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3-DAY COURSE

Thinking *With* Wisdom

PROGRAMME MODULES

- 1 MAN AND MIND IN ISLAM
- 2 THE KNOWING AND THINKING MIND
- 3 THE LOGICAL MIND
- 4 THE DIALECTICAL MIND
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9-11 MAY 2023 (TUESDAY - THURSDAY)

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INTRODUCTION

Many man-made disasters and blunders arise because of errors in human knowledge and acts. Such errors, upon further analysis, are often due to errors in reasoning and decision making. Hence, it is imperative that, in order to avoid or minimise the former errors, the latter errors be addressed meaningfully and effectively. How, according to Islam, is this to be done? And are there lessons to be learnt from the Islamic Civilisation with its long tradition of scholarship in dealing with the aforementioned issues? Deriving from the treasure trove of knowledge and rational thought in the rich Religious, Intellectual and Scientific Tradition of Islam, the “Thinking with Wisdom” programme is aimed at highlighting the right way of thinking which leads to best conduct, excellent morals, and meaningful life.

OBJECTIVES

- To understand the nature of thinking in relation to the human mind and knowledge;
- To master prospective and strategic thinking through self-mastery and examining logical consequences of decisions; and
- To learn the ability to partake shared intelligences through systematic method of debate and engagement.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE
3-DAY COURSE "THINKING WITH WISDOM"
9 - 11 May 2023 (Tuesday - Thursday)

TUESDAY, DAY 1 (9 MAY 2023)

- 8.30 a.m** : Registration and Breakfast
- 9.00 a.m** : **Welcoming Remarks**
Assoc. Prof. Dr. Mohamed Azam bin Mohamed Adil
Director-General, IKIM
- 9.10 a.m** : **Programme Coordinator's Briefing**
- 9.15 a.m - 11.00 a.m** : **Module 1**
MAN AND MIND IN ISLAM
Dr. Mohd. Sani bin Badron
Director/Principal Fellow, Centre for Economics and Social Studies (EMAS), IKIM
- 11.00 a.m - 1.00 p.m** : **Module 2**
THE KNOWING AND THINKING MIND
Dr. Mohd. Zaidi bin Ismail
Deputy Director-General, IKIM
- 1.00 p.m - 2.30 p.m** : Lunch/Break
- 2.30 p.m - 4.30 p.m** : **Tutorial Module**
Dr. Muhammad Syafiq bin Borhanuddin
Fellow, Centre for Economics and Social Studies (EMAS), IKIM

WEDNESDAY, DAY 2 (10 MAY 2023)

- 8.30 a.m** : Breakfast
- 9.00 a.m - 11.00 a.m** : **Module 3**
THE LOGICAL MIND
Dr. Mohd. Farid bin Mohd. Shahrar
Director/Principal Fellow, Centre for the Study of Shari'ah, Law & Politics (SYARAK), IKIM
- 11.00 a.m - 1.00 p.m** : **Module 4**
THE DIALECTICAL MIND
Md. Asham bin Ahmad
Senior Fellow, Centre for the Study of Shari'ah, Law & Politics (SYARAK), IKIM
- 1.00 p.m - 2.30 p.m** : Lunch/Break
- 2.30 p.m - 4.30 p.m** : **Tutorial Module**
Dr. Muhammad Syafiq bin Borhanuddin
Fellow, Centre for Economics and Social Studies (EMAS), IKIM

THURSDAY, DAY 3 (11 MAY 2023)

- 8.30 a.m** : Breakfast
- 9.00 a.m - 11.00 a.m** : **Module 5**
THE PROSPECTIVE MIND
Dr. Nik Roskiman bin Abdul Samad
Senior Fellow, Centre for the Study of Shari'ah, Law & Politics (SYARAK), IKIM
- 11.00 a.m - 1.00 p.m** : **Module 6**
THE STRATEGIC MIND
Dr. Muhammad Husni bin Mohd. Amin
Fellow, Centre for Science and Environment Studies (KIAS), IKIM
- 1.00 p.m - 2.30 p.m** : Lunch/Break
- 2.30 p.m - 4.30 p.m** : **Tutorial Module & Closing**
Dr. Muhammad Syafiq bin Borhanuddin
Fellow, Centre for Economics and Social Studies (EMAS), IKIM



