

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

April 25 - 27, 2014

Austin Hall, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts

PRE-FORUM - Friday, April 25, 2014

2:00p.m. Registration

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

Kauoother Jauber, *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

1:00am - 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

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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: *Takaful*: The New Paradigm for Financial Protection (Ames Courtroom)

CHAIR: Savas Alpaya, *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 Bhatti, *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*, TISIS, 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

6:45-8:45.m. RECEPTION & BANQUET (By invitation only)
Milstein East, Wasserstein Hall, Harvard Law School

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: Mutuality & Cooperation: The
Long-term Sustainable Model (Ames Courtroom)**

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

8:30-10:45a.m. 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. Brugnani, *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: Takaful and Cooperation: Socio-economic Impact (Ames Courtroom)

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

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

Suheil Laher, *Doctoral Candidate*, Harvard University

CONCLUDING REMARKS

1:30p.m. LUNCH Austin Hall Lobby