

Dr. Jamal Barzinji - Biography

Dr. Jamal al-Barzinji was a founding member, a Trustee and Vice President for Research & Publications of the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT).

He had over forty years of progressive experience in development and leadership of diverse organizations (business, educational, think-tanks, political and charitable), such as Mar-Jac Poultry, Safa Trust, Amana Mutual Funds, SAAR Foundation, Bank Islam Malaysia, Dean of School of Islamic Revealed Knowledge & Social Sciences of International Islamic University Malaysia and North American Islamic Trust (NAIT).

He was a founding member of the Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS), and the Association of Muslim Scientists & Engineers (AMSE). He was associated with WAMY (World Assembly of Muslim Youth).

Dr. Barzinji served as advisor and consultant to various educational, charitable and professional organizations. He delivered numerous lectures and wrote articles on various topics on Islamic Thought, Banking, Islamic Movements, Current Affairs, Education and Islamic Presence in the U.S. and Europe.

Dr. Barzinji holds a Ph.D. and M.Sc. in Chemical Engineering, with a minor in Management from Louisiana State University, U.S.A. (1974), and a B.Sc. in Chemical Engineering & Fuel Technology from the University of Sheffield, England (1962).

Barzinji was listed as the successor registrant of Grover Norquist's defunct lobbying firm Janus-Merritt Strategies, after the departure of David Safavian.

On Sept. 25, 2011 Barzinji was awarded a lifetime achievement award by the Arab community of northern Virginia at an event attended by Virginia governor Tim Kaine.

International Center for Religion and Diplomacy (ICRD) a Washington based organization chose Dr. Barzinji for the "Faith in Action" award for 'his work in enhancing Islamic thought around the world to accommodate the challenges of modernity' in 2007.