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Education

PhD, Islamic Studies, University of Melbourne, Australia	1992
Master of Arts, Applied Linguistics, University of Melbourne, Australia	1994
Master of Arts Preliminary, Middle Eastern Studies, University of Melbourne, Australia	1987
Bachelor of Arts, Arabic and Islamic Studies, Islamic University, Medina, Saudi Arabia	1986

Employment

University of Melbourne

Sultan of Oman Professor of Arab and Islamic Studies	2003-
Director, National Centre of Excellence for Islamic Studies	2007-
Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Law	2007-
Head of School, Asia Institute, Faculty of Arts	2007-2010
Lecturer, Senior Lecturer and Associate Professor of Arab and Islamic Studies	1992-2002

Other Institutions

Board Member, Australia-Thailand Institute, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia	2009-
Member, UNESCO Commission of Australia, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia	2009-
Examiner (Texts and Traditions), Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority, Victoria	2007-
Visiting Scholar, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London	1999

Honors

Fellow, Australian Academy of Humanities (Elected 2010)
Order of Australia (2013)

Publications

Books: Sole or Co-authored

The Qur'an: An Introduction. Oxon (UK) and New York: Routledge, 2008. 268 pages.

Islamic Thought: An Introduction. Oxon (UK) and New York: Routledge, 2006. 200 pages.

Interpreting the Qur'an: Towards a Contemporary Approach. Oxon (UK) and New York: Routledge, 2006. 192 pages.

Freedom of Religion, Apostasy and Islam [with Hassan Saeed, Author 2]. Hampshire: Ashgate Publishing, 2004. 227 pages.

Islam in Australia. Sydney: Allen & Unwin, 2003. 232 pages.

Essential Dictionary of Islamic Thought [with Muhammad Kamal and Christina Mayer, Authors 1 & 3]. Adelaide: Seaview Press, 2001. 224 pages.

Islamic Banking and Interest: A Study of the Prohibition of Riba in Islam and its Contemporary Interpretation. Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1996. 169 pages.

Books: Edited or Co-edited

Islam and Human Rights. 2 vols. Cheltenham Glos, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing. 700 pages. 2012

Islamic Family Law in Australia, co-edited with Helen McCue. Melbourne: Melbourne University Publishing. 150 pages. (In press).

Islamic Political Thought and Governance. 4 vols. Oxon (UK) and New York: Routledge, 2011. 1680 pages.

Approaches to the Qur'an in Contemporary Indonesia. Oxford: Oxford University Press in association with the Institute of Ismaili Studies (London), 2005. 270 pages.

Islam and Political Legitimacy, co-edited with Shahram Akbarzadeh (Editor 1). London: RoutledgeCurzon, 2003. 210 pages.

Muslim Communities in Australia, co-edited with Shahram Akbarzadeh (Editor 2). Sydney: University of New South Wales Press, 2001. 309 pages.

Books: Pedagogical

Muslim Australians: Their Beliefs, Practices and Institutions. Canberra: Australian Government, 2004. 81 pages.

Modern Standard Arabic: An Introduction [with Christina Mayer and AG Abdul Raheem, Authors 2&3]. Melbourne: MIALS, 2001. 117 pages.

Modern Standard Arabic: Beginners Book 1 [with Christina Mayer and AG Abdul Raheem, Authors 2&3]. Melbourne: MIALS, 2001. 219 pages.

Modern Standard Arabic: Beginners Book 2 [with Christina Mayer and AG Abdul Raheem, Authors 2&3]. Melbourne: MIALS, 2001. 318 pages.

Modern Standard Arabic: Intermediate Book 1 [with Christina Mayer and AG Abdul Raheem, Authors 2&3]. Melbourne: MIALS, 2001. 290 pages.

Modern Standard Arabic: Intermediate Book 2 [with Christina Mayer and AG Abdul Raheem, Authors 2&3]. Melbourne: MIALS, 2001. 325 pages.

Sacred Place and Sacred Life in Islam [with Ian Weeks, Author 2]. Geelong: Deakin University Press, 1990. 116 pages.