MODULE 1

MAN AND MIND IN ISLAM

SYPNOPSIS

Contrary to the secular worldview that perceives man as mere matter with no spirit, or specifically sheer animal or machine, this module sheds light on the worldview of Islam which affirms man (*insān*) as soul, as mentioned in 28 chapters of the Qur'an—in 47 verses. It discusses five fundamental things: 1) definitive understanding of man as the living being that speaks (*al-ḥayawān al-nātiq*) and his true and real self as the articulate soul (*al-nafs al-nāṭiqah*) of the Covenant and after the Judgement; 2) human cognitive and articulate power called the intellect and the reasoning capacity of mind (*al-'aql*) associated with the brain; 3) organ of spiritual perception (*al-qalb*); God teaching man the nature of all things (2:31); 4) science of *al-bayān* (55:1-4) and the nature of good and evil (91:7-10); and 5) the divine appointment of man as a vicegerent on earth (*khalīfatu-'Llāh fi-'l-ard*; 95:4-5).

ABOUT THE PRESENTER



DR MOHD SANI
BIN BADRON

Dr. Mohd Sani bin Badron is Principal Fellow and Director of IKIM's Centre for Economics & Social Studies (EMAS). He was conferred Bachelor of Laws by the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM), and M.A. as well as Ph.D. in Islamic Thought by the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC). He worked at ISTAC as Research Fellow (1993-2003) and then IIUM as Lecturer at the Department of Theology, Philosophy and Comparative Religions (2003-2006). The titles of books he authored and edited are *Ibn al-'Arabī's Conception of Religion*, *Good Governance: Adab-Oriented Tadbīr in Islām*, *Kepimpinan dan Amanat Peradaban*, *The Role of Islamic States in a Globalised World*, and *Sikap Anti-Mazhab: Beberapa Pengamatan*.



MODULE 2

THE KNOWING AND THINKING MIND

SYPNOPSIS

This module attempts to situate thinking in the larger context of the Islamic understanding of knowledge. In so doing, the module shall outline in a holistic and balanced manner how thinking and imagination (*khayal* and *takhayyul*), as two acts of the human mind, have been conceived of in the centuries-old religious, intellectual and scientific tradition of Islam. The module shall also explore the mutual relations between the two mental acts, leading then to an overview of the position of memorisation (*hifz* and *tadhakkur*), creative thinking, and critical thinking in the aforementioned context.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER



DR MOHD. ZAIDI
BIN ISMAIL

Dr. Mohd. Zaidi bin Ismail is Deputy Director-General of the Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM) and Editor-in-Chief of *TAFHIM: IKIM Journal of Islam and the Contemporary World*. Dr. Mohd. Zaidi received his Master's degree in the field of Islamic Thought (Epistemology and Philosophy of Mind) in 1995 and Doctor of Philosophy in the field of Islamic Thought (Ontology) in 2006, both from the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC). He has authored and edited numerous works related to Mind and Thinking, among which are *Islam, Kesehatan Mental dan Neuropsikiatri* (IKIM, 2020); *Aqal, Ilmu dan Pendidikan* (IKIM, 2018); *Islam & Neurosains* (IKIM, 2016); *Aqal dalam Islam* (IKIM, 2016); *Islam and Higher-Order Thinking* (IKIM, 2014); *Kreativiti & Imaginasi dalam Psikologi Islami* (IKIM, 2011); and *The Sources of Knowledge in Al-Ghazali's Thought* (ISTAC, 2001). Apart from his many academic and administrative roles at IKIM, he is at present Adjunct Professor at Raja Zarith Sofiah Centre for Advanced Studies in Islam, Science and Civilisation (RZS-CASIS), University of Technology Malaysia (UTM); Honorary Lecturer at the School of Medical Sciences, University of Science Malaysia (USM); Associate Editor of *AFKAR: Journal of 'Aqidah and Islamic Thought*, Academy of Islamic Studies, University of Malaya (API-UM); and Advisor of Ta'dib International Foundation, Kuala Lumpur



MODULE 3

THE LOGICAL MIND

SYPNOPSIS

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

This module explains the basics of logic and critical thinking by focusing on two main divisions namely, conceptualisation (*taṣawwur*) and assent (*taṣdīq*). The module discusses topics including signification, definition, syllogism, analogy, standards of and barriers to critical thinking, as well as logical fallacies.



