

Eleventh Harvard University Forum on Islamic Finance
Takaful and Alternative Cooperative Finance
Challenges and Opportunities

April 25 - 27, 2014
Harvard Law School, Austin Hall

PRE-FORUM

Friday, April 25, 2014

2:30 – 4:00p.m.

Parallel Session I:
Islamic Finance: The New Products

Ames Courtroom

CHAIR: Rashid Alvi, *Deputy Director*, Islamic Legal Studies Program, Harvard Law School

PAPERS:

Islamized Postal Savings in Jordan: A Model for State-Society Collaborative Risk-Sharing
Sarah A. Tobin, *Postdoctoral Fellow*, Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany

What Does it Mean to be "Shari'a-Based"? Separation, Authenticity, Welfare
Ryan Calder, *Ph.D. Candidate*, University of California, Berkeley, California

Micro-Takaful in India: a Path Towards Financial Inclusion and Sustainable Development

Mohammad Faisal, *Assistant Professor*, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India

Asif Akhtar, *Assistant Professor*, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India

Asad Rehman, *Assistant Professor*, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India

M. Abdul Samad, *Assistant Professor*, Salman bin Abdulaziz University, Al Kharj, Saudi Arabia

Islamic Socio-Legal Institutions and Poverty Alleviation in Indonesia

Tanvir Ahmed Uddin, *S.J.D. Candidate*, University of Sydney, Australia

Maaz Rahman, *Graduate Student*, University of New South Wales, Australia

2:30 – 4:00p.m.

Parallel Session II:
Islamic Finance: The New Perspective

Austin North

CHAIR: Elsayed Elsiefy, *Professor*, University of Alexandria, Egypt
Associate Professor, University of Hamad Bin Khalifa, Doha, State of Qatar

PAPERS:

Commonalities and Differences between Halal Food Certifications and Islamic Finance Sharia'h Boards
Cedomir Nestorovic, *Professor*, ESSEC Business School Asia Pacific, Singapore

The Effects of Law, Culture and Political Risk: New Evidence from Mutual Fund Performance, Risk Taking and Fees

Meryem Mehri, *Ph.D. Candidate*, Dauphine University, Paris, France

Kauother Jaouber, *Assistant Professor*, Dauphine University, Paris, France

Maqasid Shari'a - Perspectives of Sharing Risk in a Risk Transferring Paradigm
Muhammad Nadeem Aslam, Head, Islamic Bank Meethaq, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

Unveiling IFRS Standardization Projects and the Position of Takaful Industry; a Literature Study
Murniati Mukhlisin, Ph.D Candidate, Glasgow University, United Kingdom
Mohammad Hudaib, Senior Lecturer, Glasgow University, United Kingdom

The Untold Story of Profit-and-Loss Sharing in Islamic Finance: An Economic Analysis of Islamic Contractual Liability
Youcef Maouchi, Ph.D. Candidate, CERGAM, Aix-Marseille University, Provence, France

4:00 to 4:15p.m.

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4:15 – 6:30p.m.

Parallel Session III
Islamic Finance: The Emerging Themes

Ames Courtroom

CHAIR: Abdel-Rahman Yousri Ahmad, Professor, University of Alexandria, Egypt
Professor, University of Hamad Bin Khalifa, Doha, Qatar

PAPERS:

Challenges and Opportunities in Developing Micro-Takaful in Muslim Majority Country: A Case Study of Indonesia

Raditya Sukmana, Head, Islamic Economics Program, Universitas Airlangga, Indonesia

Sutan Emir Hidayat, Assistant Professor, University College of Bahrain, Kingdom of Bahrain

Strategic Opportunities for Islamic Finance: The French Legal Framework on Venture Capital and Cooperative Finance

Matri Dorsaf, Ph.D. Candidate, Sorbonne Law School, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France

Umar A Oseni, Assistant Professor, International Islamic University Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Achieving Financial Inclusion of Muslim Minorities Through Alternative Shari'a-Based Cooperative Finance Models

