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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Boğaziçi University**, Department of Political Science, Istanbul, Turkey.

Assistant Professor, January 2025-Present.

**Courses Taught:**

-Political Theory Core Seminar [Graduate]

-Politics and Religion

-Security Studies

- Islam and Politics

**Administrative duties:** Department of Political Science, Erasmus Coordinator; Social Sciences Graduate Institute, Board Member.

**University of Oxford**, Department of International Development, Oxford, United Kingdom.

Postdoctoral Researcher, July 2023-June 2024.

Subject: Religious Conservatism in the United Kingdom and Europe

Funding: European Research Council.

**King's College London**, School of Politics and Political Economy, London, United Kingdom.

Lecturer [Contract], January 2024-July 2024.

Course: "Electoral Politics."

**Mishkah University**, English Department of Islamic Studies, Texas, USA.

Lecturer, January 2023-December 2024.

Courses: Early Islamic History.

**University of Edinburgh**, Edinburgh, UK, January 2021-Present.

Tutor and Research Fellow, School of Divinity.

Courses: Jews and Muslims (online delivery – Microsoft Teams), Ethics and Society, The God(s) of the Philosophers, Religion, Violence and Peacebuilding

**University of British Columbia**, Vancouver, Canada, September 2018-December 2019.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science.

Courses: Currents in Political Thought, Canadian Politics (total 12 sections).

**Research Associate.** Emertec Research and Development, Halifax, Canada. September 2014-January 2016.

## EDUCATION

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**University of Edinburgh,** Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

Doctor of Philosophy, Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations, School of Divinity, 05/23.

**Funding:** SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship [Canada], AHRC Fellowship [United Kingdom].

**University of British Columbia,** Vancouver, Canada.

Master of Arts, Political Science (Theory), 11/19.

**Dalhousie University,** Halifax, Canada.

Bachelor of Arts, First Class Combined Honours, Political Science and Religious Studies 5/18.

**Rank:** Highest GPA in graduating class; Eric Dennis Gold Medal in Political Science.

**Mishkah University of North America,** Texas, USA.

BSc in Islamic Studies, 06/23.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed Books/Monographs

1. *The Premodern Origins of Jihadi-Salafism*. 2026. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 376 pp.
2. *Da'wat al-Nafs al-Tāliha ilā al-A'māl al-Sāliha* (Critical edition, Arabic). 2025. Istanbul: Ibn Haldun University Press, 500 pp.
3. *Islam and the State in Ibn Taymiyya: Translation and Analysis*. London: Routledge, June 2022 [Co-authored], 304 pp.
4. *Political Philosophy in the East and West: In Search of Truth*. Wilmington, DL: Vernon Press, 2018.

### SSCI and AHCI Indexed Journal Articles

1. "'Political jurisprudence' in HTS, IS and Al-Qaeda texts: competing visions of Islamic government." *Politics, Religion and Ideology*, vol. 26, no. 4 (2025). [Co-authored with Sinan Siyech] <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/10.1080/21567689.2025.2606088>
2. "A Reconceptualization of Salafism: What is 'Salafi Hermeneutics'?" *Journal of Religion*, vol. 104, no. 4 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1086/731596>
3. "A Jihadi Critique of the Modern State: Abū Qatāda in Conversation with Decolonial and (neo-) Marxist Thought." *Political Theory* (2023): 00905917231155289.

### Refereed Journal Publications and Book Chapters

1. "Islamic Movements after the Arab Spring: New Trends and Approaches." Special Issue Contemporary Islamic Political, Religious and Social Thought in the Pre and Post-Arab