DR MOHD FARID
BIN MOHD SHAHRAN

Dr. Mohd Farid bin Mohd Shahrhan is Principal Fellow and Director at IKIM's Centre of the Study of Sharīah, Laws and Politics (SYARAK). He obtained his Bachelor's degree in the field of Islamic Studies with specialisation in Islamic Jurisprudence and Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence from the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), after which he continued his M.A. and Ph.D. specialising in Islamic Thought from the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization Malaysia (ISTAC), completing in 1999 and 2006 respectively. His M.A. is in the field of logic with a thesis entitled *An Introductory Study of Fakhr al-Din al-Razi's Logic with an Edition on the Section of Concepts (Tasawwurat) in his Mulakhkhas fi al-Hikmah wa al-Mantiq* while his Ph.D. is in the field of theology with a thesis entitled *The Divine Transcendence according to al-Razi*. He worked as Research Fellow at ISTAC for eight years (1995–2003). He then served as Senior Lecturer (2003–2011) at the Department of Usuluddin and Comparative Religion in IIUM and has taught the subject on logic for six years. His publications related to logical thinking are articles such as *Issues in Islamic Thought* (2008) and *Divine Transcendence and the Issue of Anthropomorphism, in Islamic Revealed Knowledge: Dimensions of Thought* (2011), and books such as *Isu-Isu dalam Pemikiran Islam* (Issues in Islamic Thought, 2008) and *Akidah dan Pemikiran Islam: Isu dan Cabaran* (Islamic Theology and Thought, 2013). He is also currently member of National Fatwa Council of Malaysia (MKI) and member of Fatwa Council of Negeri Sembilan.



MODULE 4

THE DIALECTICAL MIND

SYPNOPSIS

Debate and Dialectical Thinking is specifically espoused in the intellectual tradition of Islam in the form of *Adab al-Baḥth wa al-Munāẓarah* (the Rules of Debate and Engagement), a creative synthesis of logic and juridical dialectics with the aim of arriving at truth via disciplined debate, in which a proposition and its proof can be cross-examined by the disputants. This module focuses on the three main components of the aforementioned Rules: the definition (*ta'rīf*), the classification (*taqsīm*), and the proposition (*taṣdīq*).

ABOUT THE PRESENTER



MD. ASHAM BIN AHMAD

Md. Asham bin Ahmad is Senior Fellow at IKIM's Centre for Shari'ah, Laws and Politics Research (SYARAK). He obtained B.A. degree from International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) and then continued pursuing studies at M.A. level in the field of Islamic Thought at the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC). His thesis is related to Imam al-Ghazali's conception of human behaviour. He has written a monograph titled *Antara Nama dan Hakikat* which debates on the issue of the usage of the name 'Allah' by non-Muslims. His article *Antara Nama dan Hakikat* is the winner of Rencana Umum Terbaik, Anugerah Media Islam Negara (AMIN) organised for the third time by the Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia, JAKIM). His upcoming 2023 publication *The Art of Disputation in Islam: An Introduction and Annotated Translation of Risālah Waladiyyah by Sāḥaqlizāde (d. 1737/42)* deals mainly with the subject of disciplined debate and engagement.



