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Letter of Invitation for Chief Guest

December 24, 2021

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Faculty of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences

International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), Malaysia

Assalamo Alaikum Honorable Professor! We hope this letter finds you in good physical and spiritual health. We cordially invite you as a **Chief Guest** to the **2nd International Conference of Islamic Studies-2021 (ICIS-2021)** on **29-30 December 2021**, organized by the Department of Islamic Studies (DIS), Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities, Riphah International University, Islamabad, Pakistan. The Conference deliberations would be on the theme **“Islamic Perspective on Leadership: A Framework for Practice in the Contemporary World.”**

The ICIS-2021 is a two-day conference providing a perfect platform to bring together academicians, educationists, and religious scholars for sharing their insights on the Islamic perspective on leadership for providing a framework for practice in the contemporary world. Due to COVID-19, the conference will be conducted online.

We believe that your endowment to the conference will be very beneficial for students, teachers, scholars, and participants. We hope that you will be able to join us for the conference (voluntarily), and we look forward to listening from your scholarly talk as a chief guest. Kindly, submit your bio-data and headshot (picture), and CV. Do not hesitate if you need any information and support from our side. Find the attached format for bio-data.

Focal Person/ Chief Organizer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tahir'.

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2nd International Conference of Islamic Studies 2021

Islamic Perspective on Leadership: A Framework for Practice in the Contemporary World

Department of Islamic Studies Riphah International University, I-14 Campus, Near Haji Camp, Islamabad, Pakistan

29-30 December, 2021

The conference sessions will be conducted online (virtual)

Important Dates

Abstract Submission Date: **15th November, 2021**

Notification of Abstract Acceptance/ Rejection: **17th November, 2021**

Research Paper Submission Date: **15th December, 2021**

Notification of Research Paper Acceptance/ Rejection: **20th December, 2021**

PowerPoint Presentation Submission Date: **25th December, 2021**

Conference Dates: **29-30 December, 2021**

Call for Abstract

The call for abstract submission is open now.
The deadline for submission is midnight,
15th November, 2021

Submit your Abstract: icis@riphah.edu.pk
The ICIS-2021 Conference Committee

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Sub-Themes of the Conference ICIS-2021

- 1) Leadership: Definitions, Importance, Concepts, Objectives and Models
- 2) Historical Perspective on Leadership from Islamic and Western Thought
- 3) An Overview of Leadership Practices in the Global Context
- 4) Professional Development of Leaders in the light of Islamic Ethical System
- 5) Qur'anic, Prophetic and Companions Models for transforming Contemporary Leadership Thoughts and Practices
- 6) Islamic Teachings for Conflict Resolution, Decision Making and Problem Solving Skills in Leadership
- 7) Leadership Development Programs and Models for Contemporary Muslim World
- 8) Contemporary Leadership Issues, Challenges and their Solutions from Islamic Perspective
- 9) Role of Administration, Instructors and Organizations in the Promotion of Islamic Leadership and Welfare of Institutions
- 10) Role of Modern Tools in the Promotion of Leadership Skills
- 11) Islamic Leadership Approaches vs. Convention Leadership Approaches in the Global Context
- 12) Reconstruction of Social and Political Leadership Thoughts and Practices for Effective Leadership in the Muslim Ummah

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THEME OF THE CONFERENCE

- **Islamic Perspective on Leadership: A Framework for Practice in the Contemporary World**

I have divided my presentation into 4 sections:

1. **What is Islam and what is its aim?**
2. **Leadership and its Characteristics**
3. **Leadership Prerequisites**
4. **Concluding Remarks**

- **There are two dimensions in this topic**
- **Islamic Perspective and Leadership**

What is Islam and its aim?

- **We need to review our understanding of Islam**
- **Many people do not have authentic understanding of it**
- **Most of them have reduced it to the level of a religion like any other religion like Judaism and Christianity**

What is Islam?(Continues)

- **Although since the time of Sha Wali Allah Dehlwi to the Shaikh Yousuf Al-Qardawi, all scholars of Islamic revivalist tradition presented it as Din, the way of life.**
- **But this term Din is also corrupted and frequently used for religion or in a religious sense. In this way Islam as religion is confined to the personal and private aspects of life.**
- **It is misused for sectarian and selfish interests**

What is Islam?(Continues)

