



## Curriculum Vitae

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## **ACADEMIC & GENERAL REFERENCES**

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ipsirli, Institute of Social Sciences, Medipol University, Istanbul, Turkey. [mipsirli@medipol.edu.tr]

Prof. Dr. Alparslan Acikgenc, Department of Philosophy, Yildiz Teknik University, Istanbul, Turkey. [acikgenc@gmail.com]

Prof. Dr. Syed Muhammad Naquib al-Attas, Founder & Former Director of the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. [satalattas@hotmail.com]

Prof. Dr. Murat Cizakca, Professor of Islamic Finance at INCEIF and Member of PDP (Senate), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, [mcizakca@gmail.com]

HE Prof. Dr. Ahmet Davutoglu, Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, Ankara, Turkey, ahmet.davutoglu@mfa.gov.tr  
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Prof. Dr. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Former Secretary-General, Organization of the Islamic Conference, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Tun Dato' Seri (Dr.) Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid, Former Chairman, Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB), and Former Chief Secretary to the Malaysian Government, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

## EDUCATION

— **Ph.D.:** “International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC), International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)”- Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, (March 2002).

Field of Study: Islamic Civilization (Muslim History & Institutions).

Thesis Title: “MANASTIR IN THE SECOND HALF OF 18TH CENTURY: A HISTORY OF A BALKAN CITY WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE OTTOMAN JUDICIAL RECORDS”.

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy

— **M.A.:** “International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC), International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)”- Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, (September 1998).

Field of Study: Islamic Civilization & Muslim History.

Thesis Title: “THE *IJAZA* TRADITION IN MUSLIM EDUCATIONAL LIFE IN THE LIGHT OF THE LATE BALKAN PRACTICES (19th - 20th Centuries)”.

Degree: Master of Arts.

## FIELDS OF INTEREST

Comparative History of Civilizations; Law and Ethics; Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogue; Euro-Asian History; Muslim History & Historiography; History of Islamic Arts; History of Islamic Civilization; History of the Ottoman Empire; Balkan Studies; Legal Institutions in Islam; Sociology of Islamic Law; Applied Islamic Law; Philosophy of Religion; Islamic Studies; History of Education in the Muslim world; Muslim Institutions; Poverty Alleviation in the Muslim World; Comparative History of Business and Finance: Muslim World and the West; History of the Muslim Political Institutions; International Relations; Political Science & Comparative Politics; Good Governance.

## LANGUAGES

Fluent: Turkish, Albanian, English, Arabic and Macedonian.

Reading & Understanding abilities: Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian,  
Ottoman-Turkish & Some Malay.

## WORKING EXPERIENCES & POSITIONS HELD

### *Academic/Professional:*

\_ **Professor Dr.** at the Department of History and Islamic Civilization, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Sharjah, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, September 2018 – until the present.

\_ **Professor Dr.** of Islamic History and Civilization at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Sakarya University, Sakarya, Turkey, September 2017 – August 2018.

\_ **Adjunct Professor Dr.** of Sociology of Law at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Mother Teresa University, Skopje, Macedonia, July 2017 till the present.

\_ **Professor Dr.** of Sociology of Law at the Faculty of Law, International University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, October 2015 – June 2017.

\_ **Special Researcher** [Non-Resident] at the Turkish Culture Studies Center, Shanghai International Studies University, Shanghai, China, January 2015 - December 2015.

\_ **Professor Dr.** at the Department of Social and Political Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, International University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, September 2012 – October 2015.

\_ **Visiting Professor** at the Graduate School of Sultan Omar 'Ali Saifuddin Center of Islamic Studies (SOASCIS), University Brunei Darussalam (UBD), Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei, October-November 2014.

\_ **Visiting Professor** at the Prishtina International Summer University 2012 (PISU'12), Prishtina University, Kosovo, teaching the course “Public Diplomacy in the Balkans: Internal and External Factors,” July 2012.

\_ **Professor Dr.** at the Department of Political Science and International Relations, Faculty of Economics & Administrative Sciences, Hasan Kalyoncu University (Formerly known as Gazikent University), Gaziantep, Turkey, December 2011 – July 2012.