Abdul Qadir Buhari, Chairman, B.S. Abdur Rahman University, Chennai, India

Blake Goud, Chief Compliance Officer, Marquam Capital, Portland, Oregon

Saif Ahmed, Managing Partner, Infinity Consultants, Bangalore, India

On the Issues of Development of Islamic Finance in Emerging Markets: Case on the Republic of Kazakhstan

Golib A. Kholjigitov, Kazakh-British Technical University, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Kenneth P. Charman, Professor, Kazakh-British Technical University, Almaty, Kazakhstan

Lyubov Sartakov, Research Associate, Kazakh-British Technical University, Almaty, Kazakhstan

4:15 –6:30p.m.

Parallel Session IV
Islamic Finance: The Emerging Markets

Austin North

CHAIR: Ibrahim Warde, *Adjunct Professor*, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts

PAPERS:

The Islamic Conception of an Institutional Framework for Islamic Financial Firms

Liza Mydin, *Ph.D. Candidate*, INCEIF, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Abbas Mirakhor, *Distinguished Scholar and First Chair*, INCEIF, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The Islamic Cooperative: an Alternative to Islamic Banking?

Richard Gonsalves, *Graduate Candidate*, International Islamic University Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Legal Issues for Islamic Cooperative and Mutual Banking Financial Products in India: Perceptions from Grassroots

K M Baharul Islam, *Chair*, Center for Public Policy & Government, Indian Institute of Management Kashipur, India

Islamic Banking as a Solution for Solving Current Debt Problems

Behnam Gurbanzada, *Director, Islamic banking*, International Bank of Azerbaijan, Baku, Azerbaijan

The Risk Between Islamic finance and Western Finance

Saad A Jلود, *Doctoral Candidate*, Law School - Brunel University, London, United Kingdom

MAIN FORUM

April 26-27, 2014 (Saturday and Sunday)

Saturday, April 26, 2014

8:00-9:00a.m. **REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION** Austin Hall Lobby

9:00-9:30a.m. **OPENING SESSION** Ames Courtroom

WELCOME REMARKS

FORUM KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Samuel L. Hayes

Jacob H. Schiff Chair in Investment Banking Emeritus, Harvard Business School

9:30-12:00p.m. **PLENARY SESSION 1:** Ames Courtroom
Risk Sharing: Possible Forms and Consequences

CHAIR: Volker Nienhaus, *Visiting Professor, University of Reading, United Kingdom; and
Adjunct Professor, INCEIF, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*

DISCUSSION PAPERS

Risk Allocation and Management: Approaches and Implications for Islamic Finance
Habib Ahmed, *Professor of Islamic Finance, Durham University, Durham, United Kingdom*

Shared Risk and Shared Responsibility
Seamus P. Finn, *Director JPIC Ministry, Missionary Oblates, Washington, D.C.*

PANELISTS:

Jaseem Ahmed, *Secretary-General, Islamic Financial Services Board, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*

Khalid A. Al-Thani, *Chairman, EZDAN Holdings, Doha, State of Qatar*

Daud Vicary Abdullah, *President, INCEIF, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*

Zeine Zeidane, *Advisor, International Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C.*

Joe W. Bradford, *Shari'a Scholar & Senior Associate, Bank of New York Mellon, Houston, Texas*

12:00-1:00p.m. **LUNCH** Austin Hall Lobby

1:00a.m.-3:30

PLENARY SESSION 2:

Ames Courtroom

Mutuals: Solidarity Concepts and Business Models

CHAIR: Jaseem Ahmed, *Secretary-General*, Islamic Financial Services Board, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

DISCUSSION PAPERS

Mutuality, Reciprocity, and Justice within the Context of a Unified Theory of Riba and Gharar

Mahmoud El-Gamal, *Chair* in Islamic Economics, Finance and Management, Rice University, Houston, Texas

Recent Experience of Demutualization: Lessons for Takaful

Shariq Nisar, *Visiting Fellow*, Islamic Legal Studies Program, Harvard Law School

PANELISTS:

Ibrahim Warde, *Adjunct Professor*, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts

Khaled Al-Jasser, *Chief Executive Officer*, Bank Al Bilad, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Farmida Bi, *Partner*, Norton Rose, Fulbright LLP, London, United Kingdom

Taha Abdul-Basser, *Principal and Co-Founder*, Straightway Ethical Advisory LLC, New York, N.Y.