Books: Translated into Other Languages

Menyoal Bank Syariah: Kritik atas Interpretasi Bunga Bank Kaum Neo-Revivalis. Trans. Arif Maftuhin. Jakarta: Paramadina, 2004. 257 pages. (Indonesian translation of *Islamic Banking and Interest*, 1996)

Introdução ao Pensamento Islâmico, O Saber da Filosofia, Portugal, 2010. 230 pages. (Portuguese translation of *Islamic Thought: An Introduction*, 2006)

Refereed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“Islamic Reform: Salafiya, Modernism and Revival,” in John Esposito and Emad Sahin (eds.), *Oxford Handbook of Islam and Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, (In Press).

“Pre-modern Islamic Legal Restrictions on Freedom of Religion, with Particular Reference to Apostasy and its Punishment.” In Anver Emon et. al. (ed.) *Islamic Law and International Human Rights Law: Searching for Common Ground?*. New York: Oxford University Press. 2012: 226-246 .

“History of Sukuk: Pragmatic and Idealist Approaches to Structuring Sukuk.” (Saeed & Salah). In Ariff, Iqbal & Mohamad (eds), *The Islamic Debt Market for Sukuk Securities: The Theory and Practice of Profit Sharing Investment*. Cheltenham, United Kingdom: Edward Elgar Publishing. 2012:42-66 .

“The Self-Perception and the Originality of the Qur’an: Qur’an 2:23-24; 3:44; 10:15; 69:38-47,” in David Marshall (ed.) with an Afterword by Rowan Williams, *Communicating the Word: Revelation, Translation, and Interpretation in Christianity and Islam*. Washington: Georgetown University Press, 2011: 98-104.

“Authority in Qur’anic Interpretation and Interpretive Communities,” in David Marshall (ed.) with an Afterword by Rowan Williams, *Communicating the Word: Revelation, Translation, and Interpretation in Christianity and Islam*. Washington: Georgetown University Press, 2011:115-123.

“Rethinking Classical Muslim Law of Apostasy and the Death Penalty,” in Paul Marshall and Nina Shea (eds.), *Silenced*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011

“Reflections on the Establishment of Shari’a ‘Courts’ in Australia,” in Rex Ahdar and Nicholas Aroney (eds.), *Shari’a in the West*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011: 223-238.

“How Muslims View the Scriptures of the People of the Book: Towards a Reassessment?” in Luca Anceschi, Joseph A. Camilleri, Ruwan Palapathwala and Andrew Wicking (eds.), *Religion and Ethics in a Globalizing World – Conflict, Dialogue And Transformation*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2011: 191-210.

“Muslim Debates on Human Rights and Freedom of Religion,” in Brian Galligan (ed.), *Human Rights in Asia*. Cheltenham Glos, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2011: 25-37.

“Adapting Understanding of Riba to Islamic Banking: Some Developments,” in Mohamed Ariff and Munawar Iqbal (eds.), *Foundations of Islamic Banking*. Cheltenham Glos, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2011: 51-64.

“Muslims in the West and Their Attitudes to Full Participation in Western Societies,” in Geoffrey B. Levey and Tariq Modood (eds.), *Secularism, Religion and Multicultural Citizenship*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009: 200-215.

“Reading the Quran,” in Aymn Sajoo (ed.), *A Companion to the Muslim World*. London: I.B. Tauris, 2009: 55-86.

