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## Event Information

**IIBI Monthly Lecture - Thursday, 25th February 2010**

### Shari'ah Governance in Islamic Finance: Issues and Challenges

**Date:** 25th February 2010      **Time:** 6.00pm**Speaker:** **Dr Mohamad Akram Laldin**  
Executive Director, International Shari'ah Research Academy for Islamic Finance (ISRA)**Attendance:** There is no charge to attend the lecture but you must register by email; non-attendance after registration may result in a charge of £10.00 unless there is a valid reason or cancellation notice is given one day in advance of the lecture date.**About the Lecture:**

Compliance with Shari'ah principles is the backbone in Islamic finance industry and any deficiency in the Shari'ah governance will put the industry at stake. At present, many quarters have started raising their voice regarding the need to also regulate the Shari'ah advisory services. Some claim that there are shortages of scholars in the market and there is a need to train more scholars. In addition, there are growing concerns in the market on the authority responsible to ensure proper Shari'ah governance for the Islamic financial industry as well as whether Shari'ah governance requires that Shari'ah scholars should not sacrifice public interest in favour of personal gain. This lecture will address the above concerns and discuss the different Shari'ah governance practices across the globe. In addition, the concern regarding the methodology in issuing fatwas will also be address. Finally, the need to establish a global or regional body to regulate the Shari'ah advisory services will be deliberated and what are the suggested models for the different jurisdictions in this respect.

**About the Speaker:**

Dr. Mohamad Akram is currently the Executive Director of the International Shari'ah Research Academy for Islamic Finance (ISRA); he is the member of Central Bank of Malaysia Shari'ah Advisory Council, Shari'ah Advisory Board of International Islamic Financial Market (IIFM) based in Bahrain, HSBC Amanah Global Shari'ah Advisory Board and also sits on Shari'ah advisory boards of some other Islamic financial institutions both locally and internationally. Dr. Akram holds a Ph.D. in Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence (Usul al-Fiqh) from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He has presented many papers related to Islamic Banking and Finance and other Fiqh topics at national and International level and has conducted many training sessions on various areas of Islamic finance industry since 1999.

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