

**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 Shari'a 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.

**BREAK**

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 of 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

*Islamic Banking as a Solution for Solving Current Debt Problems*

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

**Salman Alioglu**, *Economist*

*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**, *Managing Partner*, Straightway Ethical Advisory LLC, New York, New York

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 Leuven, 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 and Loss Sharing: The Forgotten Islamic Financing Alternative*

**Mohammed 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, Riphah 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**

**Austin North**

**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.

**BREAK**

**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

### **PANELISTS**

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

**Savas Alpay**, *Director-General*, Statistical Economic & Social Research Training Centre for Islamic Countries, Ankara, Turkey

**Waleed Hegazy**, *Managing Director*, Hegazy & Associates/Crowell & Moring, Cairo, Egypt

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

**Suheil Laher**, *Doctoral Candidate*, Harvard University

### **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

1:30p.m.

**LUNCH**

Austin Hall Lobby

## **General Information**

**The Forum:** The **Pre-Forum** is scheduled on Friday, April 25 at 2:30p.m and ends at 6:30p.m. The **Main Forum** begins with registration at 8:00a.m and the opening session is scheduled for 9:00a.m. The Forum ends on Sunday, April 27 at 3:00p.m. Therefore, please plan your travel arrangements so that you've arrived in Cambridge, Massachusetts accordingly to attend Pre-Forum and Main Forum and then you may depart any time after 4:00p.m. on April 27. The nearest airport is Logan International Airport.

**Registration:** If you have not done so already, please register through the IFP website: [http://ifp.law.harvard.edu/conf\\_registration/registration](http://ifp.law.harvard.edu/conf_registration/registration)

**Location:** The Forum is scheduled to be held at Austin Hall, Harvard Law School which is located on 1515 Massachusetts Ave. This map can help orient you with the neighboring buildings: <http://www.law.harvard.edu/about/map.html>

**Dress code:** Please maintain **business attire**.

**Directions from Logan Airport to Harvard Square:** Boston's Logan International Airport is located near downtown Boston. It is well connected to all major means of transportation –taxis, subways, buses and airport shuttle buses. We suggest that you take one of the forms of transportation explained below, or ask your hotel's concierge whether it has courtesy buses to/from the airport. For a map of the Harvard area, please see (<http://map.harvard.edu/>).

**Taxi:** You may take a taxi from Logan Airport to the Harvard Law School (1515 Massachusetts Avenue). The cost is approximately \$45 and average travel time is between 30-35 minutes (depending on traffic).

**Subway:** To get to Harvard's main campus, take the Silver Line inbound to the Red Line at South Station. Take the Red Line outbound (train marked Alewife) to Harvard Square Station. It is possible to change lines without going to the ground level or paying another fare. The Silver Line stops outside every terminal at Logan Airport. Average travel time is between 45-60 minutes and the subway operates from 5:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Although the subway ride from the airport is cheap (\$2), it involves a transfer of trains and might be uncomfortable if you are carrying a lot of baggage.

If you have problems or questions upon arrival at the airport, go to the Public Information Booths in any of the terminals at Logan Airport. You may want to view a map of the Harvard campus prior to your arrival. For maps of Boston's subway system, please visit their web site ([http://www.mbt.com/schedules\\_and\\_maps/subway/](http://www.mbt.com/schedules_and_maps/subway/)).

**Directions to Austin Hall from Harvard Square:** Austin Hall is located at the Harvard Law School approximately 5 minutes on foot from the Harvard Square. Walk north from the Harvard Square –this is away from the newsstands, office buildings, and shops on the Square and through the red brick buildings of Harvard Yard. Austin Hall is a maroon brick building located behind

and to the left of the Science Center. This map will assist you in locating the building:  
<http://www.map.harvard.edu/>

**Stay:** Hotels in the Cambridge and Boston area are in high demand. The Forum does not designate a specific hotel for attendees to stay at; however, participants are encouraged to look into each for the best deal. The hotels closest to Harvard square are:

THE CHARLES HOTEL

<http://www.charleshotel.com/>

SHERATON-COMMANDER HOTEL

[www.sheraton.com/commander](http://www.sheraton.com/commander)

THE HYATT REGENCY CAMBRIDGE

<http://cambridge.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp>

THE DOUBLETREE GUEST SUITES BOSTON

[http://doubletree1.hilton.com/en\\_US/dt/index.do;jsessionid=A0BRG2BUCT010CSGBIYM22Q](http://doubletree1.hilton.com/en_US/dt/index.do;jsessionid=A0BRG2BUCT010CSGBIYM22Q)

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<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/boscm-residence-inn-boston-cambridge/>

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**Refreshments and Lunch:** Refreshments and self-serve buffet lunch will be served in Austin Hall.

**Banquet:** The Forum Banquet (by invitation only) will be held on Saturday April 26 at Wasserstein, Milstein East ABC, Harvard Law School from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Proceedings:** The books of previous forums will be available for purchase at the registration desk. Payment is accepted in U.S. dollars only (in cash, travellers' checks, or personal checks drawn from U.S. banks). Credit cards are not accepted.

**Weather forecast:** The weather forecast predicts a high of about 60 degrees Fahrenheit (10 degree Celsius) and a low of 35 degrees Fahrenheit (1.7 degree Celsius) for April 25-27. A light jacket and an umbrella would be appropriate.