



## International Roundtable Program Itinerary

### Islamic Perspectives on Human Dignity to Sustain Rights, Prosperity, and Coexistence

"Integration of Theories and Contextualization of Traditions"

**Dates: 13 - 14 December, 2023**

**Venue: Lusail University**

**CO-ORGANIZED BY:**

**Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue (DICID), Qatar, and  
International Center for Law and Religion Studies (ICLRS), at BYU Law School,  
USA, in collaboration with Lusail University, Qatar**

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023**

**8.30 am –9.00 am** : **Registration and Arrival of Guests**

**9.00 am – 9.30 am** **Opening Session**

**9.10 am – 9.25 am** : **Welcoming Remarks**

**Prof. Aisha Yusuf Al-Mannai**

Vice-Chair, Board of Directors,  
Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue  
(DICID)

**Prof. Brett G. Scharffs**

Director, International Center for Law and Religion  
Studies, Brigham Young University Law School, USA.

**Prof. Nitham Hindi**

President, Lusail University

**9:25 am – 9:30 am** : **Group Photo**

**First Session**

**Human Dignity in the Literature of Islamic Heritage**

**9.30 am – 11.10 am**

**Moderator** : **Prof. Yousef Mahmoud Alseddiqi**  
Member, Board of Directors,  
Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue  
(DICID)

**Panelists**

**9.30 am– 9.40am** : **Human Dignity within the Framework of Maqasid  
Al-Shari'ah: A Preliminary Inquiry**  
**Prof. Mohamed El-Tahir El-Mesawi**  
International Islamic University Malaysia

**9.40 am – 9.50 am** : **The Eternity of Human Dignity in Islam**  
**Dr. Zakaryya Mohamed Ahmed Abdelhady**  
College of Sharia & Islamic Studies, Qatar University

- 9.50 am – 10.00 am **Human Dignity in the Primary Sources of Islamic Law: Reflecting Human Dignity in Protection of Human life**  
**Dr. Lutforahman Saeed**  
International Center for Law and Religion Studies (ICLRS), BYU Law School
- 10:00 am – 10.10 am : **Exploring Islamic Paradigms: Human Dignity in Malaysian Socio-Legal Frameworks for Sustainable Rights, Prosperity and Coexistence**  
**Dato' Dr. Mohamed Azam Mohamed Adil**  
Director-General, Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM)
- 10.10 am – 10.20 am : **Human Dignity and Islam's Perpetual Struggle for Social Justice: An Indonesian Perspective**  
**Dr. Dicky Sofjan**  
Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies (ICRS), Graduate School, Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM)
- 10.20 am – 10.30 am : **Human dignity and honor in Islam and Islamic studies literature**  
**Mr. Mukhtar Mohammed Ahmed, and Mr. Ahmed AIDosari**  
Sheikh Abdulla Bin Zaid AlMahmoud Islamic Cultural Center, the Ministry of Endowments and Islamic Affairs
- 10.30 am -11.10 am : **Discussion**
- 11.10 am – 11.30 am : **Break**

**Second Session:**  
**Human Dignity in Religious Traditions**

**11.30 am – 13.00 pm**

**Moderator** : **Prof. Ibrahim M. Zein**  
College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU)

**Panelists**

11.30 am – 11.40 am : **Human Dignity as the Heart of Islamic Values and Ethics**  
**Prof. Aisha Yusuf Al-Mannai**  
Director, Muhammad bin Hamad Al-Thani Center for Muslim Contribution to Civilization at the College of Islamic Studies (CIS), Hamad bin Khalifa University

11.40 am – 11.50 am : **Means of Honoring Man in Islam**  
**Dr. Salahadine Hassan Abdallah**  
Embassy of the Republic of Chad to the State of Qatar.

11.50 am – 12:00 pm **The Dignity of the Human Person in Islam Alongside the Judeo-Christian Tradition of Imago Dei and Upholding the Rule of Law**  
**Dato' Dr. Muhammad Afifi al-Akiti**  
Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

12.00 pm – 12:10 pm : **Concept and Dimensions of Human Dignity in Religions; with Special Focus on Islam**  
**Dr. Badrane Benlahcene**  
Ibn Khaldon Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, Qatar University

12.10 pm – 12:20 pm : **Human Dignity and the Future of AI: Challenges for People of Faith**  
**Dr. Paul Martens**  
Director of Interdisciplinary Programs, College of Arts and Sciences, Baylor University

