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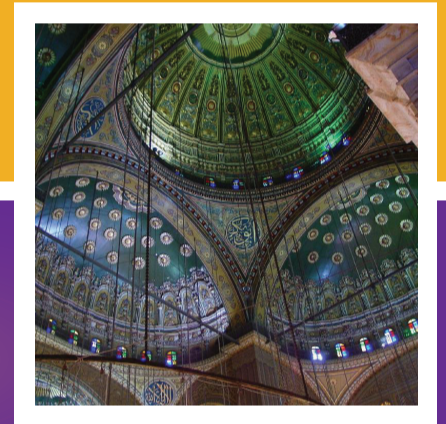
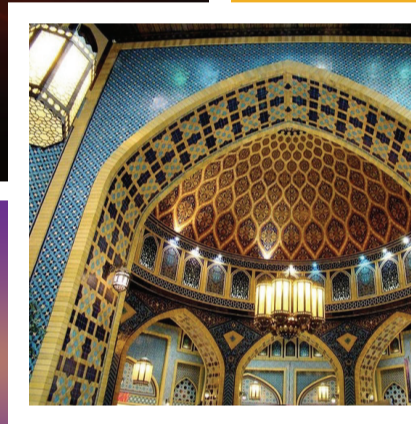


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# SHARIAH LAW ONE DAY SYMPOSIUM

**About the Conference:** This conference examines the juristic discourse on the implementation of Shariah laws for Muslim minorities in non-Muslim countries.

**Who should attend?** This conference will be highly useful for judges, lawyers, academics, politicians, religious leaders from various faith traditions and service providers who deal with Muslim clients.

**DATE:** Wednesday, 5th December 2012

**VENUE:** Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre  
Cnr Merivale & Glenelg Streets  
South Bank, Brisbane, QLD  
Phone: 07 3308 3000

**TIME:** 8:30am - 4:30pm

*Tea & coffee on arrival, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.*

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# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Dato' Sri Professor Zaleha Kamaruddin** is the current Rector of the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), with prior appointment as the Deputy Director-General of the Institute for Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM) (2009-2011). She graduated with a Bachelor of Law (Honours) from the University of Malaya, Master's degree in Comparative Laws and Advanced Diploma in Shariah Law and Practice from IIUM, and obtained her Doctorate in Comparative Laws (Civil and Shariah) from the University of London. Since 2006, she has been a member of the Technical Committee on Shari'ah and Civil Laws, Department of Islamic Religious Affairs, Prime Minister's Department assisting in drafting of the model laws for the Federal Territories and is also an appointed member of the Malaysian Investigating Tribunal Panel, Advocates and Solicitors' Disciplinary Board Committee. Since 2003 she has been a council member of the Selangor State Council of Religious Affairs (MAIS) and a council member of the National Women Advisory Council, Minister of Women, Family and Community Development (MWFCD), and also the Technical Committee for the NAM Institute for the Empowerment of Women. She chairs the Family Development Committee and is a member of the Fatwa Committee of Selangor Darul Ehsan and Pahang Darul Makmur. She is listed in "Who's who" in law and religion by the International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies (ICLARS) based in Milan, Italy. In 2009, she became a guest of Lord Daniel Brennan, Chair of the APPG on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, and was invited to co-present a paper at the House of Lords, England with commentaries by Prof Stephen B. Young, former Vice-Dean of Harvard Law School. Professor Kamaruddin is a prolific writer and has published seventeen books and presented more than 200 papers for local and international conferences. Currently, she is the Chief Editor of *Tafhim: IKIM Journal of Islam and the Contemporary World* and is also a member of the Editorial Board of the *International Journal of Muslim Unity (IIUM)*, *Journal of Governance and Law (UUM)*, *Journal of Shariah and Law (IIUI)* and referee of *International Journal of Economic, Social and Global Studies*, *International University of Sarajevo*.

**Shaykh Taha Karaan** is an Islamic legal scholar born in Cape Town, South Africa to a family renowned in both its maternal and paternal lineage for Islamic scholarship. His father, Shaykh Yusuf Karaan, is one of the oldest and most distinguished Islamic scholars in the Cape, currently sits as the chief Magistrate for Islamic Civil Matters in the Muslim Judicial Council (MJC). Shaykh Taha completed his Qu'ranic memorization in one year at the Waterfall Islamic Institute, the oldest Islamic seminary in South Africa. During his stay, he assisted in the editing of the Qu'ranic prints that the Institute has become famous for the world over. After finishing four years of the 'alim (religious scholar) course in two years, he journeyed to the Indian sub-continent graduating from there in 1991 with the highest of distinctions in a class of over 700 students. He then travelled to the Middle East and completed his studies at the Higher Institute for Islamic Studies in Cairo, Egypt. Shaykh Taha is the recipient of numerous chains of transmission (ijazaat) from well-respected scholars in India, Pakistan, South Africa, Egypt and Saudi Arabia, among others – in numerous fields of Islamic study. Currently, Shaykh Taha is a member of the Ifta' (legal Verdict) Department of the MJC, and sits as an executive member of the Muslim Personal Law Board and on the Islamic Advisory Board of ABSA, one of South Africa's national banks. He is a sought-after speaker at Islamic symposia and conferences but attends them sparingly, preferring to spend most of his time at the Islamic seminary at Dar al-Ulum al-'Arabiyya that he founded in 1996.

**Judge Dr Mohammad Na'im Hj Mokhtar** is currently Director of Family Support Division at the Department of Islamic Judiciary Malaysia. He was chosen and served as Malaysian Cheavening Visiting Fellow at Oxford Centre For Islamic Studies, United Kingdom for 2008/2009. He graduated with a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from International Islamic University, Malaysia (IIUM). He also obtained a Masters in Laws (LLM) degree from London, a Diploma in Syariah Law and Practice from IIUM, a Diploma in Administration and Islamic Judiciary from IIUM and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Syariah from University Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) He started his career as a Law Lecturer at IIUM from 1990 to 1997. He then became a Syarie Lawyer for Negeri Sembilan, Malacca and Federal Territories and Advocate & Solicitor Malaya in 1997 to 1998. In 1998, he was appointed as Judge for Syariah Court of Petaling until 2001. He was also a Judge for Syariah Court of Federal Territory, Kuala Lumpur from 2001 until 2003. In 2003, he was appointed by the Department of Syariah Judiciary Malaysia as a research officer until 2005. He was also a visiting lecturer at UKM and IIUM in 2003 until 2008. He also served as Senior Syariah Prosecutor at The Federal Territories Religious Department between 2007-2008. Dr Na'im has participated in many local and international seminars on his subject areas of specialisation. He had also presented papers on family laws, shariah subjects and related topics at many conferences locally as well as overseas forums. Dr Na'im also sits on a number of Shariah Advisory Boards of local and foreign Islamic banks and takaful companies. He has good command of English and Arabic languages.