

TWO DAYS

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

ISLAM AND MODERNIZATION [ICIM 2022]

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ORGANIZED BY

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Thanks to the **Conference Convener**

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**Director Center for Sufis who invited me for
KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

The Conference theme has two dimensions

Islam and Modernization

**We need first to understand Islam and its
challenge: External and Internal**

The challenge of Islam **Altaf Gauhar**

It is Islam that poses challenge

Nature of challenge: Intellectual –

Islam as the Worldview – true, authentic and universal – embodiment of truth and reality

Islam as the way of life and scheme of society

Islam as the source of Cultural and Civilization

Islam stands for excellence –

- A. So excel one another in good works. [2: 148]**
- B. Be watchful over the Prayers, and over praying with the utmost excellence...[2: 238]**
- C. They believe in Allah and in the Last Day and enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong, and hasten to excel each other in doing good. These are among the righteous. [3: 114]**
- D. It is Allah Who created death and life that He might try you as to which of you is excellent in deed. [67:2]**

MODERNIZATION

STANDS FOR CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT:

It has conceptual, epistemological, ideological problems.

It is the product of the theories of Enlightenment and Renaissance

It has mixed results more of destructive and harmful to humanity.

We need to understand it in its proper perspective

We cannot adopt all the forms of modernization without critical and analytical exercise

One of the biggest challenge before mankind is to have correct, true, authentic and realistic perception of existing concepts, theories and models.

Since 1980 much has been deliberated and written on modernization and development from Islamic perspective.

Unfortunately, no where in the Muslim world it was taken seriously and implemented sincerely.

ONE of the dimensions of the process of modernization is related to the education of Muslim youth.

Genius of the Muslim world such as Nasr, Ismail Faruqi, Naquib al-Attas and many others contended for the proper

development of educational system in the Muslim world.

For this purpose, they introduced and raised the concept and slogan of Islamization of Knowledge.

It was considered as a prerequisite for modernization and development of the Muslim countries and communities.

But unfortunately, it was neither understood properly nor well-received.

It is our basic duty to understand everything from the perspective of truth, reality and universality of life, society and the world.