12.20 pm – 13.00 pm : **Discussion**  
13.00 pm - 13.15 pm : **Break**

**Third Session**  
**Human Dignity in Constitutions, Laws and Legislation: Establishing,  
Promoting and Sustaining Human Rights**

**13.15 pm – 14.25 pm**

**Moderator** : **Prof. Brett G. Scharffs**  
Director, International Center for Law and Religion  
Studies, BYU Law School

**Panelists**

13.15 pm – 13.25 pm : **Human Dignity and its Impacts on Human Rights**  
**Dr. Turki bin Abdullah Al Mahmoud**  
Director of the Human Rights Department at the  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

13.25 pm – 13.35 pm : **The Presence and Impact of Human Dignity as  
a Leitmotif in the Constitutions and Primary  
Legislation of European States**  
**Prof. Mark Hill KC**  
University of Notre Dame London Law Program

13.35 pm – 13.45 pm : **Protection of Human Dignity during Situations of  
Emergency, Conflict and Insecurity**  
**Mr. Siraj Khan**  
Law & Policy Manager, Protect Education in Insecurity  
and Conflict, Education Above All Foundation

13.45 pm – 13.55 pm : **The Notion of Legal Sovereignty and Legitimate  
Governance as a Necessary Foundation for  
Upholding Dignity**  
**Dr. Bahaaeddin M S Khwaira**  
Public Law, Lusail University

13.55 pm – 14.05 pm : **Legal Protection of Human Dignity**

**Thursday, December 14, 2023**

**Fourth Session**

**Theme 4: Human Dignity in Upholding Religious Freedom**

**9.00 am – 10.30 am**

**Moderator** : **Dr. Sekou M. Toure**  
Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue

**Panelists**

9.00 am – 9.10 am : **Ādamiyyah and Human Rights: ‘Ismah Al-Ādamiyyīn in Islamic Open Civilization**  
**Prof. Recep Senturk**  
Dean, College of Islamic Studies. HBKU

9.10 am – 9.20 am : **Human Dignity in the Covenants of the Prophet Muhammad with non-Muslims**  
**Prof. Ibrahim Zein**  
College of Islamic Studies, HBKU

9.20 am – 9.30 am : **Human Dignity and Freedom of Belief**  
**Dr. Kays Al-Sheik**  
College of Law, Lusail University

9.30 am – 9.40 am: **The Role of Religious Freedom and Belief for Muslim and non-Muslim Minorities in Promoting Security, Peace, and Tolerance for Islamic Countries in the Light of Public Freedoms**  
**Prof. Ilyas Dekkar**  
Bouira University, Algeria

9.40 am – 9.50 am : **The Theological Foundations of the Principle of Dignity in Christianity and Islam**  
**Prof. Abdelkader Bekhouche**  
College of Sharia and Islamic studies, Qatar University

9.50 am – 10.30 am : **Discussion**

10.30 am - 10.45 am : **Break**

## Fifth Session

### Emerging Issues on Human Dignity

10.45 am – 12.15 pm

**Moderator** : **Prof. Mohamed El-Tahir El-Mesawi**  
International Islamic University Malaysia

#### Panelists

10.45 am -10.55 am : **Presence of Human Dignity in Society: Realities and Challenges**  
**Dr. Ewelina Ochab**  
Human rights advocate

10.55 am - 11.05 am : **Human Dignity in Life and as Living**  
**Mr. Eugene Yapp**  
Religious Freedom Institute of the South East Asia team

11.05 am – 11.15 am : **The Impact of Work-Family Balance on Family Cohesion and Wellbeing**  
**Dr. Sharifa Al-Emadi**  
Executive Director, Doha International Family Institute (DIFI)

11.15 am – 11.25 am : **Human Dignity and Advocating for Family-Friendly Policies: Fathers' and Mothers' Recommendations for Parental Leave in Qatar**  
**Dr. Mahasin Saleh**  
Doha Institute for Graduate Studies

11.25 am – 11.35 am : **Human Dignity in Times of Conflict**  
**Professor Brett G. Scharffs**  
Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University School of Law, USA

11.35 am – 12.15 pm : **Discussion**



## Closing Remarks

**12.15 pm - 12.30 pm :**

**His Excellency Prof. Ibrahim Saleh Al-Naimi**

Chairman, Board of Directors, Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue (DICID)

**Professor Brett G. Scharffs**

Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University School of Law, USA

**13:30 pm – 14:30 :**

**Lunch at Al Sayyad Restaurant – Diplomatic Club**