3:30-4:00p.m.

BREAK

Austin Hall Lobby

4:00-6:30p.m.

TWO PARALLEL SESSIONS

PARALLEL SESSION A:

Ames Courtroom

Takaful: The New Paradigm for Financial Protection

CHAIR: Savas Alpaly, *Director-General*, Statistical Economic & Social Research Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), Ankara, Turkey

PAPERS:

Fatwa and Its Role in Regulatory Capture and Arbitrage

Joe W. Bradford, *Sharia Scholar & Senior Associate*, Bank of New York Mellon, Houston, USA

The Takaful Impasse: A Practitioner's Plea

Ajmal Bhatty, *Chief Executive Officer*, Alinma Tokio Marine, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Corporate Governance in Islamic Insurance (Takaful)

M. Kabir Hassan, *Professor*, New Orleans University, New Orleans, Louisiana

Mervyn K. Lewis, *Emeritus Professor*, University of Southern Australia, Australia

Do well by doing good: Corporate Sukuk as a Sustainable Investment for the Takaful Sector

Luc Van Liedekerke, *BASF-Deloitte Chair on Sustainability*, University of Antwerp, Belgium

Reza Zain Jaufeerally, *Researcher*, University of Leuven, Belgium

A Proposed Marriage Between Endowments, Insurance, and Islamic Law; The Key Role of the Waqf Model of Takaful for the Future Growth of the Industry

Abdullah Nana, *Shari'a Scholar*, Berkeley, California

A Critical Shari'a Review of Takaful Structures: Towards a More Sound Model

Abdulazeem Abozaid, *Associate Professor*, Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies, Doha, State of Qatar

PARALLEL SESSION B:

Austin North

Risk Sharing vs. Risk Shifting: Lessons from Recent Past

CHAIR: Habib Ahmed, *Professor of Islamic Finance*, Durham University, Durham, United Kingdom

PAPERS:

Toward a Watershed in Takaful Dispute Resolution: From Litigation to Effective Dispute Management

Umar, A. Oseni, *Assistant Professor*, International Islamic University Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Innovative Risk-Sharing and the Challenges of Product Development

Farmida Bi, *Partner*, Norton Rose, Fulbright LLP, London, United Kingdom

Islamic Credit Unions and Social Capital

Mohamed El-Komi, *Assistant Professor*, American University of Cairo, Egypt

Mahmoud El-Gamal, *Chair in Islamic Economics*, Finance and Management, Rice University, Houston, Texas

Revisiting Profit Sharing: The Forgotten Islamic Financing Alternative

Mohammad H. Khatkhatay, *Chairman, TASIS, Mumbai, India*

Risk Sharing a Potential for Takaful's Growth and Development in OIC Countries

Mahmoud Mohieldin, *Managing Director, World Bank, Washington, D.C.*

Serap Gonulal, *Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank, Washington, D.C.*

Ahmed Rostom, *Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank, Washington, D.C.*

The Nature of Retakaful: Risk Sharing or Transferring Risks

Abu Umar Faruq Ahmad, *Senior Researcher, ISRA, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*

Ismail Bin Mahbob, *Former President/CEO, MNRB Retakaful Berhad, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia*

Muhammad Ayub, *Director of Research & Training, Ripah International University, Pakistan*

6:45-7:15p.m. RECEPTION (By invitation only)

Milstein East, Wasserstein Hall

7:15-9:00p.m. BANQUET (By invitation only)

Milstein East, Wasserstein Hall

BANQUET SPEECH

Iqbal A. Khan, *Chief Executive Officer, Fajr Capital Limited, Dubai, United Arab Emirates*

Sunday, April 27, 2014

8:00-8:30a.m.

REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION

Austin Hall Lobby

8:30-10:45a.m.

TWO PARALLEL SESSIONS

PARALLEL SESSION C:

Ames Courtroom

Mutuality & Cooperation: The Long-term Sustainable Model

CHAIR: Mehmet Asutay, *Reader*, Durham University, Durham, United Kingdom

PAPERS:

Shari'a-compliant Crowd funding: an Efficient Framework for Start-ups and Small Enterprises development

Shehab Marzban, *Co-founder and Managing Partner*, Shekra Crowd Funding, Cairo, Egypt

Mehmet Asutay, *Reader*, Durham University, Durham, United Kingdom

Adel Boseli, *Co-founder and Managing Partner*, Shekra Crowd Funding, Cairo, Egypt

Theoretical and Empirical Analysis of Income Ratio and Risk-Sharing Structure

Seif El Din. I. Tag El-Din, *Professor*, Economics, Imam University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Hylmun Izhar, *Economist*, IRTI, Islamic Development Bank, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

The Takaful Box

Arslan Aïmen Bendimerad, *Project Manager*, Takaful department, AIDIMM, Paris, France

Islamic Co-operative: A Route to Poverty Alleviation & Economic Development

Mian Farooq Haq, *Sr. Joint Director*, Islamic Banking, State Bank of Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan

Bushra Shafiq, *Deputy Director*, Islamic Banking, State Bank of Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan

New Horizons: the Potential for Shari'a-Compliant Cooperative and Mutual Financial Services

Sara E.B. Carmody, *Senior Associate*, King & Spalding LLP, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

**PARALLEL SESSION D:
Financial Inclusion and Social Finance**

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CHAIR: **Luc Van Liedekerke**, *BASF-Deloitte Chair on Sustainability*, Universities of Leuven and Professor, University of Antwer, Belgium

PAPERS:

Islamic Finance and Takaful: Tool to Rebuild the Social Fabric of Afghanistan

Alberto G. Brugnoli, *Founder & Managing Partner*, ASSAIF, Kabul, Afghanistan

Feasibility of Takaful as an Alternative Insurance in India

M. Akbar Ali Khan, *Vice-Chancellor*, Telangana University, Nizamabad, India

Sudershan Kuntluru, *Associate Professor*, Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, Kerala, India

Azhar Assankutty, *Assistant Professor*, Salman bin Abdulaziz University, Al Kharj, Saudi Arabia

Implication of Islamic Financial Services Act 2013 to Malaysian Takaful Industry: Appraising the Effects, Issues and Challenges Locally and Globally

Mohamad Akram Laldin, *Associate Professor & Director*, ISRA, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Jinnah, Muhammad Ali, *Researcher*, ISRA, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Furqani, Hafast, *Researcher*, ISRA, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

A Shari'a-Compliant High Watermark Protected Life Annuity in Family Takaful

Hiba Allam, *General Counsel*, FWU Global Takaful Solutions, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Commercial Credit Takaful

Muhammad Al Bashir M Al Amine, *Head - Shari'ah Assurance Dept.*, Bank Alkhair, Kingdom of Bahrain

10:45a.m.

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Austin Hall Lobby

11:00-1:30p.m. **PLENARY SESSION 3:**

Ames Courtroom

Takaful and Cooperation: Socio-economic Impact

CHAIR: M. Shahab Ahmed, *Professor of Islamic Studies*, Harvard University

DISCUSSION PAPERS

Solidarity, Cooperation, and Mutuality in Takaful

Volker Nienhaus, *Visiting Professor*, University of Reading, United Kingdom; and
Adjunct Professor, INCEIF, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Reimagining Takaful: A New Model for Social Banking

Hussam Sultan, *Manager*, HSBC Amanah Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Abdur-Rahman Syed, *Senior Associate*, Fajar Capital Advisor, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

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Ashar Nazim, *Partner*, Ernst & Young, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

Suheil Lehr, *Doctoral Candidate*, Harvard University

CONCLUDING REMARKS

1:30p.m.

LUNCH

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