\_ **Associate Professor Dr.** at the Department of Political Science and International Relations, Faculty of Economics & Administrative Sciences, Hasan Kalyoncu University (Formerly known as Gazikent University), Gaziantep, Turkey, September 2010 – November 2011.

\_ **Chief Editor/Coordinator (Academics)** of MPH Group Publishing as well as **Academic Editor** of Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, July 2007 – June 2010.

\_ **Associate Professor Dr.** in the field of Muslim History, Islamic Civilization and Muslim Historiography at the Department of History and Civilization, Faculty of Human Sciences, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, July 2005 – June 2007.

\_ **(Senior) Assistant Professor Dr.** in the field of Islamic Civilization (History, History of Political Institutions, Ottoman and Ottoman-Balkan History & Turkish Language) at The International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, February 2003 – June 2005.

**Administrative:**

\_ **Acting Director**, Sharjah International Foundation for the History of Arab and Muslim Sciences (SIFHAMS), University of Sharjah, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, October 2018 – until the present.

\_ **Chairperson**, the Department of History and Islamic Civilization, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Sharjah, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, September 2018 – until the present.

- \_ **Director, Balkan Studies Center (BSC)**, International University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, October 2016 – June 2017.
  
- \_ **Coordinator** of the Graduate Studies, International University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, September 2014 – June 2017.
  
- \_ **Member of the Faculty Council** at the Faculty of Law, International University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, October 2015 – June 2017.
  
- \_ **Member the Executive Committee** of the Balkan Studies Center (BSC), International University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, October 2015 – June 2017.
  
- \_ **Coordinator** of the International Relations Office (IRO), International University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, September 2012 – September 2014.
  
- \_ **Director**, Global 3D Animation & Design (DOOEL), Skopje, Macedonia, September 2012 till the present.
  
- \_ **Member of the Board of Directors**, Global Oil Solutions (AS Suisse), Lugano, Switzerland, August 2012 – January 2013.
  
- \_ **Founder & Director** of the Center for Intercultural Dialogue and Education (CIDE), Office of the Rector, Hasan Kalyoncu University (Formerly known as Gazikent University), Gaziantep, Turkey, May 2011 – January 2013.
  
- \_ **Vice-President**, Dituria Foundation, Gostivar & Skopje, Macedonia, January 2005 till the present.
  
- \_ **Head** of the Department of Political Science and International Relations, Faculty of Economics & Administrative Sciences, Hasan Kalyoncu University (Formerly known as Gazikent University), Gaziantep, Turkey, March 2011 – June 2012.
  
- \_ **Member of the Senate** at Hasan Kalyoncu University (Formerly known as Gazikent University), Gaziantep, Turkey, May 2011 – June 2012.

**Member of the Faculty Council** at the Faculty of Economics & Administrative Sciences, Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep (Formerly known as Gazikent University), Turkey, May 2011 – June 2012.

**Academic Member** of the Institute of Social Sciences, Hasan Kalyoncu University (Formerly known as Gazikent University), Gaziantep, Turkey, March 2011 – June 2012.

### **COURSES TAUGHT:**

- History of Ottoman Empire [Postgraduate Level];
- History of Ottoman Empire (Osmanli History) [Undergraduate Level];
- History of the Ottoman Art [Undergraduate Level];
- Institutions in Islamic Civilization [Postgraduate Level];
- The Abbasid Caliphate [Undergraduate Level];
- Islamic Civilization [Undergraduate Level];
- Turkish Language [Postgraduate Level];
- Muslim Historiography [Undergraduate Level];
- Rise & Expansion of Islam to 132 AH [Undergraduate Level];
- Relations between Muslim World and the Medieval Europe [Undergraduate Level];
- Introduction to History & Civilization [Undergraduate Level];
- Muslim Nations in Contemporary History [Undergraduate Level];
- History of Islamic Education [Postgraduate Level];
- History of Southeast Asia [Undergraduate Level];
- History of Indian Sub-continent [Undergraduate Level];
- Muslim Minorities in Non-Muslim States [Undergraduate Level];
- Introduction to Western Civilization [Undergraduate Level];
- Comparative History of Civilizations [Post & Undergraduate Levels];
- Societies & Humanities [Undergraduate Level];
- Public Diplomacy in the Balkans [Postgraduate Level];
- Law and Ethics [Undergraduate Level];
- Introduction to Political Science [Undergraduate Level],
- Politics, Religion and Society in the Balkans [Postgraduate Level],
- Research and Methodology in Social Sciences [Postgraduate Level]
- Politics and the Media [Undergraduate Level],
- Society and Politics [Postgraduate Level],
- Ethnicity and Nationalism [Postgraduate Level],