- Spring Era, *Journal of Philosophy and Social Theory*, no. 3 (2024).
2. "The Portrayal of Jihadi-Salafism: The Role of Knowledge Production in Fabricating a Global Enemy," Invited Chapter for *Notions of Jihad Reconsidered*, Edinburgh University Press, 2023.
  3. "Theories of Muslim Identity in Liberal Democratic States." *Current Research in Social Sciences and Humanities* 1, no. 1 (2022): 3-23.
  4. "İbn Teymiyye'nin Siyasi Düşüncesinin Analizi: Reelpolitikten Ütopyaya" *Kursad Akademik Dergi*, Vol. 1, no. 1 (2021) 63-72.
  5. "The Contention Between Secular and Revealed Law: Analyzing Ibn Rushd's Solution to the Problem of the 'Virtuous Society.'" *Journal of Islamic and Muslim Studies* 4, no. 1 (2019).
  6. "A Critique of Liberal Universalism: The Concept of Secular Philosophical Grounding," *Theoria: A Journal of Social and Political Theory* 65, no. 1 (2018): 48-74.
  7. "Transitioning European Economies: Lessons from Poland and Bulgaria." *Journal of Sustainable Energy Engineering* 5, no. 4 (2017): 247-257.
  8. Islam, Jaan. "Understanding Christian–Muslim scholarly cooperation under 'Abbāsīd rule from 800–1000 CE." *Journal of early Christian history* 7, no. 1 (2017): 46-61.

#### Reports and Published Studies

1. *True Islam, Jihad, and Terrorism*. New York: Nova Science Publishers, 2016.
2. "Abul A'la Maududi: Innovator or Restorer of the Islamic Caliphate?" *IJPT* (2018): 34-47.
3. "Contrasting Political Theory in the East and West: Ibn Khaldun versus Hobbes and Locke" *IJPT* (2016): 87-107.
4. "An Analysis of the Historical Application of Jihad and Implications on the Clash of Civilizations" [Co-Authored with Saad Dabbous] *IJPT* (2016): 70-86
5. "Evidence of the Early Conceptions of Natural Law and Tabula Rasa in the Islamic World: the Case of Theodore Abū Qurrah and Ibn al-Nafīs" *Philosophy Pathways*, no. 214 (2017).
6. "Greening of an Isolated Desert Land" *JNSST* (2015).

#### Co-Authored Project Work

1. "A Knowledge-Based Cognition Model." *Journal of Information, Intelligence and Knowledge* 6, no. 1 (2014). [with G. M. Zatzman, M. A. H. Mughal, and M. R. Islam]
2. *Reconstituting the Curriculum*. New York: Wiley and Sons, 2014. [with MR Islam, GM Zatzman]
3. *The Greening of Pharmaceutical Engineering, Practice, Analysis, and Methodology*. Wiley & Sons, 2015. [with M. R. Islam, Gary M. Zatzman, M. Safiur Rahman, M. A. H. Mughal]
4. *The Greening of Pharmaceutical Engineering, vol. 2*. Wiley & Sons, 2016. [with MR Islam, GM Zatzman, MS Rahman, & MAH Mughal]
5. *The Greening of Pharmaceutical Engineering, vol. 3*. Wiley & Sons, 2016. [with MR Islam & G M Zatzman]
6. *Economics of Sustainable Energy*. John Wiley & Sons, 2018. [with M. R. Islam, Meltem Islam, M. A. H. Mughal]

#### News Articles and Op-Eds

1. ""Salafi-Jihadism": Frightening Menace or Scapegoat for the War on Terror?" *Cage*

*International*, 2021.

2. "Radical Islam, Marx, and the West The Philosophy behind Jihad" *IAI News*, 27 October 2023.
3. "What unites and divides the world's most prominent Islamic scholars?" *Middle East Eye*, 21 May 2022.
4. "The vendetta of the Bangladeshi government: Motiur Rahman Nizami" 18 May 2016, *Jerusalem Post*.
5. "No, Shari'ah Law Is Not Compatible With Western Values" *Forbes Magazine*, 6 October 2016.