- “Tendenze fondamentali dell'odierna esegesi coranica e idee emergenti per un approccio contestuale al Corano,” in *Le religioni e il mondo moderno (Islam)*. Milan: Giulio Einaudi, 2009: 295-315.
- “Trends in Contemporary Islam: A Preliminary Attempt at a Classification,” *The Muslim World*, vol. 97, 2007: 395-404.
- “Muslims under Non-Muslim Rule: Evolution of a Discourse,” in Anthony Reid and Michael Gilson (eds.), *Islamic Legitimacy in a Plural Asia*. London and New York: Routledge, 2007: 14-27.
- “Qur’an and Hadith,” *Project Abraham* [CD-ROM]. Jewish Council of South Australia, 2006.
- “Muslims in Australia,” in Fethi Mansouri (ed.), *Australia and the Middle East: A Front Line Relationship*. London: Tauris Academic Studies, 2006: 73-83.
- “Muslims in the West Choose Between Isolationism and Participation,” *Sang Saeng*, vol. 16. Seoul: Asia-Pacific Centre for Education and International Understanding/UNESCO, 2006. 8-11.
- “Contextualizing,” in Andrew Rippin (ed.), *The Blackwell Companion to the Qur’an*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2006: 36-50.
- “Introduction: The Qur’an, Interpretation and the Indonesian Context,” in Abdullah Saeed (ed.), *Approaches to the Qur’an in Contemporary Indonesia*. Oxford: Oxford University Press in association with the Institute of Ismaili Studies, 2005: 1-16.
- “Islamic Religious Education and the Debate on its Reform Post-September 11,” in Shahram Akbarzadeh and Samina Yasmeen (eds.), *Islam and the West: Reflections from Australia*. Sydney: UNSW Press, 2005: 63-76.
- “Islamic Banking and Finance: In Search of an Islamic but Pragmatic Model,” in Virginia Hooker and Amin Saikal (eds.), *Islamic Perspectives on the New Millennium*. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, 2004: 113-129.
- “Fazlur Rahman: A Framework for Interpreting the Ethico-Legal Content of the Qur’an,” in Suha Taji-Farouki (ed.), *Modern Muslim Intellectuals & the Qur’an*. Oxford: Oxford University Press in association with the Institute of Ismaili Studies, 2004: 37-66.
- “Nurcholish Madjid and the Interpretation of the Qur’an: Religious Pluralism and Tolerance [with Anthony H. Johns as Author 1],” in Suha Taji-Farouki (ed.), *Modern Muslim Intellectuals & the Qur’an*. Oxford: Oxford University Press in association with the Institute of Ismaili Studies, 2004: 67-96.
- “The Official Ulema and the Religious Legitimacy of the Modern Nation State,” in Shahram Akbarzadeh and Abdullah Saeed (eds.), *Islam and Political Legitimacy*. London and New York: RoutledgeCurzon, 2003: 14-28.
- “Islam and Politics [with Shahram Akbarzadeh as Author 1],” in Shahram Akbarzadeh and Abdullah Saeed (eds.), *Islam and Political Legitimacy*. London and New York: RoutledgeCurzon, 2003: 1-13.

“The Charge of Distortion of Jewish and Christian Scriptures: Tension between the Popular Muslim View and the Qur’anic View,” *The Muslim World*, vol. 92 nos. 3&4, Fall 2002: 419-36.

“The Muslim Communities in Australia: The Building of a Community [with Anthony H. Johns as Author 1],” in Yvonne Yazbeck Haddad and Jane I. Smith (eds.), *Muslim Minorities in the West: Visible and Invisible*. California: Altamira Press, 2002: 195-216.

“Jihad and Violence: Changing Understanding of Jihad among Muslims,” in Tony Coady and Michael O’Keefe (eds.), *Terrorism and Justice: Moral Argument in a Threatened World*. Melbourne: Melbourne University Press, 2002: 72-86.

“Searching for Identity: Muslims in Australia [with Shahram Akbarzadeh as Author 2],” in Abdullah Saeed and Shahram Akbarzadeh (eds.), *Muslim Communities in Australia*. Sydney: UNSW Press, 2001: 1-11.

“Muslim Community Cooperative of Australia as an Islamic Financial Service Provider,” in Abdullah Saeed and Shahram Akbarzadeh (eds.), *Muslim Communities in Australia*. Sydney: UNSW Press, 2001: 188-205.

“Indonesian Islamic Banking in a Historical and Legal Context,” in Timothy Lindsey (ed.), *Law and Society in Southeast Asia*. Sydney: Federation Press, 1999: 323-338.

“Towards Religious Tolerance through Reform in Islamic Education: The Case of the State Institute of Islamic Studies of Indonesia.” *Journal of Indonesia and the Malay World*, vol. 27 no. 79, 1999: 177-191.

“Rethinking Citizenship Rights of Non-Muslims in an Islamic State: Rashid al-Ghannushi’s Contribution to the Evolving Debate.” *Journal of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, vol. 10 no. 3, 1999: 307-323.

“Rethinking ‘Revelation’ as a Precondition for Reinterpreting the Qur’an: A Qur’anic Perspective.” *Journal of Qur’anic Studies*, vol. 1 no. 1, 1999: 93-114.