- Governance and Democracy [Postgraduate Level]
- Sociology of Law [Undergraduate Level],
- New Social Movements [Undergraduate Level],
- Politics and Governance in the Balkans [Undergraduate Level],
- History of Islamic Political Thought [Undergraduate Level],
- Readings on Ibn Khaldun [Postgraduate Level],
- Historical Writing and Approaches [Postgraduate Level]
- Historical Texts in English [Undergraduate Level],
- Historical Texts and Terminologies in English [Postgraduate Level],
- History of Civilizations in English [Postgraduate Level],
- Critical Studies on Methodology of Historians in Arabic [Postgraduate Level],
- Islamic World Geography in Arabic [Undergraduate Level].

## **CURRICULUM REVISION, DEVELOPMENT & STRATEGIC PLANNINGS**

**-Proposed Project:** International Global Silkroad Library (IGSL) blueprint of the project presented to the Shanghai International Studies University in 2015, Shanghai & Beijing, China.

**-Proposed Project:** International Global Silkroad University (IGSU) blueprint of the project presented to the Shanghai International Studies University in 2015, Shanghai & Beijing, China.

**-Member of the Advisory Board** of the Foreign Policy Initiative (FPI), Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, beginning from December 2016 till the present.

**-Member of the Strategic Management Body** of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, beginning from December 2014 till June 2017.

**-Developing All Courses & Curriculum** of the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Hasan Kalyoncu (Formerly Gazikent) University, Gaziantep, Turkey, beginning from September 2010 till June 2012.

**-Strategic Plan: The Road Ahead Towards Achieving Academic Excellence (2010-2015)**, Albukhary International University, Alor Setar, Malaysia, 2009-2010.



- Course Revisions:** All the courses of history and civilization at the Department of History & Civilization, Faculty of Human Sciences, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2005-2007.
  
- Course Development:** History of Ottoman Empire, Post-Graduate Level, International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2002.
  
- Course Development:** Turkish Language (Beginner), Post-Graduate Level, International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2002.
  
- Course Development:** Turkish Language (Intermediate), Post-Graduate Level, International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 2002.

## **ATTENDED CONFERENCES, PRESENTED PAPERS & OTHERS**

- Presented Paper** at the 2019 KAMES International Conference with the theme “Rising Conflict in the Period of New Diaspora and Geo-Economic Transitions in the Middle East,” co-organized by Hankuk University of Foreign Studies and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Seoul, South Korea, held between 22-24 November 2019 in Seoul, South Korea. The paper entitled: “*Peace and Extremism Redefined: The Case of the Middle East.*”
  
- Keynote Address** at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Contemporary Issues in Business and Economics (ICCIBE), co-organized by Gaziosmanpasa University (Turkey), Iqra National University (Pakistan), *et al*, held between 04-06 October 2019 in Tokat, Turkey. The keynote address: “*Civilizational Approach to the Modern Day of Silkroad Initiative.*”
  
- Presented Paper** at the International Symposium on Religious Life 2018 (ISRL2018) with the theme “Religion in a Divided Multicultural World: Moderation, Fragmentation and Radicalization”, organized by Ministry of Religious Affairs (Indonesia) and Indonesian Consortium for Religious

Studies, held between 6-9 November 2018 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. The paper entitled: *“The Office of Islamic Religious Community of Macedonia: Whither it is Catalyst between the Government and the Subject.”*