### **Selected Conference Presentations and Invited Lectures**

1. "Siyāsa Shar'iyya in HTS, IS and al-Qaeda Texts: Competing Visions of Islamic Government" BRAIS Winter Symposium, January 24-25, 2026.
2. "The Premodern Origins of Jihadi-Salafism". Islamic Sciences Seminar, Ibn Haldun University, Istanbul, 2 December 2025.
3. "Armed Islamic Struggle and the Rise of Non-State Actors: Normalizing an Islamic Foreign Policy." 10th International Symposium on Religious Studies and Humanities, 23-24 November, 2025.
4. "Ethical Governance: Akhlaq for the Postmodern Muslim". Rihle Annual Conference, Konya, August 2025.
5. "Islamic Political Philosophy and Modernity: Tensions, Continuities and Critique" Policy & Area Studies Research Unit Seminar, IIUM Malaysia, 14 March 2025.
6. "Islam and the Modern State: Retheorizing State Coercion in the Sharī'a". *Ummatics Colloquium*, December 2024.
7. "Reconceptualizing Salafism as Hermeneutics" British Association for Islamic Studies, University of Leeds, Monday 20 - Tuesday 21 May 2024.
8. Invited Lecture and Workshop, "What's Next for the Holy Land?", King's College London, 28 March 2024.
9. Invited Lecture, "100 Years Post-Caliphate: Surveying Islamic Movements," University of Edinburgh, March 2, 2023.
10. Invited Lecture, "Origins of Islamophobia: Secularism and the Modern State," University of Edinburgh, November 17, 2023.
11. Invited Research paper and lecture, "Islam and State Coercion: Comparing the Modern State to Islamic Jurisprudence," Advanced Research Center-i3, Toronto, Canada.
12. "Decolonial Jihadis? Jihadi-Salafism in Conversation with Critiques of Hegemony and the Modern State," BRAIS Conference, Agakhan Institute for Islamic Civilization, May 15-16, 2023.
13. Invited Lecture, "Notions of Jihad and the Production of Knowledge" in the Symposium, Notions of Jihad Reconsidered: Perspectives on Media, Materiality, and Political Violence, University of Mainz, October 7-8, 2021.
14. "What Can We Learn from Maududi's Islamic State? An Analysis of the Problem of 'Dealing with Difference' in Western Political Thought." Presented at the Middle East and Islamic Consortium of British Columbia, Simon Fraser University, 2019.

## FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

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1. Arts and Humanities Research Council – SGSAH Full Studentship (UK), 2021-2023, £91,500
2. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Fellowship, 2019-2022: \$80,000 (discontinued 2021).
3. University of British Columbia MA Assistantship, 2018: \$21,398.
4. Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Grant (CGS-Masters), 2018: \$17,500.
5. James Aitchison Award for Department's Best Honours Essay, 2018.
6. Eric Dennis Gold Medal in Political Science, Dalhousie University, 2018: highest GPA in graduating class.
7. University Medal in Religious Studies, Dalhousie University, 2018: highest GPA in graduating class.

## SERVICE TO PROFESSION

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### Positions at Boğaziçi University:

- Department of Political Science, **Erasmus Coordinator**, September 2025-Present.
- Institute of Social Sciences, **Board Member**, October 2025-Present.

**Reviewed for:** *Political Theory* (SSCI-indexed journal), *Religions* (AHCI-indexed journal), *Mimbar Hukum* (Law Journal).

### Conferences Organized:

1. **2026 International Symposium**, British Association for Islamic Studies, Bogazici University, Istanbul, 24-25 January.
2. **BRAIS 2025 Conference:** 30 June-31 July, University of Cambridge, Cambridge.
3. **BRAIS 2024 Conference:** 20-21 May, University of Leeds, Leeds.
4. **BRAIS 2023 Conference:** 15-16 May, Aga Khan University, London.
5. **BRAIS 2022 Conference**, 6-7 June, University of Edinburgh.

**Member – Academic Committee**, Mishkah University of North America, May 2023-Present.  
Duties: developing curricula for new courses, approving changes in curriculum, regulating academic standards

**Trustee – Events Officer**, British Association for Islamic Studies, October 2021-Present  
Duties: organise annual conference, review abstracts, advertise events, association awareness, international collaboration

**Research Associate**, i3 Advanced Research Center (ARC), Toronto, December 2022-December 2024.

## LANGUAGES

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**English** (native), **Turkish** (near-native), **Arabic** (Classical and MSA, advanced).