“Idealism and Pragmatism in Islamic Banking: The Application of Shari’ah Principles and Adjustments.” *Journal of Arabic, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies*, vol. 4 no. 2, 1998: 89-111.

“*Ijtihad* and Innovation in Neo-Modernist Islamic Thought in Indonesia.” *Journal of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, vol. 8 no. 3, 1997: 279-295.

“The Moral Context of the Prohibition of *Riba* in Islam Revisited.” *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, vol. 12 no. 4, 1995: 496-517.

“Islamic Banking in Practice: The Case of Faisal Islamic Bank of Egypt.” *Journal of Arabic, Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies*, vol. 1 no. 3, 1995: 28-46.

“A Fresh Look at Freedom of Belief in Islam.” In Damien Kingsbury and Greg Barton (eds.), *Difference and Tolerance: Human Rights Issues in Southeast Asia*. Geelong: Deakin University Press, 1994.

“Islamic Banking in Practice: A Critical Look at the *Murabaha* Financing Mechanism,” *Journal of Arabic, Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies*, vol. 1 no. 1, 1993: 59-79.

Reference Book Entries

“Islam in Australia since the 1970s,” in James Jupp (ed.), *The Encyclopedia of Religion in Australia*. Melbourne: Cambridge University Press, 2009: 450-457.

“Australia,” in *The Encyclopaedia of Islam* (3rd ed., part 1). Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2006: 176-178.

“Women, Gender and Islamic Banks,” in *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures* (vol. 4). Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2006.

“Creating a Culture of Human Rights from a Muslim Perspective,” in Swee-Hin Toh and Virginia Cawagas (eds.), *Cultivating Wisdom, Harvesting Peace*. Brisbane: Griffith University, 2006: 123-127.

“Qur’an: Tradition of Scholarship and Interpretation,” in *Encyclopedia of Religion*. Farmington MI: Thomson Gale USA, 2005: 7561-7570.

“Islam,” in Andrew Brown-May and Shurlee Swain (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Melbourne*. Melbourne: Oxford University Press, 2005: 372-373.

“Coinage,” and “Umma” in Richard C Martin (ed.). *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2004: 151-152.

“Sarraf,” in *Encyclopaedia of Islam*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2004.

“Economics,” in Jane Dammen McAuliffe (ed.), *Encyclopedia of the Qur’an* (vol. II). Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2002.

“Islam,” in Graeme Davidson, John Hirst and Stuart McIntyre (eds.), *The Oxford Companion to Australian History*. Melbourne: Oxford University Press, 1998.

Research Reports (major, unpublished)

“Muslim Extremist Discourses and Ways of Countering Them”. Research Report for the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs of Australia, 2008. 240 pages.

“Muslim Communities in Australia.” Research Report for the Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs of Australia, 2006. 349 pages.

“Qur’an-Related Literature in Indonesia” (6 vols). Research Report for the Institute of Ismaili Studies (London), 2004. 1700 pages.

Research Grants & External Funding

\$8 million grant from the Australian Government to set up the National Centre of Excellence for Islamic Studies at the University of Melbourne.	2006
Australian Research Council-Funded Discovery Project Grant (with Shahram Akbarzadeh), "Citizenship and Being Muslim in Australia and the UK," \$225,000.	2009-2012
Australian Research Council-Funded Linkage Grant, (with Muhammad Ariff, Michael Skully and Constant Mews), "Religion, Finance and Ethics: Islamic and Conventional Perspectives on Shared Principles, Practices, and Financial Institutions and Instruments," \$150,000.	2007-2009
Australia-Thailand Institute, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia, "Leadership Program for Young Muslims from Southern Thailand," \$34,500.	2006
Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs of Australia, "Research into Muslim Extremist Discourses and Ways of Countering Them," \$80,000.	2006
Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs of Australia, "Research into Muslim Communities in Australia for Developing a National Action Plan," \$85,000.	2005
Australian Research Council-Funded Discovery Project, "Reconfiguration of Islam by Muslims in Australia," \$156,000.	2004-2006
Australian Research Council-Funded Large Grant, "Negotiating Religious Change in Australian Muslim Communities," \$130,000.	2001-2003
Trueb Society (Netherlands) Grant (with 4 other scholars), "Modernization and Cultural Change in the Maldives." Part of the Trueb Society's Expedition to the Maldives, \$40,000.	2002
Institute of Ismaili Studies-UK Grant, "Qur'an-Related Literature in Indonesia," \$70,000.	2001-2002
Institute of Ismaili Studies -UK grant, "Recent Contributions to Qur'anic Studies in Indonesia," \$80,000.	2001-2002