**\_Keynote Address** at the International Conference on Contemporary Issues in Business and Economics (ICCIBE), co-organized by Gaziosmanpasa University (Turkey), Iqra National University (Pakistan), Mother Teresa University (Macedonia), *et al*, held between 14-15 July 2018 in Tokat, Turkey. The keynote address: *“Major Educational Challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Curriculum of Higher Learning Institutions and Prospects.”*

**\_Presented Paper** at the International Scientific Conference on “Strategic Relations between Balkan Countries, Common Values and Globalization”, organized by HEI “Marin Barleti University, held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018 in Tirana, Albania. The paper entitled: *“Towards Common Islamic Religious Background: A Proposal of the Balkan Encyclopedia of Islam.”*

**\_Presented Paper** at the International Congress on Higher Religious Education, organized by the Centre for Values Education & Istanbul University, held between 16-18 November 2017 in Istanbul, Turkey. The paper entitled: *“Ijāzah Tradition in the Muslim History: Thinking Towards Reviving in the Present-Day Higher Learning Institutions.”*

**\_Presented Paper** at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Islamic Studies Conference (4<sup>th</sup> IISC) with the theme: “Peace-building through Education,” organized by the College of Islamic Studies, Prince of Songkla University, Thailand, held between 23-25 July 2017 in Pattani, Thailand. The paper entitled: *“Applied Intercultural through Education: The Case of International University of Sarajevo.”*

**\_Keynote Address** at the International Symposium on “Prophetic Tradition, Imam Ali R.A. and Bektashism,” organized by the Holy See of World Bektashi Community based in Tirana, Albania, held between 20-21 March 2017 in Tirana, Albania. The keynote address: *“The Significance and Role of Imam Ali R.A. in the Eye of the Prophet Muhammad.”*

**\_Paper Presenter** at the Entrepreneurship, Public Policy and Education Nexus: Promoting Qatar National Vision 2030 and Beyond, organized by the College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), in collaboration with the Qatar National Research Fund (QNFR) and the World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE), held between 7-8 February 2017 in Doha, Qatar. The paper entitled: *“Implications of Hisbah*

*and Narb Traditions in the Ottoman era and their Reflections to the Present Day Entrepreneurship."*

**Keynote Address** at the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Islamic Countries University Leaders Summit (WICULS 2016), co-organized by the Higher Education Leadership Academy (AKEPT) and University Science Islam Malaysia (USIM), held between 14-20 November 2016 in Nilai, Malaysia. The keynote address: *"The House of Wisdom (Baitul Hikmah): Reclaiming Muslim Civilization from the Past with Ijazah Tradition in Focus."*

**Presented Paper** at the 4<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Balkan History Studies (UBTAS) with the theme: "Balkan Cities during the Ottoman Rule and the Land Registry System," co-organized by the University Texas-Rig Grande Valley, Turkish Historical Society, Mehmet Akif Ersoy University and Tuzla University, held between 1-5 June 2016 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The paper entitled: *"Demographic Structure of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Ottoman Manastir (Bitola) based on Ottoman Legal Documents."*

**Presented Paper** at the International Symposium on Waqf and Higher Education, co-organized by the International Islamic University Malaysia and Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University, held between 28–30 May 2016, in Istanbul, Turkey. The paper entitled: *"From a Waqf to a 'European University of the Western Balkans': Developmental Survey of the International University of Sarajevo."*

**Presented Paper** at the 12<sup>th</sup> Doha Conference on Inter-Faith Dialogue (DICID) with the theme: "Spiritual and Intellectual Security in the Light of Religious Doctrines," organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the State of Qatar, held between 16-17 February 2016 in Doha, Qatar. The paper entitled: *"Applied Interfaith through Cultural Interaction and Education: The Case of International University of Sarajevo."*

**Presented Paper** at the International Conference "Finding New Horizons: Tasks, Challenges and Concepts for an Islamic Religious Education in Europe" organized by Fachtagung an der Justus-Leibig-Universität Giessen, held between 17-19 September 2015 in Giessen, Germany. The paper entitled: *"Islamic Religious Education in Bosnia."*

