

2018 Progress Report

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ISLAM & LIBERTY
NETWORK

Who we are?

Islam and Liberty Network is a platform for researchers, academics and public intellectuals with the mission to “explore and promote a Muslim case for freedom”, in the religious, economic, and political spheres through disseminating knowledge and developing human resources.

It is registered as a non-profit Labuan foundation in Malaysia and is governed by an international board of directors, all of whom except for the part-time CEO give their time freely.

Established in 2011 in Istanbul, formally incorporated in 2016

Islam & Liberty Network- what we do?

Our objectives are to:

- Publish high quality scholarly papers and articles on Islam and liberty which are widely disseminated.
- Develop a vibrant network of public intellectuals, scholars, and researchers
- Educate and train young researchers, writers, teachers and journalists working on Islam

Our Annual Programme comprises:

- International Conference leading to exchange, papers and books
- Summer Workshop leading to training of young scholars
- Local Seminars for public education
- Weekly podcasts for scholarly debate and public education
- Monthly articles for scholarly debate and public education

Organizational & Financial Matters

Governance: ILN Council meets every quarter via Skype- members are: Mohammed Amin, Linda Whetstone, Nouh Elharmouzi, Souad Adnane, Ozlem Caglar Yilmaz, Ali Salman, Edo Omercevic

We also have an **Advisory Board:** Syed Kamall, Atilla Yayla & Hisham El Moussaoui

Management: Staff comprises one full time associate and a part-time CEO, who allocates one day per week, based in IDEAS Malaysia

Operations: Office support is provided by IDEAS, Malaysia, free of cost

Partners: Iqbal Institute for Research & Dialogue, International Islamic University Islamabad, Mofid University Iran, International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS Malaysia)

Total income in 2018 (Jan-Dec): \$71,405



- Sponsored and hosted by IRD, International Islamic University Islamabad
- 18 speakers
- 12 countries
- About 500 participants
- Islamabad, 14-15 November 2018

6th International Islam & Liberty Conference Building Islamic Foundations for Open Markets

6th International Islam & Liberty Selected Conference Papers

Enterprise and free markets were born in the pre-Islamic and Islamic Middle East

A Critical Review of The Theory of *Mantiqat al-Firāq*

Institutional setup of Market Economy & Property Rights in Islam

Gold Dinar: An Alternative to Fiat Currency and Central Banking

Navigating the Cryptocurrency Landscape- an Islamic Perspective

Islamic Countries Clustered and Analysed by Economic and Political Freedoms and GDP

Sufi or Salafi Islam who is more pro-open markets? Survey Study from Algeria

Historical Development of Waqf Governance in Bangladesh

Islamic Economics & Open Markets

Madinah Economic Model: Some Lessons for today

Theory of Distributive Justice In Islamic Perspective: A Conceptual Exploration

Lebanon's Experience With Economic Freedom within A Muslim Majority

Islam & Liberty
Webinars-
on-line, open
access seminars
with leading public
intellectuals

ISLAM AND LIBERTY WEBINARS

LAST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Islam & Liberty Webinars 2018

Date	Speaker	Topic
27th January	Mustafa Akyol	Reforms in Islamic World: ala Luther or ala Locke
24th February	Dr. Nader Hashemi	Is Liberty an Islamic Value?
31st March	Zainah Anwar	Seeking Equality for Women in Islam
28th April	Dr. Mustafa Acar	Reason versus tradition: Ahl al-Ra'y & Ahl al-Hadith
26th May	Ali Salman	Libertarian Characters of Islamic Market Economy
30th June	M. Abul Ahrar Ramizpoor	Is Sharia compatible with a free society?
27th October	Ozlem Caglar Yilmaz	Principles of Liberty and Islamic Political Movements
24th November	Dr. Nouh Elharmouzi	Economic Freedom & Political Freedom: the relationship
29th December	Dr. Bican Sahin	Freedom, Religion and Islam