Australian Research Council-Funded Large Grant, "Rethinking Interpretation of the Qur'an: A Critical Study of the Contribution of the Islamization of Knowledge Movement," \$95,000.	1998-1999
Australian Research Council-Funded Large Grant (with Greg Barton), "The Influence of Islamic Neo-Modernism on Islamic Thought and Social Attitudes in Indonesia," \$110,000.	1997-1999

Teaching

Course Design and Development at the University of Melbourne

Undergraduate Major in Islamic Studies
 Postgraduate Diploma in Arts (Islamic Studies)
 Master of Arts Coursework (Islamic Studies)

Key Subjects Taught at the University of Melbourne

Undergraduate

The Qur'an: An Introduction
 Great Empires of Islamic Civilization
 Islam and Human Rights
 Great Texts of Islam: Qur'an and Hadith
 Understanding the Muslim World
 Modern Arab World: Society and Culture
 Islamic Culture, History and Civilization
 Modern Trends in Islamic Thought
 Arabic Language and Culture

Graduate

Human Rights and Islamic Law
 Principles of Islamic Law
 Current Issues in Islamic Law
 Islamic Finance
 Religion and Religious Freedom in Asia
 Islam and Questioning of Modernity
 The Qur'an and its Interpretation

Selected Short Courses Taught Outside the University

Islamic Cultural Awareness Courses. 1 to 3-day intensive courses for Australian Government agencies and departments in Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra, Perth, Adelaide, Hobart, Brisbane, Darwin, Alice Springs, Jakarta, and Bangkok. (2005-2012).

Islam and Religious Freedom Seminar. A week-long seminar at the Witherspoon Institute, Princeton, NJ. (2010 and 2011).

Introduction to Islamic Thought for Singaporean Government Officials. A 3-day course. Singapore. (2009).

Understanding Islam from a Rights Perspective. A 2-week intensive course organized by the Sisters in Islam in Bellagio, Italy. (2006).

Qur'anic Interpretation and Gender Issues. A 2-day intensive course at the State Islamic University in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. (2006).

Supervision: PhD Research Projects in Progress (2011)

Nurhidayah, *Child Maintenance in Islamic Family Law in Malaysia*.

Musa, *Business Ethics and Islamic Finance in Malaysia*.

Lukman, *Foreign Currency Exchange in Islamic Finance in Malaysia*.

Adam, *Muslim Family Law in the Maldives*.

Lum, *Islamic Banking and Muslim Identity in Australia*.

Buckley, *Islamic Family Law and Divorce in Muslim Minority Contexts in the West*.

Hidayah, *Women and Shari'ah Contestation in Indonesia*.

Pausacker, *In the Eye of the Beholder: Law, Pornography and Indonesia's Islamic Defenders Front*.

PhD and MA Theses (Principal or Co-Supervision): 1995–2010 Completions

Kingsley, *Tuan Guru, Community and Conflict in Lombok, Indonesia*. PhD

Fulu, *Intimate Partner Violence in the Maldives: Globalisation and the Negotiation of Gender and Islam*. PhD

Sauntharajah, *Legislating Illiberalism: Law, Discourse and Legitimacy in Singapore*. PhD

Al-Azri, *Development, Culture and the Dilemma of Equality in Modern Omani Society: The Practice of Kafa'ah in Marriage and Talaq*. PhD

Hassim, *Children's Motivation in Muslim Education 750-1400 CE*. PhD

Nurmila, *Negotiating Polygamy in Indonesia. Between Muslim Discourse and Women's Lived Experiences*. PhD

Asaroglu, *Reshaping Identities: A Study of Religion and Culture among Second Generation Turkish-Australians*. PhD

Assyaukanie, *Muslim Models of Polity: Islamic Arguments for Political Change in Indonesia, 1945-2005*. PhD

Antonio, *Islamic Banking in Indonesia: A Study of Riba and the Development of the Islamic Banking Industry and Its Role in the Advancement of Small and Micro Financing*. PhD

