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INTERNATIONAL
SYMPOSIUM ON
ISLAMIC CULTURE
AND CIVILIZATION

MUSLIM MINORITIES

8-9-10 MAY 2026

DAY 1: KOCAELI CONGRESS CENTRE

DAY 2 AND 3: KOCAELI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY DARICA BALYANOZ SOCIAL FACILITIES



DAY 2 | 9 MAY 2026

**VENUE • KOCAELI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY
DARICA BALYANOZ SOCIAL FACILITIES**

SESSION I • 09.00-10.15

MUSLIM MINORITIES: CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK AND HISTORY

SESSION CHAIR: Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Mohammad SHASHO

1. "Fiqh of Muslim Minorities" as a Concept and Its General Principles
Prof. Dr. Abdullah KAHRAMAN
Faculty of Theology, Kocaeli University
2. Historical Instances of Muslims Living as Minorities: The Examples
of Abyssinia and Al-Andalus
Dr. Abdulaziz ATOURE
Faculty of Sharia, University of Aleppo
3. The Position of Muslim Minorities in the Context of the "Other" Conception in Religions
Asst. Prof. Dr. Yunus KAYMAZ
Faculty of Theology, Bingöl University
4. Perceptions of Minorities in the Modern Era
Recep SEYYAR
Migration and Diaspora Foundation

SESSION II • 10:45-12:00

MUSLIM MINORITIES IN THE MODERN WORLD

SESSION CHAIR: Prof. Dr. Bülent ŞENAY

1. The Muslim Turkish Minority in Western Thrace: The Case of Greece
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali HÜSEYİNOĞLU
Balkan Research Institute, Trakya University
2. Muslim Minorities in Europe
Dr. Bülent GÜVEN
Faculty of Business Administration, Istanbul Ticaret University
3. Muslim Minorities in Africa
Prof. Dr. Ahmet KAVAS
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Istanbul Ticaret University
4. Muslim Minorities in Russia
Muhammed AKHİYADOV
Centre for Human and Social Research (İNSAMER)

SESSION III • 12:30-13:45

MUSLIM MINORITIES FROM A SOCIOLOGICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

SESSION CHAIR: Prof. Dr. Ahmet KAVAS

1. A Sociological Analysis of Religious Visibility in Everyday Life: A Study on Muslim Minorities in Europe
Prof. Dr. Sefer YAVUZ
Faculty of Theology, Kocaeli University
2. The Effects of Islamophobia and Discrimination on Muslim Minorities
Prof. Dr. Enes BAYRAKLI
Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Turkish-German University
3. Art as a Means of Self-Expression for Muslim Minorities in the West
Dr. Mohammad Basheer HADDAD
Aleppo Tawhid Mosque Complex
4. The Other on the Same Soil: Religious Identity, Minority Stress and Religious Coping Among Muslims in Georgia
Asst. Prof. Dr. Muhammet Enes VURAL
Faculty of Theology, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University

DINNER • 13.45-14.45

SESSION IV • 14.45-16.00

MUSLIM MINORITIES FROM AN INTERNATIONAL LAW PERSPECTIVE

SESSION CHAIR: Prof. Dr. Memduh ASLAN

1. Muslim Minorities from the Perspective of International Law and Human Rights
Prof. Dr. Talip TÜRCAN
Faculty of Law, Necmettin Erbakan University
2. Violation and Abuse of the Rights of Muslim Minorities
Dr. Mohammad Akram NADWI
Cambridge Islamic College
3. Exploitation of Faith Targeting Muslim Minorities
Dr. Riad DOMAZETİ
Centre for Human and Social Research (iNSAMER)
4. Current Issues and Debates Concerning Minorities in International Law
Atty. Zeynep ORAL
World Lawyers Association (WOLAS)

SESSION V • 16.30-17.45

CIVIL SOCIETY INITIATIVES OF MUSLIM MINORITIES

SESSION CHAIR: Prof. Dr. Talip TÜRCAN

1. Cultural Preservation and Integration Strategies of Muslim Minorities
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ahmet ASLAN
Faculty of Theology, Samsun University
2. Turkish Organisations Operating in Europe
Abdurrahman DÜZCAN
Vienna Directorate of Education, Federal Ministry of Education, Austria
3. Religious Organisations of Muslim Communities in North America
Prof. Dr. Ahmet Selim TEKELİOĞLU
Department of Religious Studies, George Mason University
4. Religious Services for Muslim Minorities within the Diyanet
(Turkish Presidency of Religious Affairs)
Prof. Dr. Selim ARGUN
Faculty of Theology, Ankara University of Social Sciences

PANEL • 18:15-19:00

DINNER • 19:00-20:00

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE • 20:30-21:30