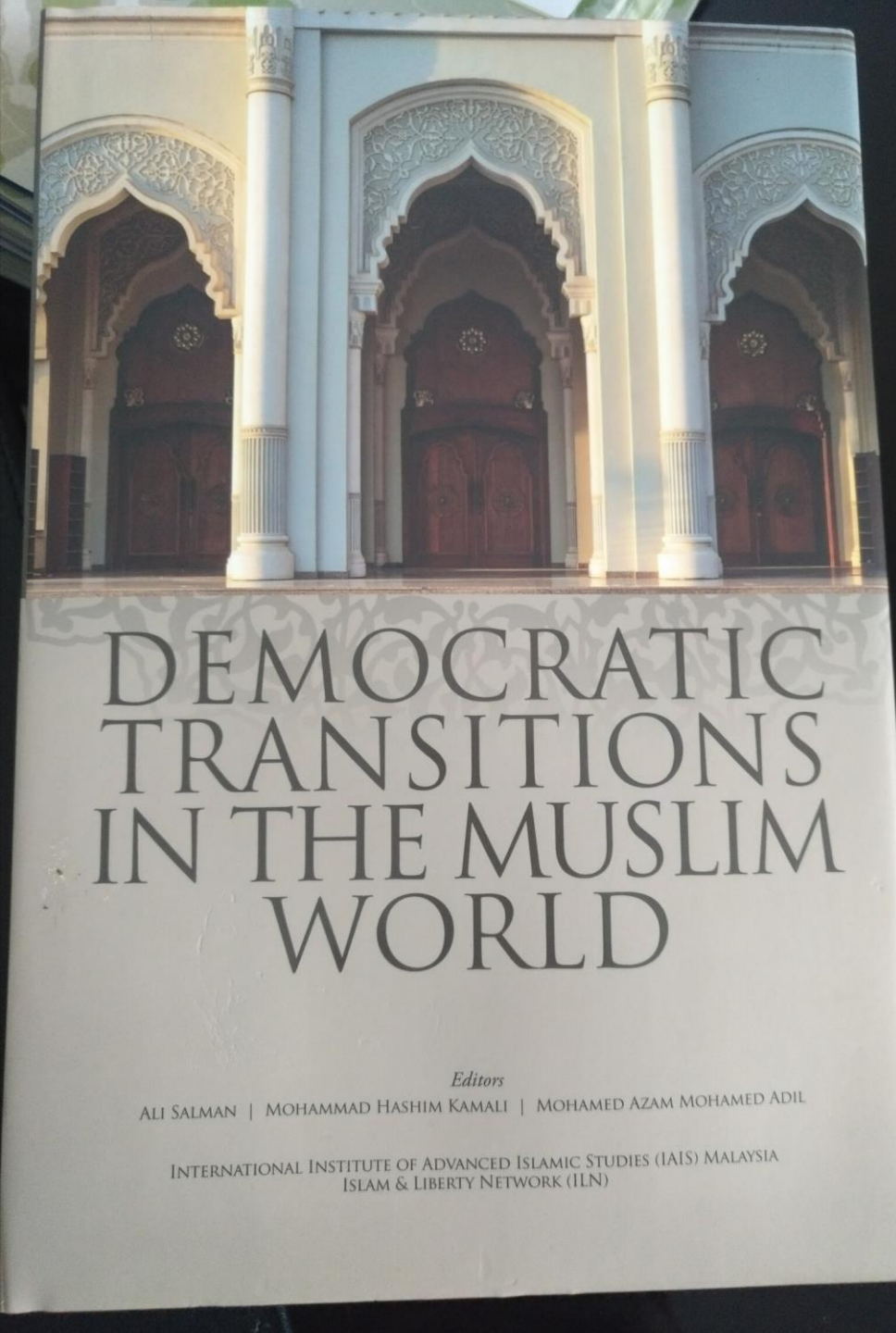


Islam & Liberty Summer University Iran 16-20 July 2018



Outline of Islam & Liberty Summer University Iran 16-20 July 2018

- Positive & Negative Liberty
- What is Political Liberty
- Liberty, Democracy and Muslim World
- Islam and Economic Principles
- Economic Freedom & Entrepreneurship in Islam
- Economic Freedom- Views of Baqir Sadr
- Policies and Prospects of Free and Prosperous Iran
- Islam and recent challenges in international economic freedom



First book published...