Husein, *Muslim-Christian Relations in the New Order Indonesia: the Exclusivist and Inclusivist Muslims' Perspectives*. PhD

Eli, *The Resurgence of Islam in Xinjiang: A Case Study of Ethnic and Women's Issues*. PhD

Saeed, *The Concept of Creativity in the Islamic Philosophy of Education*. PhD

Addison, *Mainstream Australian Newspaper Discourse on Islam in 1999*. MA

Raihani, *Curriculum Construction in Indonesian Pesantren*. MA

Raheem, *Text and Immutability of Islamic Law: A Study of the Flexibility Evident in Dealing with Texts in Early Islam*. PhD

Avery, *Listening and Altered States in Early Sufi Experience*. PhD

Chaban, *Abdul Rahman al-Kawakibi: Between Enlightenment and Religious Reform*. PhD

Selected Scholarly Presentations

"Freedom of Religion and Apostasy," Lecture at the International Institute of Islamic Thought, Herndon VA, July 11, 2011.

"The Islamic Case for Religious Freedom," Public lecture hosted by James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions at Princeton University, Princeton NJ, May 5, 2011.

"Religious Freedom as an Individual Right and a Group Right: An Islamic Legal Perspective?," Law and Religion: Legal Regulation of Religious Groups, Organisations and Communities Conference, Melbourne Law School. July 15-16, 2011.

"Pre-Modern Islamic Legal Restrictions on Freedom of Religion with Particular Reference to Apostasy and Its Punishment," Salzburg International Law and Islamic Law Seminar, Salzburg, Austria. November 15-19, 2010.

"From Early Oriental Studies to Contemporary Scholarship: The Case of Australia," Symposium of Sultan of Oman Chairs, Muscat, Oman. November 1-3, 2010.

"Foundations of Peace in the Qur'an," Tasmanian Peace Trust's Annual Lecture, Peace Trust, Hobart, Australia. September 19, 2010.

“The Future of Multiculturalism and Muslims in the West,” International Conference on Muslims in Multicultural Societies, MUIS, Singapore. July 14-16, 2010.

“The Future of Islam in Australia,” Melbourne College of Divinity Centenary Conference, Melbourne. July 5-7, 2010.

“Islam, Death and Dying,” Interreligious Symposium on Death & Dying, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne. April 7, 2010.

“Abu’l Ala Mawdudi,” Building Bridges Seminar, Georgetown University, Washington DC. May 25-27, 2010 (video).

“Religion, Apostasy and Homosexuality,” “Islam and Politics,” “Islam, Social Justice and Gender Justice,” and “Training of Future Faith Leaders in Australia,” Parliament of World Religions, Melbourne. December 2009.

“Interfaith Dialogue and the Religious ‘Other’,” Regional Interfaith Conference, organized by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Australia, Perth, Australia. October 2009.

“Interpreting the Qur’an and Women’s Rights,” Musawah Conference, Kuala Lumpur. February 13-17, 2009.

“Muslims, Multiculturalism and Democracy,” Philippine Ulama Summit Conference organized by Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy, Manila, Philippines. January 26-29, 2009.

“The Self-Perception and the Originality of the Qur’an,” Building Bridges Seminar of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Rome 2008.

“Authority in Qur’anic Interpretation,” Building Bridges Seminar of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Rome 2008.

“Towards a More Inclusive View of the Religious ‘Other’: A Muslim Perspective,” University of Otago Peace Lecture, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand. September 2007.

“Salafism and Australian Muslim Identity,” Fulbright Symposium: Muslim Citizens in the West: Promoting Social Inclusion, University of Western Australia, Perth. August 2007.

“Development of the Concept of Jihad in Islam,” International Humanitarian Law and Islam Law Seminar, Red Cross Queensland, Brisbane. July 2007.

“How to Bridge the Information Gap between Islam and the West?” International Conference on Islam and the West, Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. June 2007.

“Foundation for Peace in Islam,” Interfaith Dialogue with the Dalai Lama: One World, Many Pathways to Peace, Australian National University, Canberra. June 2007.

“Response to the Alliance of Civilisations Report for the New Zealand Government,” Alliance of Civilisations Symposium, Auckland, New Zealand. May 2007.