**Presented Paper** at the International Symposium on Religion and Film jointly organized by the Istanbul Municipality, Ensar Foundation, Center for Values Education, and University of Nebraska Omaha, held between 21-

24 May 2015 in Istanbul, Turkey. The paper entitled: *“Recent Developments in Malaysian Cinema and its Challenges with Reference to the Religious Factor.”*

**Presented Paper** at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Islamic Studies Conference (3rdIISC) with theme “Islamic Values in a Changing World” organized by the College of Islamic Studies, Prince of Songkhla University, held between 23-25 March 2015 in Pattani, Thailand. The paper entitled: *“Ottoman Scholar Kinalizade Ali Efendi’s Akblaqi ‘Alai and its Reflections to the Modern World.”*

**Presented Paper** at the 6<sup>th</sup> Think Tanks Forum of the Islamic Countries with theme “Building Multi-Dimensional Security in Islamic Countries” jointly organized by Turkish-Asian Strategic Research Center (TASAM), The Pakistan Senate Defence Committee, Pakistan China Institute and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), held between 6-8 March 2015 in Islamabad, Pakistan. The paper entitled: *“Security along the Muslim Countries of the New Silkroad: Propositional Approach with Reference to the Security within the ASEAN.”*

**Presented Paper** at the International Conference with theme *“The Teaching of Islamic Civilisation in Today’s Universities and Colleges: A Review for New Strategic Educational Goals”* jointly organized by Sultan Omar ‘Ali Saifuddin Center of Islamic Studies (SOASCIS, University Brunei Darussalam), International University of Sarajevo (IUS), Oxford University, Istanbul Medeniyet University, University Putra Malaysia (UPM), University Technology Malaysia (UTM) and International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), held between 3-5 November 2014 in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei. The paper entitled: *“Should the Balkans be Part of Islamic Civilisation Curriculum in Modern Universities? A Geo-Ontological Analysis.”*

**Presented Paper** at the International Symposium with the theme “Eurasian Law Meeting” jointly co-organized the Constitutional Lawyers Association, Lawyers Association, International Lawyers Association, International Law Center, Ministry of Justice of Republic of Turkey, Governors’ Office of Eskisehir, Istanbul University, Anadolu University, Konya KTO Karatay University, Turkey Law Portal and the International University of Sarajevo, held between 4-5 September 2014 in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The paper entitled: *“Shari‘ah vis-à-vis Good Governance: Is Compatibility Possible in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?”*

**\_Presented Paper** at the International Symposium with the theme “The Balkans in Ottoman Science, Thought and Art” jointly organized by the Faculty of Divinity, Trakya University, Faculty of Letter, Istanbul University, and Islami Ilimler Arastirmasi Vakfi (ISAV), held between 7-9 May 2014 in Edirne, Turkey. The paper entitled: *“Bridges Facing the Ka’bah: A Unique Ottoman Architecture in the Balkans”*.

**\_Presented Paper** at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium with the theme “Contemporary Issues of the Alawism and Baktashism (Guncel Sorunlariyla Alevilik ve Bektasilik)” organized by the Faculty of Theology, Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University, held between 16-18 April 2014 in Canakkale, Turkey. The paper entitled: *“Alevî-Bektasî Tekkesinin Şeyhi Baba Recep ve Detroitteki Faaliyetleri (Shaykh Baba Recep of Albanian Alawite-Baktashi Dervish Lodge and its Activities in Detroit, USA)”*.

**\_Presented Paper** at the Inaugural Zaytuna College Conference on “Islamic Higher Education in the West: Challenges and Opportunities” organized by Zaytuna College and co-sponsored by the Center for Islamic Studies at the Graduate Theological Union, the University of California, Berkeley Center for Race and Gender, and the Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas Initiative in the College of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University, held on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014 in Berkeley, CA, USA. The paper entitled: *“İjāzah: The Case in the Late Balkans”*.

**\_Presented Paper** at the Institute of Global Ethnology and Anthropology, organized by Minzu University of China, held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014 in Beijing, China. The paper entitled: *“Etiquette and Conducts of Muslims towards non-Muslims: Scriptural and Contextual Perspectives”*.

