



3-DAY COURSE

THINKING *With* WISDOM

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MODULE 1

“MAN & MIND IN ISLAM”

Synopsis

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



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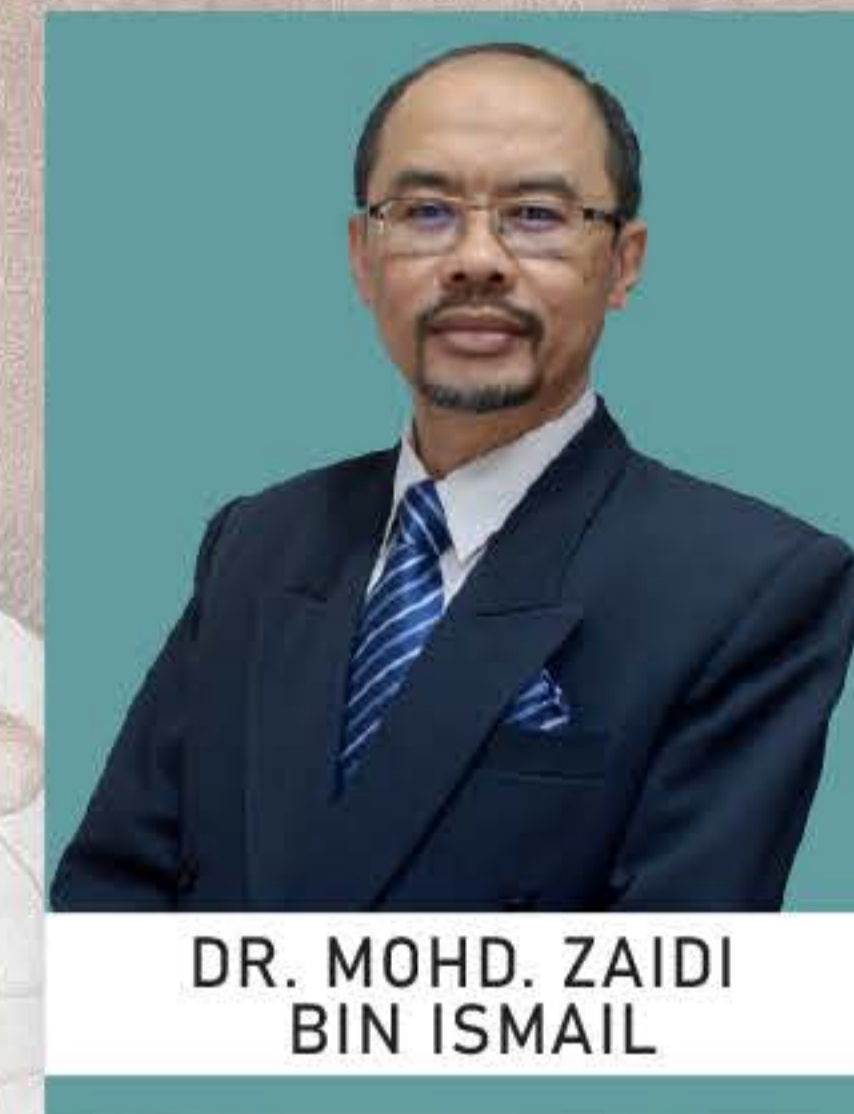
MODULE 2

THE KNOWING AND THINKING MIND

Synopsis

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 memorization (*hifz* and *tadhakkur*), creative thinking, and critical thinking in the aforementioned context.

About the Presenter



DR. MOHD. ZAIDI
BIN ISMAIL

Dr. Mohd. Zaidi Ismail is currently the 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.

