the Book of Nature: Appreciating the Signs of Allah
- Reclaiming the Mosque Program
- Hayyat Al-Tayyibah (Good Life) for Family, Society and Humanity
- Money: Realities and Opportunities
- Addressing Emotional & Spiritual Wellbeing: Islamic Approaches

Re-imagining Economics: A Transdisciplinary Approach

In 2024, the Maqasid Institute will launch "Re-imagining Economics: A Transdisciplinary Approach," a synchronous online course pioneering a paradigm shift in economic thought. The course centers on the Maqasid methodology, a transdisciplinary approach grounded in the Quran and Sunnah that offers a holistic understanding of economic phenomena.

The course equips students and researchers with the knowledge and tools to reconstruct economic thought through this new lens. It fosters a paradigm shift from mono-disciplinary to transdisciplinary analysis, enabling the application of the Maqasid framework to critical economic challenges and phenomena impacting our lives and the planet.

"Re-imagining Economics" represents a significant step towards a more comprehensive and ethically grounded understanding of economic phenomena. This initiative has the potential to reshape academic discourse and guide future research and practice in the field.

Maqasid Methodology for Islamic Psychology

This is an extension of our main Maqasid Methodology course, customized to the needs of Islamic psychology students, scholars, and practitioners. Led by Prof. Dr. G.H. Rassool and Prof. Dr. Bagus Ryono, this specialized course will provide a much-needed new outlook into the field of psychology from the Maqasid perspective.

This customized course will help participants broaden their understanding of the field with practical application of the Maqasid Methodology to research, education, and practice in Islamic psychology.

Reading the Book of Nature: Appreciating the Signs of Allah (SWT)

This innovative course will provide participants with tools to comprehend the signs of the Creator in nature. Led by Shaikh Muhammad Foulds, an experienced falconer, raptor biologist, and human ecologist, this course will address the crisis of perception whereby millions of people, especially the youth, are disconnected from nature and do not appreciate its beauty and its profound impact on our lives. Participants will learn about and experience the inherent interconnectivity of all beings and learn how to think like an ecosystem.

Budget 2024

The budget for 2024 includes an emphasis on fundraising activities to build a stronger financial foundation for the institute. The budget also includes an expected increase in revenues from educational programs. Funding for the journal dropped significantly due to the change in focus to education and the need for a more sustainable revenue source. The grant for funding the Quran Tafsir project is expected to stop after this year, and new funding source(s) are needed.

A business development committee was created in September 20223 to review the institute's business models and finances. Some of the main recommendations of the committee were the need to price educational programs appropriately and to focus on English-speaking markets and audiences, primarily the US, UK, and Canada.

Budget 2024

Costs	Amount US\$	Revenues	Amount US\$
Staff salaries	182,000	Unrestricted Grants	132,500
Quranic Studies (MISQ) - Tafsir Project	30,000	Quranic Studies (MISQ) - Tafsir Project - Grant	27,500
Center for Woman Policy & Research	10,000	Center for Woman Policy & Research - Grant	10,000
Economics Research Project	10,000	Economics Research Grant	10,000
Fundraising expenses	20,000	Fundraising revenue	60,000
Travel	4,000	Joint Program Revenue	5,000
Operations	3,500	Educational Programs Revenue	10,000
Maqasid Journal (JCMS)	2,500	Small donations	10,000
Miscellaneous	3,000	Cash	0
Total expense	265,000	Total income	265,000

Conclusion and a Note of Appreciation

Maqasid Institute offers a transformative journey through education grounded in revelation. From in-depth graduate studies to accessible General Programs, we empower individuals to connect with the Qur'an, understand their purpose, and contribute meaningfully to the world.

وَلَقَدْ ءَاتَيْنَا لُقْمَانَ الْحِكْمَةَ أَنِ اشْكُرْ لِلَّهِ ۚ وَمَن
 يَشْكُرْ فَإِنَّمَا يَشْكُرُ لِنَفْسِهِ ۖ وَمَن كَفَرَ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ
 غَنِيٌّ حَمِيدٌ

[Indeed, We blessed Luqmân with wisdom, "saying", "Be grateful to Allah, for whoever is grateful, it is only for their own good. And whoever is ungrateful, then surely Allah is Self-Sufficient, Praiseworthy."] (Qur'an, Surah Luqman, 31:12)

In the spirit of the ayah above, which reminds us to express gratitude for the blessings we receive, Maqasid Institute wishes to extend our deepest appreciation to all who have made our accomplishments of the past year possible. This message of gratitude resonates deeply with us at MI, for we recognize that our success is not solely the result of our own efforts but rather a testament to the dedication and generosity of a remarkable community comprising our dedicated staff members, our students, scholars, volunteers, supporters, and donors from around the world.

Sincerely,
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