- **In spite of several reminders and even commitment to Islam as the way of life, it is still used as religion and remains as a theory.**
- **In society, community, state and government practically it is not accepted as the way of life.**
- **So, I would like to submit that Islam is not a religion in a limited sense as it is understood in the modern world.**

What is Islam?(Continues)

- **Based on the study of the texts of Islam the Quran and Sunnah I argue that it must be taken as the worldview, the way of life, source of culture and civilization which stands for the overall development of individual, society, government and state.**
- **Well-being of people and success here in this world and the next world is the main target of Islam.**

Leadership and its Characteristics

- **The issue of leadership and its characteristics need to be understood in the context of society, state, government, overall cultural and civilizational development.**
- **I feel this conference would help to comprehend the civilizational role of leadership in a comprehensive and holistic way**
- **It is clear from the perspective of Islam and civilizational development that the notion of leadership is comprehensive, holistic, moderate but dynamic and future oriented.**
- **It stands to serve the needs of people.**

Leadership and its Characteristics(continues)

- A leadership has to think and plan for the success of people, community and society taking into consideration all aspects of life, physical, ethical, spiritual, moral, legal, and consequential.**
- People and society must be developed by a committed leadership.**

Leadership Prerequisites

1. A leader must have a Clear Vision and commitment to the Mission of Islam.
 - This requires clear understanding of the message of Islam to humanity: to understand the truth and reality of life and the world especially the purpose of life. Allah SWT as the Creator.
2. Clear Vision of Islamic life and Society
 - They are based on ethical, spiritual, moral and legal foundation. Nothing can be sacrificed for the sake of other.

Leadership Prerequisites(continues)

3. Ijtihadic and Dynamic Qualities

- The second Caliph Umar said:
- Zaiyad Ibn Hudayr related: “Umar said to me, “Do you know what will destroy Islam?” When I said that I did not, he said, “It will be destroyed by the mistakes of scholars, the arguing of hypocrites using the Book, and government by leaders who are in error.”
- This is further supported by the tradition of the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, who is reported to have said, ‘There are two classes in my *ummah* who, if they are right the *ummah* will be set right; and if they go wrong the *ummah* will go wrong: they are the rulers and the scholars.’

Leadership Prerequisites(continues)

3.1. During the period of Rightly Guided Caliphs, the leader was the thinker and the thinker was the leader. The vision of Islam for him was a dominant factor and the zeal to make community, govt. and state Islamic.

3. 2. He was able to involve and engage the whole community in the process of development.

Leadership Prerequisites(continues)

4. Clear empirical and rational approach

- All scientific and rational tools and techniques are practically applied. Leadership must be aware of it.
- He must be capable to see the current situation of the societies and plan for their development.
- A good leader must be capable to plan to produce the committed, dedicated, honest, hard-working, future-oriented and visionary human resources.
- Leaders themselves need to be creative and Ijtihadic

Leadership Prerequisites(continues)

5. Leaders must encourage scientific, critical and creative thinking. Tawhid creates and develops all these qualities. Lack of Tawhid makes people imitators and mentally slaves.

6. A good leader must be able to reject every perspective that goes against Islamic worldview courageously and plan to develop everything based on Islamic perspective.

7. Leaders must be capable to encourage the scholars and intellectuals, experts and skilled specialists to develop Islamic models of modernization and development with the help of the proper and needful technology.

Leadership prerequisites(continues)

8. Leader must be capable to create among the members of the community an urge for a better life based on the worldview of Islam with clean environment, fair distribution of resources maintaining justice.

9. Leader must be capable to guarantee political stability, material development, economic growth and scientific and technological environment based on Islamic theories and models.

Concluding Remarks

- **No Leader can achieve his goals and guarantees development, justice and happiness without bringing drastic and radical change in the existing system of education.**
- **A referendum can be held for the purpose of development of a new but Islamic educational system.**
- **Advancement in knowledge is the master key for all success.**
- **A leader must promote and encourage and also create an environment of creation of new knowledge.**

Concluding Remarks(Continues)

- **A STRONG POLITICAL WILL WITH THE SUPPORT OF ALL THE SECTIONS OF THE SOCIETY IS NEEDED TO GUARANTEE ISLAMIC MODEL OF DEVELOPMENT WHICH URRRENTLY LACKS IN THE MUSLIM WORLD.**
- **THANKS TO THE ORGANIZERS FOR INVITING ME TO SPEAK ON THIS IMPORTANT THEME.**