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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 3 | 10 MAY 2026**VENUE • KOCAELI METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY
DARICA BALYANOZ SOCIAL FACILITIES****SESSION VI • 09:30-11:00****FIQH ISSUES FACING MUSLIM MINORITIES****SESSION CHAIR:** Prof. Dr. Ahmet YAMAN

1. Problems Faced by Muslim Minorities in Worship and Proposed Solutions
Dr. Mehmet EKİM
Presidency of Religious Affairs, High Council of Religious Affairs
2. Issues Faced by Muslim Minorities Regarding Sacrifice and Halal Food
Dr. Lokman ÇITAK
Lyon Arqam Turkish School
3. Civil Law Practices of Muslim Minorities
Prof. Dr Khaled HANAFY
European Council for Fatwa and Research
4. Fiqh Practices of Muslim Minorities: The Case of India
Dr. Hüseyin ARI
Presidency of Religious Affairs, High Council of Religious Affairs
5. Jurisprudential Challenges For Muslim Communities In United Kingdom:
Between The Fiqh Of Necessity And Contemporary Ijtihad
Dr. Ali Abdul RAHIM
SOAS University of London

SESSION VII • 11.30-12.45

RELIGIOUS ISSUES FACING MUSLIM MINORITIES

SESSION CHAIR: Prof. Dr. Murteza BEDİR

1. Belief Issues Among Muslim Minorities
Dr. Mufti Omar ABEDEEN
Al Mahad ul Aali Al Islami, Hyderabad
2. The Functions of Fiqh Councils in Non-Muslim Countries and Their Relations with Other Fatwa Institutions
Prof. Dr. Mustafa Bülent DADAŞ
Faculty of Theology, Necmeddin Erbakan University
3. Attitudes Towards Legal Norms That Conflict with Religious Practices
Dr. Amin AL-HAZMI
European Council for Fatwa and Research
4. Problems Faced by Muslim Minorities in the Context of Modesty and Privacy
Dr. Alena (Mariam) KOVALEVA
Council of Ulema of the Spiritual Administration of Muslims of the Russian Federation

LUNCH • 12.45 - 14.00

SESSION VIII • 14:00-15:15**MUSLIM MINORITIES FROM THE PERSPECTIVES OF POLITICS, ECONOMICS AND ART****SESSION CHAIR:** Prof. Dr. Khaled HANAFY

1. Political Participation, Representation and Influence on Decision-Making Bodies of Muslim Minorities in Their Countries
Bülent BİLGİ
Union of International Democrats
2. Islamic Finance Practices in Secular Legal Systems: Challenges and the Search for Solutions
Dr. Abdulbari MASHAL
Fiqh Council of North America [FCNA]
3. Entrepreneurial Activities of the Muslim Diaspora and Their Impact on Local Economies: An Assessment of European Countries
Prof. Dr. Ferhat PEHLİVANOĞLU
Faculty of Political Sciences, Kocaeli University
4. The Use of Zakat Funds in the Context of the Sustainability of the Institutional Presence of Muslim Minorities
Res. Asst. Muhammed Fatih KİRENCİ
Faculty of Theology, Hitit University

EVALUATION SESSION • 15:30-17:00

SESSION CHAIR: Prof. Dr. Abdullah KAHRAMAN

Faculty of Theology, Kocaeli University

1. Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Mohammad SHASHO
Faculty of Sharia, University of Aleppo
2. Prof. Dr. Ahmet YAMAN
Faculty of Theology, Necmettin Erbakan University
3. Prof. Dr. Selim ARGUN
Faculty of Theology, Ankara University of Social Sciences
4. Prof. Dr. Ahmet Selim TEKELİOĞLU
Department of Religious Studies, George Mason University
5. Prof. Dr. Murteza BEDİR
TDV Centre for Islamic Studies

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