“The Role of the Oman Chair in Dialogue between Cultures,” Oman Ministry of Heritage and Culture Seminar, Muscat, Oman. December 2006.

“Sharia Courts in the Australian Legal System?” Law and Religion Conference, Australian National University, Canberra. May 2006.

“Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Muslim Conception of Religious Freedom,” The Meeting of International Experts on Human Rights in Islam, Attorney General’s Chambers, Kuala Lumpur. May 2006.

“Progressive Muslims and the Interpretation of the Qur’an,” Progressive Islam Conference, National University of Singapore. March 2006.

“Citizenship in the West and Being Muslim,” International Conference on Islam, Human Security and Xenophobia, Deakin University, Melbourne. November 2005.

“Muslims in the West and their Attitudes to Full Participation in Western Societies: Some Reflections,” Religion and Multicultural Citizenship Conference, University of New South Wales, Sydney. July 2005.

“Muslims under Non-Muslim Rule: Evolution of the Juristic Discourse,” Islam and Political Legitimacy Conference, National University of Singapore. April 2005.

“Muslims in the West – Coexistence or Conflict?” Inaugural Professorial Lecture at the University of Melbourne. October 19, 2004.

“Muslim-Christian Relations: Is Rethinking Past Doctrines the Way Forward?” International Colloquium on Managing Muslim-Christian Relations: Educational Policy Options, University of Melbourne. February 2004.

“Reform of Traditional Islamic Education: The Debate,” Islam and the West: Post-September 11, 2001 Conference, Monash University, Melbourne. August 2003.

“Sufism: The Spiritual Dimension of Islam?” Institute of Spiritual Studies Lecture, Melbourne. August 2001.

“Nursi as a Leading Muslim Thinker of the 20th Century,” Bediuzzaman Said Nursi Seminar, University of Melbourne. August 2000.

“Islamic Banking and Finance: In Search of an Islamic but Pragmatic Model,” Islamic Perspectives on the New Millennium Conference, Australian National University, Canberra. November 2000.

“Religious Reconciliation in Indonesia: Inclusivists versus Exclusivists,” Australian Academy of Humanities Seminar, University of Western Australia, Perth. November 2000.

“Islamic Finance and Community Development in Indonesia,” Institute for the Study of Islam and Muslims (Netherlands) Seminar, Jakarta. October 2000.

“Towards a Hierarchy of Values for the Interpretation of the Qur’an,” Qur’an: Text and Context Conference, School of Oriental and African Studies, London. October 1999.

“IAIN and the Emergence of a More Tolerant Islam,” Asian Studies Association of Australia Conference, University of New South Wales, Sydney. 1998.

“Emerging Islamic Liberal Thought in Indonesia,” British Middle Eastern Studies Association Conference, Birmingham, UK. July 1998.

“Towards Religious Tolerance through Reform of Islamic Education: The Case of IAIN of Indonesia,” Islam, Globalization and Development Conference, University of Melbourne. July 1998.

“Synthesis of Traditional Islamic Education and Modern Education: IAIN of Indonesia,” American Association of Asian Studies, Binghamton, New York. November 1997.

“Islamic Neo-Modernism in Indonesia,” Australasian Middle East Studies Association Conference, Deakin University, Melbourne. September 1996.

“Ijtihad and Neo-Modernist Islam in Indonesia,” AFEMAM-EURAMES Conference, Aix-en-Provence, France. July 1996.

“Islamic Banking, Interest and Riba: The Case of Murabaha,” Australasian Middle East Studies Association Conference, Deakin University, Melbourne. October 1993.

“The Place of Pluralism in Islamic Thought,” Difference and Tolerance: Ethnicity, Religion and Human Rights in Southeast Asia Conference, Deakin University, Melbourne. September 1993.

Conferences Organized

Co-Chair, Ethics and Financial Transactions & Society: The Way Forward. University of Melbourne. 17-18 September 2011

Co-Organizer, Fourth Postgraduate Conference for Students of Islam in Australian Universities. University of Melbourne, 2008.

Co-Organizer, Social Inclusion and Muslims in the West: Inaugural Conference of the National Centre of Excellence for Islamic Studies. University of Melbourne, 2008.

