

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## Interdisciplinary Conference on **ISLAMIC LAW**

in the Crucible of the Modern State:  
Problems and Perspectives

**10th to 12th July 2023**  
at the University of Münster,  
Germany

### Keynote Speakers:

Anver Emon, University of Toronto  
Mohammad Fadel, University of Toronto  
Robert Gleave, University of Exeter  
Elham Manea, University of Zürich  
Ebrahim Moosa, University of Notre Dame  
Asifa Quraishi-Landes, University of Wisconsin  
Nadjma Yassari, Max Planck Institute for Private and International Private Law

## GUIDELINE FOR SUBMISSIONS

The University of Münster invites abstracts to be submitted for the conference on Islamic law. This conference provides a broad platform for scholars in Islamic law studies to share their latest research.

We invite paper proposals (500 words max.) from researchers working in the field to be submitted to [bkhodadadi@uni-muenster.de](mailto:bkhodadadi@uni-muenster.de) by **20 March 2023**. Please also send us your CV along with your abstract.

We welcome submissions by legal theorists, scholars of law and legal history, scholars of Islamic Studies, political scientists, historians, philosophers, theologians, and sociologists with advanced degrees (e.g., JD, LL.M., SJD, PhD or other comparable degree), whose research explores the controversies, dilemmas, and promises evolving around the themes mentioned in this call.

We intend to provide funding for travel and accommodation, in case your home institution does not cover your travel expenses or you are not institutionally affiliated. Following the conference, it is planned to publish the contributions to the conference in a volume.

## THEMES

- Islamic legal pluralism in the modern nation-state.
- Challenges that public interest (*maslaha*) is facing in the development of legal reforms in Muslim countries
- The jurisprudence and theological dynamism in reforming Islamic law
- The potential conflicts between the rule of law and the rule of the judge
- Natural law and natural right in Islamic legal thought
- The conflict between Divine law and human law during the establishment of the modern nation-state in Islamic countries
- Islamic legal thought and the modern notion of autonomy
- Theoretical and practical tensions between Islamic laws and human rights

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