Democratic Transitions in the Muslim World

- **Selected Chapters**
- Classical Muslim Political Theory
- Deconstructing Dilemma: Democracy versus Islam
- The Rise and Fall of Iranian Reformists
- A critical assessment of Hamas' Democratic Transformation
- Malaysia: The Roots of a Democratic Society
- Evolving Interplay of Islam and Politics from Islamists to Islamic Democrats

ISLAMIC FOUNDATIONS of a FREE SOCIETY

Reprint: Islamic Foundations of a Free Society

- The condition of social, political and economic thinking in the Islamic World from a classical liberal perspective
- Reason versus tradition, free will versus fate, interpretation versus literalism: intellectual underpinnings of the negative outlook for the Muslim world
- Welfare beyond the state: 'ihsani' societal-based welfare
- The individual, freedom of choice and tolerance in the Quran
- Economic freedom: the path to women's emancipation in the Middle East and North Africa region
- Jihad and political change: a perspective based on Quranic sources
- Islam and politics today: the reasons for the rise of jihadism
- Islam and a free market economy: are they compatible?
- Islamic finance: between the reality and the ideal

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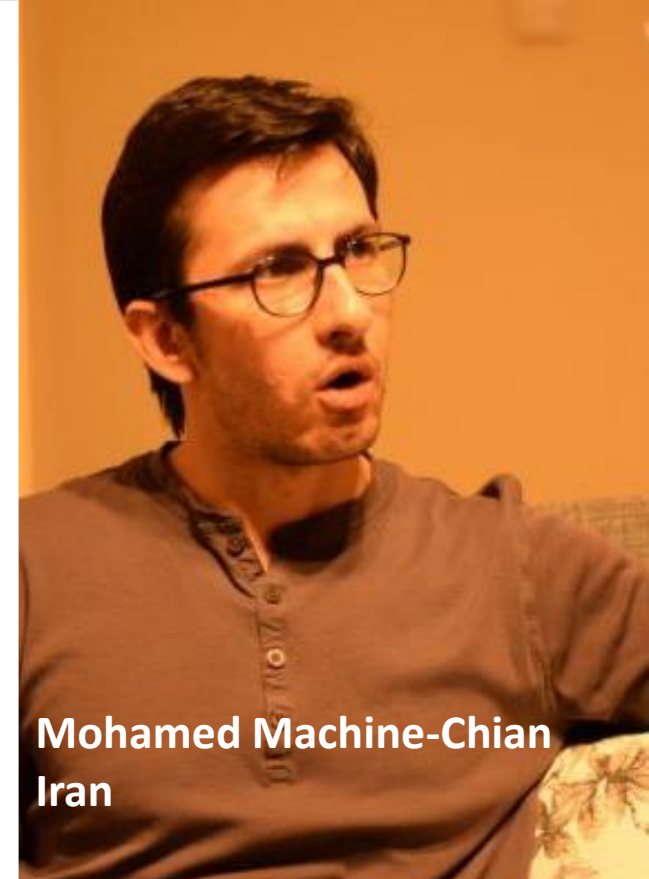
Dženan Smajić
Bosnia and Herzegovina



Mustafa Akyol
Global Fellow



Muhamad Ikhsan
Indonesia



Mohamed Machine-Chian
Iran

ILN Fellows in four countries

ILN 2019 Plans



7th International Islam & Liberty Conference: Presenting an Islamic Case for Religious Freedoms (Indonesia)



2nd Islam & Liberty Summer Workshop (Malaysia)



Weekly podcasts based on scholarly conversations on different intellectual dimensions of Islam and liberty



Monthly articles on contemporary debates



Publication of book based on 6th International Conference



12 Local Seminars (Pakistan, Afghanistan already organized)



Project on “Democratic Unity- Forging Overlapping Consensus in Muslim Democrats” (Pending Approval)