**\_Presented Paper** together with Muhamed Ali at the 4<sup>th</sup> Blue Black Sea Congress with the theme “Politics, Economics and Society: Local and International Perspectives for Conflict Resolution, Cooperation and Democratization,” organized by the Faculty of Political Science, Marmara University, held between 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey. The paper entitled: *“International Relations in the Black Sea: A Review of Turkish - Ukrainian Case”*.

**\_Presented Paper** at the International Symposium of “Imam-Hatip (Vocational Religious) High Schools on Their Centennial Day,” co-organized by Center for Values and Education & other organizations, held between 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey. The paper entitled: *“The*

*Situation of Madrasahs and Religious Education in Macedonia after the Ottoman Rule”.*

**\_Presented Paper** together with Hasan Korkut at the International Silkroad Congress & 10<sup>th</sup> ACTR Conference with the theme “Rethinking the Region of Peace, Collaboration and Trade between the East and the West,” organized by Ankara Center for Thought and Research (ADAM) and Istanbul Commerce University, held between 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> October 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey. The paper entitled: “*Via Egnatia as a Connectum between the Silkroad and South-Southeast Europe: A Historical Socio-Economic Survey*”.

**\_Presented Special** a Whole-Day Seminar with the theme: “*Islamic World and the Current International Relations*” held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2013 organized by the Center Ethnic and Religious Studies, China Institutes for Contemporary International Relations, Beijing, China.

**\_Presented Paper** at the International Seminar organized by the ADYAN Foundation with the Theme: “Islamic Studies for Peace and Coexistence in the Arab World” held between 28<sup>th</sup> June – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in Beirut, Lebanon. The paper entitled: “*Current Condition of Islamic Studies in the Balkan Higher Learning Institutions*”.

**\_Presented Paper** at the International Conference organized by the Office of the Vice President of the Republic of Srpska with the Theme: “Turkey in the Balkans” held between 30<sup>th</sup> November - 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2012 in Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The paper entitled: “*Ottoman Judicial Records (Qadi Sijil): The Major Documented Sources on the Ottoman Rule and History of the Balkans*”.

**\_Presented Paper** at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Islam and Higher Education with the theme “The Role of Awqaf in the Development of Islamic Higher Education: the Past, the Present, and Future Prospects” organized by The International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS), The Pahang State Foundation, IKIP International College, and International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT) East Asia, on 30<sup>th</sup> September-2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2012, in Kuantan, Malaysia. The paper entitled: “*Ottoman Waqf Educational System in the Balkans in the Light of the Ijāzahs*”.

**\_Presented Paper** together with Muhamed Ali at the International Conference with the theme “*Karadeniz Bölgesel İşbirliği Bağlamında Türkiye, Kırım ve Ukrayna İlişkilerinin Dünü, Bugünü ve Geleceği*” [Turkish, Crimea and Ukraine

Relations from the Perspective of Regional Black Sea Cooperation], organized by Ankara Center for Thought and Research (ADAM) and Crimea State Pedagogical University, held between 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September 2012 in Crimea, Ukraine. The paper entitled: *“International Relations in the Black Sea: A Review of Turkish-Ukrainian Case”*.

**\_Presented Paper** at the Panel with the theme *“Arap Baharı’nın Türkiye ve Orta Doğu’ya Etkileri”* [The Impact of “Arab Spring” to Turkey and the Middle East], organized by the Department of Political Science and International Relations, Gazikent Hasan Kalyoncu University, Gaziantep, Turkey, held on 27<sup>th</sup> December 2011. The paper entitled: *“Suriye’de Asad Rejiminin Son Duracağı mı?”* [Syrian Long Ruling Assad Regime’s Last Station?]

**\_Presented Paper** at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Islam and Higher Education with the theme “The Empowerment of Muslim Communities in Private Higher Education” organized by The International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS), The Pahang State Foundation, IKIP International College, International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT) East Asia, and Islamic Development Bank (IDB) on 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November, 2011, in Kuantan, Malaysia. The paper entitled: *“The Role of Endowment Foundations in the Private Higher Education in the Balkans: The Case of the Minority Muslim Communities”*.