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MODULE 3

THE LOGICAL MIND

Synopsis

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

About the Presenter



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Dr. Mohd Farid Mohd Shahrhan is currently Principal Fellow and Director at IKIM's Centre of the Study of Shari'ah, Laws and Politics (SYARAK). He obtained his Bachelor's degree in the field of Islamic Studies with a specialisation in Islamic Jurisprudence and Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence from the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM); and M.A. and Ph.D. in the field of Islamic Thought from the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization Malaysia (ISTAC) in 1999 and 2006 respectively. 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's Kulliyah of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Heritage, eventually becoming Deputy Dean (2008-2011). 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)*. Besides presenting papers and giving lectures locally and internationally, Dr. Mohd Farid has been conducting trainings in various institutions in Malaysia such as Institut Tadbiran Awam Negara (INTAN), Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia (JAKIM), and Institut Kefahaman Islam Malaysia (IKIM). Among his other involvements are: member of National Fatwa Council of Malaysia (MKI); member of Islamic Theology Expert Council, Department of Islamic Development Malaysia (JAKIM); member of Fatwa Council of Negeri Sembilan.

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MODULE 4

THE DIALECTICAL MIND

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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 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. The monograph *Antara Nama dan Hakikat: Kemelut Nama Allah* 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).

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MODULE 5

THE PROSPECTIVE MIND

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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



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Dr. Nik Roskiman Abdul Samad currently serves as 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 İpşirli, 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.

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MODULE 6

THE STRATEGIC MIND

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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-siyāсах*); and 3) reflection upon consequences of actions (*fikrah fī-'l-'awāqib*). This module draws from the Muslim tradition on the management of warfare (*siyāсах 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 Mohd Amin is currently Senior Research Officer at IKIM's Centre of Science and Environment Studies (KIAS). He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering (Hons.) from Universiti Tenaga Nasional (UNITEN) in 2008. While serving as junior lecturer at the Selangor International Islamic University College (2012–2015), he pursued his Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) degree in Islamic Thought and Civilisation at the Centre for Advanced Studies on Islam, Science and Civilisation (CASIS), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), completing in 2015. He was conferred Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree, with a concentration on military history and strategy, from the same Centre (now Raja Zarith Sofiah Centre for Advanced Studies on Islam, Science and Civilisation, RZS-CASIS), in 2022. At IKIM, he edits books and journal articles, and has contributed more than a dozen local newspaper articles and academic seminar paper presentations, in addition to regular appearance as invited speaker and host on local and international radio stations, particularly Radio IKIM's talk shows *Agama dan Peradaban* (Religion and Civilisation) (2016–2020), *Islam in 15 Lives* (2020–2021), and *Great Works of the Muslim World* (2021–now).

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TUTORIAL

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The tutorial module aims to guide the participants in understanding key concepts in the course presentations and materials, using case studies to present historical realities, figures, and institutions from which the concepts are drawn. The session divides the participants into groups and allows each group to prepare presentations based on guiding questions, which the facilitators can use to gauge the effectiveness of content delivery, the participants' level of understanding, and the ability to relate lessons gained into daily life situations.

About the Tutor



MUHAMMAD SYAFIQ
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Muhammad Syafiq Borhanuddin is currently Senior Research Officer at IKIM's Centre for Economics & Social Studies (EMAS). He obtained his pre-university education in London, United Kingdom, before returning to Malaysia to obtain his Bachelor's degree in International Business from Universiti Teknologi MARA (UiTM). He then pursued Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) studies in Islamic Thought and Civilisation at the Centre for Advanced Studies on Islam, Science, and Civilisation (CASIS), Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM), completing in 2015. Apart from teaching philosophy and civilisational studies to undergraduate students at Kolej Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Selangor (KUIS) (2012-2015) and UNITAR International University (2015-2017), he had the privilege of being involved with the transformation initiatives of the two universities. He has spoken on various domestic and international platforms such as the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) organized by the United States Government; the World Congress on Philosophy in Beijing; the Headquarters of Turkey's TRT World; and in Japan for the Japan Foundation. At IKIM, his focus areas are on development philosophy, civilisational dialogue, and contemporary Muslim thought. He also hosts IKIM Radio's *Shaping Tomorrow* and has written articles for the country's mainstream newspapers.

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