Co-Organizer, Between Radicalism and Liberalism: Islamic Law in South-East Asia. University of Melbourne, 2007.

Co-Organizer, Third Postgraduate Conference for Students of Islam in Australian Universities. University of Melbourne, 2007.

Co-Organizer, Muslims in the West: Integration or Exclusion Conference. University of Melbourne, 2006.

Co-Organizer, Second Postgraduate Conference for Students of Islam in Australian Universities. University of Melbourne, 2006.

Co-Organizer, Islam and Secular State Conference. University of Melbourne, 2005.

Co-Organizer, Postgraduate Conference for Students of Islam in Australian Universities. University of Melbourne, 2005.

Chair, Steering Committee, International Colloquium on Muslim-Christian Relations: The Educational Dimension. University of Melbourne, 2004.

Organizer, Bediuzzaman Said Nursi Colloquium in Collaboration with Nur Research Centre of Turkey. University of Melbourne, 2000, 2001.

Co-Organizer, Australasian Middle East Studies Association Conference. University of Melbourne, 2000.

Member, Steering Committee, Asian Studies Association of Australia Conference. University of Melbourne, 2000.

Co-Organizer, Islam, Globalization and Development in Southeast Asia. University of Melbourne, 1998.

Service

Academic Service

Member, Professorial Promotions Committee, Faculty of Arts, University of Melbourne, 2008-2012

Member, Asian Law Centre Advisory Board (Faculty of Law), University of Melbourne.

Member, Academic Board, University of Melbourne, 2004-2012.

Examiner, PhD theses (over 20 theses between 1998 and 2012)

Member, Editorial Board of Refereed Journals such as *Journal of Islamic Studies* and *Asian Studies Review*

Assessor of research projects for various national and international funding bodies.

Member, Faculty of Arts Executive Committee, 2007-2010.

Co-Director, Centre for Islamic Law and Society, 2005-2008.

Deputy Director, Melbourne Institute of Asian Languages and Societies, 1998-2005.

Deputy Head, Department of Language Studies, 1996-1997.

Community Service

Online lectures and talks on YouTube and Vimeo

To Ban or Not to Ban the Face-Covering Veil (Burqa) (12 mins)

Gender Equality and Islamic Norms? (14mins)

Muslims in the West: Participants (15mins)

Islam and Domestic Violence (50 mins)

Islam and Religious Freedom (27 mins)

Beginnings of the Qur'an (55 mins)

The Qur'an in its Context (40mins)

Evolution of the Qur'an (40 mins)

Selected Op-ed Pieces in Newspapers and Online Articles (upto 2011)

“Let Freedom Ring: The Muslim Call for Religious Freedom,” *Public Discourse* (US-based, online). June 29, 2011.

“Hadith and Apostasy,” *Public Discourse*. April 4, 2011.

“The Quranic Case Against Killing Apostates,” *Public Discourse*. February 25, 2011.

“A Plea for Clear Thinking about the Burqa,” *The ABC Ethics and Religion Online*. August 5, 2010.

“Banking without Interest,” *The ABC Ethics and Religion Online*. July 20, 2010.

“Muslims must Tackle Theology of Hate,” *The Australian Newspaper*. August 6, 2009.

“Muslims Don’t Need Separate Laws,” *The Australian*. April 8, 2008.

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Board Member, Australia-Thailand Institute, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 2009-2011.

Coordinator, UN Alliance of Civilizations Regional Publications Project for Young People of the ASEAN region, New Zealand, 2008-2009.

Reviewer of Proposals, Qatar National Research Fund, 2007-2013.

Presenter, Islamic Cultural Awareness Training Courses for the Australian Government, 2005-2013.

Researcher on Muslim Communities in Australia, Department of Immigration, Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs of Australia, 2005-2008.

Representing the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia to Muslim Communities in the Southeast Asian Region as part of the Department’s Public Diplomacy Program, 2005-2012.

Advisor on Muslim Identity Project, Singapore Government, 2005-2006.

Distinguished international visitor, US Department of State, 2003.

Consultant on curriculum development for a major in Islamic studies, Zayed University, United Arab Emirates, 2000.

Professional Memberships

Fellow, Australian Academy of Humanities (elected 2010)

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Maldivian	Native competency
Urdu	Very good skills
Indonesian	Basic skills including reading skills