MODULE 5

THE PROSPECTIVE MIND

SYPNOPSIS

In Islam, proper deliberation on outcomes is paramount. In the Islamic Intellectual Tradition, the aforementioned deliberation is encapsulated in the specific act of thinking which is referred to as governance (*tadbīr*) or contemplating the outcome (*tadabbur*). This module explicates this act of thinking which is very much *maqāṣidī* (objective or outcome-oriented) in nature as well as far-sighted in quality.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER



DR NIK ROSKIMAN
BIN ABDUL SAMAD

Dr. Nik Roskiman bin Abdul Samad is Senior Fellow at IKIM's Centre for Shari'ah, Law and Politics (SYARAK). After graduating from International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) with a Bachelor's degree in Economics in 1994, he pursued his Master's degree at the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC), completing in 2000. He then obtained his doctoral degree (Ph.D.) from the Academy of Islamic Studies, University of Malaya in 2013 with a dissertation entitled *Some Aspects of Spiritual Thoughts of Shaykh 'Abd al-Samad al-Falimbānī (d.1243/1828)*. His M.A. thesis, which he completed under the supervision of a Turkish historian, Professor Dr. Mehmet Ipsirli, was selected for publication by ISTAC- IIUM as a book entitled *The Administrative Ethics of Al-Ghazālī with Reference to his Naṣīhat al-Mulūk*. He regularly contributes his writings to the press, magazines, and radio programmes.



MODULE 6

THE STRATEGIC MIND

SYPNOPSIS

Decision-making is the staple of living and leading, yet a decision does not become sound except by three things, namely: 1) experience and skill with affairs (*durbah bi-'l-umūr*); 2) discernment and insight in management (*baṣīrah bi-'l-siyāsah*); and 3) reflection upon consequences of actions (*fikrah fī-'l-'awāqib*). This module draws from the Muslim tradition on the management of warfare (*siyāsah or tadbīr al-ḥurūb*) as the discipline geared towards attaining goals through the combination of knowledge and mastery of the self, exercise of judicious qualities, and use of strategic ingenuity.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER



DR MUHAMMAD HUSNI
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Dr. Muhammad Husni bin Mohd Amin is Fellow at IKIM's Centre for Science and Environment Studies (KIAS). He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering (Hons.) from Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN) in 2008. He worked as junior lecturer at the Selangor International Islamic University College (KUIS) (2012–2015) before joining IKIM as Senior Research Officer in 2016. He completed his Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in Islamic Thought and Civilisation with a thesis entitled *Some Aspects of Banū Mūsā's Philosophy of Technology* at the Centre for Advanced Studies on Islam, Science and Civilisation (CASIS), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) in 2015 and his Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) at the same Centre (now Raja Zarith Sofiah Centre for Advanced Studies on Islam, Science and Civilisation, RZS-CASIS) in 2021 with a thesis entitled *Alī ibn Abī Bakr al-Harawī and his Treatise on Military Strategy*. He has previously served as National Defence University Malaysia (UPNM) industry advisory panel member for UPNM Bachelor's degree in Islamic Defence and Security programme (2020–2021).



TUTORIAL MODULE

SYPNOPSIS

The tutorial sessions (three sessions in total) aim to facilitate participants' comprehension of the key concepts, techniques, and mental outlook conveyed in each module. It also seeks to nurture participants' ability to critically reflect and discuss a selected issue of importance to Muslim affairs. Our hope is that each participant shall come out of the course with some awareness of what it means to think based on the wisdom of the Muslim thinkers, theologians, and logicians of the past and present.

There are three learning outcomes that we hope to achieve: (i) to be able to consider key assumptions in one's thinking; (ii) to be able to properly scrutinize statements and reasoning, and deploy dialectics to arrive at truth; and (iii) to be able to reflect within the mode of prospective and strategic thinking.

ABOUT THE TUTOR



DR MUHAMMAD SYAFIQ
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Dr. Muhammad Syafiq bin Borhannuddin is Fellow at IKIM's Centre of Economic and Social Studies. He was conferred Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) at the Raja Zarith Sofiah Centre for Advanced Studies on Islam, Science and Civilisation (RZS-CASIS), University of Technology Malaysia (UTM) in 2022. His PhD thesis is a study on the thought of Fazlur Rahman (1911–1988), who was the Distinguished Professor of Islamic Thought at the University of Chicago. Through his own radio show, Dr. Syafiq aspires to contribute to elevating the thoughts of his listeners, while also focusing his academic efforts on rethinking the idea of progress and development in Muslim nations. He recently published his first book, titled *Ungku Aziz's Vision of Development* (IKIM Press, 2023).

NOTES





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