**\_Presented Paper** at the International Conference on “Past, Present & Future of Turkish-Albanian-Macedonian Relations” organized by Ankara Center for Thought and Research (ADAM) and International Balkan University (IBU) on 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> May, 2011, in Skopje, Macedonia, and Prishtina, Kosovo. The paper entitled: *“An Evaluation of Current State of Islamic Manuscripts in Macedonia and Future Prospects”*.

**\_Presented Paper** at the International Symposium on “Macedonia during the Ottoman Rule” organized by Union of Turkish NGOs in the Republic of Macedonia (MATUSITEB) on 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> December, 2010, in Skopje, Macedonia. The paper entitled: *“Strategic Depth of the Balkans and Macedonian Position during the Ottoman Era”*.

**\_Delivered a Special Talk** on “Islamic Civilization in the Balkans: Past, Present and Future Prospects” at the International Institute of Advanced Islamic Civilization (IAIS) on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2010, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

**\_Presented Paper and Discussant** for the session of “An Understanding of the Foundation of Filial Piety from various Traditions” at the seminar “A Multi-Cultural Understanding of Filial Piety” held at the Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM) on 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February 2009 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The paper entitled: *“Filial Piety from the Muslim Tradition”*.

**\_Presented Paper** at the First East Asian Conference for Slavic Euroasian Studies 2009 “Resurgence of Russia and the Future of Euroasia – Views from the East” held at the Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, on 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> February, 2009 in Sapporo, Japan. The paper entitled: *“A Review of Malaysia-Bosnia Relations”*.

**\_Presented Paper** in the panel of an expert consultation on “Justice and Trustworthy in Corporate Governance” held at the Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM) on 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> December 2008 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The paper entitled: “Can the *Shari‘ah* be a Guide for Good Governance?”

**\_Presented Paper** in the panel of “Sociology of Islam and Muslim Societies” at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, held between 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> April, 2008, Richmond, Virginia, U.S.A. (Organized by Department of Sociology, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, Virginia Tech). The paper entitled: *“Islamic Socio-Religious Movements in the Balkans and among the Balkan Muslims”*.

**\_Delivered a Special Talk** at the “Commemoration of Kosova Independence,” held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2008, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. (Jointly organized by Albanian Student Association of Malaysia & International Islamic University Malaysia [IIUM]). The topic entitled: *“The Balkans between the East and the West”*.

**\_Presented Paper** at the International Conference on “Islamic Civilization in Central Asia” held between 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September 2007, in Astana, Kazakhstan. (Organized by Research Centre for Islamic History, Art and Culture [IRCICA, the Organization of Islamic Conference] & R. B. Suleimenov Institute of Oriental Studies, Ministry of Education and Science, Republic of Kazakhstan). The paper entitled: *“Ahmad Yasawi as a Leading Early Central Asian Sūfi: Re-examination of His Perceptions on Tariqah (Order)”*.



**\_Presented Paper** at the International Conference on “The Role of Islamic States in a Globalized World, held in 17-18 July 2007, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. (Organized by Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia [IKIM]). The paper entitled: *“The Rights and Responsibilities of Non-Muslims (Dhimmīs) in Contemporary Islamic States”*.

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- **The Balkan Encyclopedia of Islam:** An encyclopedia of 6-8 volumes that will be the main gateway for research on the intellectual tradition of any given culture and geographical area of the Balkans. Projected to be the main reference for making policies, developing curriculum, having global communications, searching out clues for foreign policies and nation building. It aims to be the primary authority over other sources of reference and the port of entry, so to speak, for exploring and identifying other worlds. “The Balkan Encyclopedia of Islam” (BEI) will bridge the Balkan cultures and traditions, and be a tool for further research and identification. This encyclopedia can do all this and more.
- **Cataloging and Digitizing** the unpublished manuscripts (“Arabic, Ottoman-Turkish & Persian Manuscripts in Macedonia”), partly housed at the National and University Library “St. Kliment Ohridski”, Skopje, Macedonia.
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