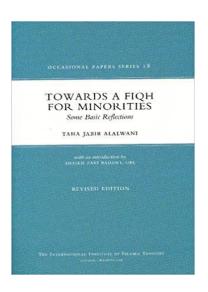


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## Towards A *Fiqh* for Minorities: Some Basic Reflections

By: Dr. Taha Jabir Al-Alwani

**Abstract** 



**7**owards a Figh for Minorities is an important subject and a much-needed contribution to an area of figh that has become essential for the well being and development of Muslim communities living in the West. The author stresses that the problems of Muslim minorities can only be tackled with a fresh juristic vision based on the principles, objectives and higher values of the Qur'an in conjunction with the ultimate aims and intents (magasid) of the Shariah. In essence Dr. Alalwani's paper is a call for Muslim minorities to have a sense of themselves as citizens and develop a positive, confident view of their place and value in society, moving away from notions of immigrant status and governed by a humanistic vision focusing on the betterment of society.

#### Reactivation of IIIT at Ilorin Centre

By: Dr. Aliyu Tanko

In the News



**U**niversity of Ilorin was the base of IIIT Southwest when Prof.

Oloyede was the Coordinator of Southwest, Nigeria. With the restructuring of the Nigerian office to three (3) offices the Ilorin office became the domain as it was not carried along by the Southwest because it is geo-politically belong to North Central Zone of Nigeria despite its closeness to the Southwest.

However, with the creation of the Central Zone and the strategic location of Ilorin, it became very necessary to activate IIIT activities at least in the famous University of Ilorin.

A meeting was initiated and held at the permanent site of the University. The meeting was attended by the former overseer of the IIIT Southwest Prof. Adebayo, Prof. Agan and three other young lecturers namely, Dr. Shittu, Bro. Shehu, Dr. Yusuph and my humble self as the coordinator.

The meeting reviewed the past activities, some of the challenges and finally resolved to focus on the following:

- Create awareness on IIIT activities with reference to Research, development of Integration of Knowledge (IOK) Materials.
- Monthly or Bi-Monthly Public Lectures.

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Supporting the Muslim Students' activities.

Finally, the meeting adopted Dr. Shittu as the IIIT representative/contact person at Ilorin Centre and there after the whole team visited the old IIIT Library situated at a very strategic location in the University. The library also needs rehabilitation and someone to look after the books/materials for better utilizations. ❖

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# IIIT Philippines Promotes Social Peace Through Integration of Knowledge (Part 1)

By: Dr. Alizaman D. Gamon and Dr. Mariam S. Tagoranao

#### **Opinion**



Dr. Alizaman Gamon

**9**nspired by the philosophical underpinnings of integration of knowledge as espoused by elders of International Institute of Islamic Thoughts (IIIT) and other scholars of the Muslim world, the newly established office of the IIIT Philippines

RC-Al Khwarizmi International College Foundation Incorporated (RC-AKIC), Marawi City, Philippines is dedicated to creating a conducive intellectual environment for the academic and administrative staff, and students of the college. The IIIT Philippines under the supervision of Dr. Alizaman D. Gamon seeks to explore possible areas for integration of knowledge projects that would place Muslim education in a new positive light in the eyes of Filipino communities. While the public universities have been mandated by the government to fulfil their roles towards social integration, advancement of a cultural conversation, and civilizational dialogue, the IIIT Philippines is, however, committed to offering an alternative discourse through meaningful integration of knowledge to address various social problems created by the erroneous educational system. Through a meaningful collaboration with Muslim organizations, the IIIT Philippines has shown its dedication towards introducing various programs that may provide an avenue for the gradual recognition of tawhidic worldview epistemology as a driving force for cultural and

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civilizational convergence - an important tool for sustainable peace and development. Presenting IIIT as an advocate of Islamization and integration of knowledge in a secular state is indeed a great challenge. As such, the IIIT Philippines has begun its first step towards the 'relevantization' of Islamic discourse amid secularism. The various programs organized by the institute were mainly crafted for the realization of shared spiritual space between the different cultural and religious communities in the Philippines. Promoting the culture of peace through the agenda of Islamization and integration is a humble attempt to revive the role of religion in the public space and to gradually recognize the relevance of an inclusivist approach to religious tolerance, peace, and social co-existence. Dr. Alizaman opined intercultural that and interreligious can be spearheaded by Muslim institutions of higher learning to build bridges and channels of academic, scientific, and technical cooperation with other systems and educational institutions at the national level and thus, the philosophy of integration of knowledge should serve the interest of the country and beyond. • To be continued...



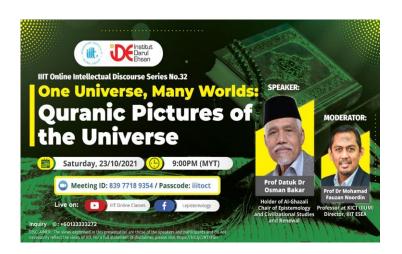


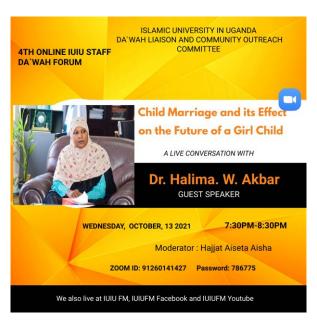
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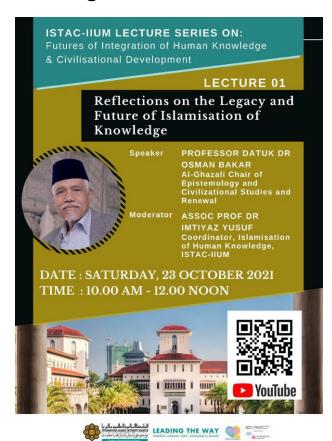


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