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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
5. THE PROSPECTIVE MIND
6. THE STRATEGIC MIND

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26 - 28 AUGUST 2024
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM



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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

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

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DAY 1 (26.8.2024)

- 8.30 a.m : Registration
- 9.00 a.m : **Briefing by Coordinator**
- 9.05 a.m- : **Module 1**
- 11.00 a.m : **MAN AND MIND IN ISLAM**
Dr. Muhammad Syafiq bin Borhanuddin
Fellow, Centre for Economics and Social Studies (EMAS), IKIM
- 11.00 a.m- : **Module 2**
- 1.00 p.m : **THE KNOWING AND THINKING MIND**
Dr. Mohd. Zaidi bin Ismail
Deputy Director-General, IKIM
- 1.00 p.m- : Lunch/Break
- 2.30 p.m
- 2.30 p.m- : **Tutorial Module**
- 4.30 p.m

TUESDAY, DAY 2 (27.8.2024)

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

WEDNESDAY, DAY 3 (28.8.2024)

- 9.00 a.m- : **Module 5**
- 11.00 a.m : **THE PROSPECTIVE MIND**
Dr. Nik Roskiman bin Abd. Samad
Principal Fellow, Centre for the Study of Shari'ah, Law & Politics (SYARAK), IKIM
- 11.00 a.m- : **Module 6**
- 1.00 p.m : **THE STRATEGIC MIND**
Dr. Muhammad Husni bin Mohd. Amin
Fellow, Centre for Science and Environment Studies (KIAS), IKIM
- 1.00 p.m- : Lunch/Break
- 2.30 p.m
- 2.30 p.m- : **Tutorial Module**
- 4.30 p.m
- 4.30 p.m- : **Programme closing**
- 5.30 p.m : Reflections
Certificate award
End

MODULE 1

“MAN AND 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-nāṭiq*) 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 (*khalīfatū-‘Ulāh fi-‘l-ard*; 95:4-5).

SPEAKER PROFILE

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 Civilization (RZS-CASIS), Universiti Teknologi 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 he aspires to contribute to elevating the thoughts of listeners, while also focusing his academic efforts on rethinking the idea of progress and development in Muslim nations. He recently published his first book, entitled *Ungku Aziz’s Vision of Development* (IKIM, 2023).



DR. MUHAMMAD SYAFIQ BIN BORHANUDDIN

MODULE 2

“THE KNOWING & 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 memorisation (*hifz and tadhakkur*), creative thinking, and critical thinking in the aforementioned context.

SPEAKER PROFILE

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 & Imajinasi 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 Associate Editor of *AFKAR Journal of 'Aqidah and Islamic Thought*, Academy of Islamic Studies, University of Malaya (AP-UM) and Advisor of Ta'dib International Foundation, Kuala Lumpur.

DR. MOHD. ZAIDI BIN ISMAIL



MODULE 3

“THE LOGICAL MIND”

SYNOPSIS

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.

SPEAKER PROFILE

Dr. Mohd Farid bin Mohd Shahrān is 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 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. studies, specialising in Islamic Thought from the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization Malaysia (ISTAC) and 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 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 member of National Fatwa Council of Malaysia (MKI) and Fatwa Council of Negeri Sembilan.

DR. MOHD FARID BIN MOHD SHAHRAN



MODULE 4

“THE DIALECTICAL MIND”

SYNOPSIS

Debate and Dialectical Thinking is specifically espoused in the intellectual tradition of Islam in the form of *Adab al-Baḥth wa al-Munāzarah* (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 (*taʿrīf*), the classification (*taqṣīm*), and the proposition (*taṣdīq*).

SPEAKER PROFILE

Md. Asham bin Ahmad is Senior Fellow at IKIM’s Centre for Shariah, Laws and Politics Research (SYARAK). He obtained B.A. degree from International Islamic University Malaysia (IUM) 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 2023 publication *The Art of Disputation in Islam: An Introduction and Annotated Translation of Risalah Waladiyyah by Säçaqizade (d. 1737/42)* deals mainly with the subject of disciplined debate and engagement.

MD. ASHAM BIN AHMAD



MODULE 5

“THE PROSPECTIVE MIND”

SYNOPSIS

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.

SPEAKER PROFILE

Dr. Nik Roskiman bin Abdul Samad is Principal Fellow at IKIM's Centre for Shari'ah, Law and Politics (SYARAK). After graduating from International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) with a Bachelors 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 Naṣīḥat al-Mulūk*. He regularly contributes his writings to the press, magazines, and radio programmes.

DR. NIK ROSKIMAN BIN ABDUL SAMAD



MODULE 6

“THE STRATEGIC MIND”

SYNOPSIS

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-1-umūr*); 2) discernment and insight in management (*baṣīrah bi-1-siyāsah*); and 3) reflection upon consequences of actions (*fikrah fī-1-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.

SPEAKER PROFILE

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 Banu Musa's Philosophy of Technology* at the Centre for Advanced Studies on Islam, Science and Civilization (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 Civilization, RZS-CASIS) in 2021 with a thesis entitled *'Alī ibn Abī Bakr al-Harawī and his Treatise on Military Strategy*. He 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).

DR. MUHAMMAD HUSNI BIN MOHD. AMIN



TUTORIAL MODULE

SYNOPSIS

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.



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TESTIMONIALS

“Comprehensive coverage to introduce thinking from islamic worldview and how it differs from secular approach.”

- Thinking with Wisdom participant 2022 -

“The strength of this program is to show the correlation between modules.

It helps participants to appreciate the content holistically and not in a compartmentalized manner - case study method is highly effective.”

- Thinking with Wisdom participant 2022 -

“Comprehensive approach which gave good takeaway points, great discussion, and good exposure to further areas of study (ex. Logic/dialectics). The idea of the tutorial session was excellent and well executed.”

- Thinking with Wisdom participant 2023 -

“The lectures start each module with the relation to the previous modules. Job well done; made it easier to understand.”

- Thinking with Wisdom participant 2023 -

Secretariat



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