

“Family and Values in a Changing World” Forum

Participants per panel discussion

Opening remarks:

- **Dr. Recep Şentürk**, Dean, College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU)



- **Dr. Sharifa Noaman Al Emadi**, Executive Director, Doha International Family Institute (DIFI)



Panel Discussion (1):

Family values resulting from wars and conflicts: the case of Palestine and Gaza

- **Dr. Ali Al-Sanad**, Associate Professor, Department of Islamic Studies, College of Basic Education, Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, State of Kuwait and presenter “ Mawazine “ on Al Jazeera



Journalist who presented many programs on Arab satellite channels, and currently presents “Mawazine” on Al Jazeera.

He holds a PhD in Islamic philosophy from Cairo University/College of Dar Al Uloom.

He holds a Master’s degree in Islamic Philosophy from Cairo University, Faculty of Dar Al Uloom/Department of Islamic Philosophy. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Islamic Sharia from Kuwait University.

He published several peer-reviewed research in scientific journals.

- **Dr. Shk. Hessa bint Hamad bin Khalifa Al-Thani**, Associate Professor of Educational Sciences, Qatar University.



Dr. Hessa bint Hamad Al Thani is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Educational Sciences, College of Education, Qatar University. She holds a PhD in educational policy and social analysis from Columbia University.

She worked to activate the characteristics related to the development of family curricula, by teaching courses that deal with family relations and highlighting their contemporary problems, arriving at practical solutions to those problems, and developing reform theories that mimic the student’s living reality. As a teacher, she contributed to strengthening the disciplines of methodological development that have a direct impact on family relationships and identifying the constant and variable in these relationships.

Dr. Hessa Al Thani encourages the concepts of “education and the good life,” and focuses her attention on student-centered learning, cooperative learning, and the diversity of methods in the curriculum as they relate to personality development, motivating students to learn and participate in society. She is also an advocate for enhancing student well-being and holistic teaching and learning methodologies. Her recent research has focused on the factors that shape change makers and leaders of complex systems. Dr. Hessa has conducted extensive research in areas related to the reform and development of education from kindergarten to the twelfth grade, and the reform and development of higher education.

- **Dr. Mahjoub Al Zouwairi**, Professor and Director of the Gulf Studies Center, Qatar University



Professor of Gulf Studies and Iran in the Gulf Studies Program and Director of the Gulf Studies Center at Qatar University. Since 2010, he has worked as an associate professor of modern and contemporary history in the History Program/Humanities Department. Then head of the same department in the period 2011-2016. Before joining Qatar University in 2010, he worked as a research fellow and then director of the Center for Iranian Studies at the Institute of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies at Durham University, Britain. He has published more than 90 academic studies, including peer-reviewed books and research papers, on the contemporary Middle East, Iran, and the role of social and human sciences at the university of the present and the future. He is proficient in Arabic, English and Persian.

- **Dr. Nour Naim, Palestinian academic and author**



**Academic and researcher in the field of artificial intelligence
Founder and Director of Minds Academy for Artificial Intelligence Literacy**

Panel Discussion (2):

General discussion on the forum topic: family, values, and constant and variable standards in Sharia' and social studies

- **Dr. Mustafa Osman Ismail Al-Amin**, Professor of Islam, and International Affairs at the College of Islamic Studies at Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU)



Professor of Islam and International Affairs - College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University.

He worked as a professor in several European and Arab universities and has much published research in the field of international relations, peace issues, and conflict resolution.

He works as a consultant for the United Nations Organization for Training and Research (UNITAR), a member of the Executive Secretariat of the Arab Crisis Group and a member of the Council on Arab and International Relations. He currently heads the Creators Council - Faith Amanah initiative at the College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University.

He previously worked as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Sudan and Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva.

- **Dr. Recep Şentürk**, Dean, College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU)



Dean of the College of Islamic Studies at HBKU. He was founding president of Ibn Haldun University in Istanbul and Usul Academy. He holds a PhD from Columbia University's Department of Sociology, and specializes in Islamic studies, ethics, social theories and methods, sociology of religion and education, social networks, civilization studies and modernization and post-modernization.

He served as researcher at the Center for Islamic Studies (iSAM) in Istanbul, and as founding director of the Alliance of Civilizations Institute. He is head of the International Ibn Khaldun Society and has a seat on the editorial boards of multiple academic journals. He has publications in English, Arabic and Turkish. Among his books are Futuwwah: Noble Character; Comparative Theories and Methods; Narrative Social Structure: Hadith Transmission Network 610-1505; Open Civilization: Towards a Multi- Civilizational Society and World; Ibn Khaldun: Contemporary Readings; Malcolm X: Struggle for Human Rights.

His work has been translated to Arabic, Japanese, and Spanish.

- **Dr. Sharifa Noaman Al Emadi, Executive Director, Doha International Family Institute (DIFI)**



Dr. Al Emadi is a certified clinical psychologist by the Ministry of Public Health in Qatar. She currently functions as a licensed psychologist to treat behavioral disorders, specifically drug addictions. She is considered to be teaching family relations at Qatar University. She has delivered several courses and workshops in this field in Qatar and abroad and has presented papers in several international conferences pertaining to several fields of study and research. Some were published in international magazines. She held the position of Executive Director of Protection and Social Rehabilitation and Executive Director of International and Community Relations at the Naufar Center. Besides her role as the Executive Director of Doha International Family Institute, she is also a member of the National Committee for Women, Children, the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities, and a board member in the Social Sciences and Humanities Department at Qatar University.

Dr. Al Emadi holds PhD and Master's degrees in Psychology and Counselling from Manchester Metropolitan University and was awarded the PhD Degree holders Platinum Medal at the Education Excellence Day in Qatar for the year 2009.

- **His Excellency Dr. Ibrahim Saleh Al-Naimi, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue.**



He holds a bachelor's degree from Qatar University in the first class in 1977, and a PhD in chemistry from the University of Southern California in the United States of America in 1983.

He began his academic career as an assistant professor, then an associate professor, until he became a professor of organic chemistry at Qatar University in 1996. He then assumed several academic and administrative tasks, including dean of the College of Science, then president of Qatar University. He established the Community College in Qatar in 2010, The Emiri decision appointing him as Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education was issued on December 20, 2017.

He chairs the Board of Directors of Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue from its inception in 2007 until now.

- **Dr. Ali Al-Sanad**, Associate Professor, Department of Islamic Studies, College of Basic Education, Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, State of Kuwait.



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Panel Discussion (3):

The Muslim family in Muslim societies: challenges of preserving values and absorbing change in light of globalization and cultural openness

- **Dr. Mohammed El-Gammal**, Associate Professor of Islamic Studies at the College of Islamic Studies (CIS) at Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU).



Associate Professor of Jurisprudence at the College of Islamic Studies / Hamad Bin Khalifa University. An expert at the International Islamic Jurisprudence Academy of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, he participated with scientific papers in many international seminars and conferences. He also participated in various international encyclopedias, most notably: the Encyclopedia of Islamic Jurisprudence “Gamal Abdel Nasser,” the teacher of jurisprudential rules, the Encyclopedia of Banking Sharia, and the Jami’ al-Fiqh al-Islami. Project coordinator: “Standards for Islamic Education” in the State of Qatar, and the “Bibliography of Islamic Economics” project, and an arbitrator in several universities and scientific and research centers.

- **Dr. El-Shazly Bey Shatti, Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences, Qatar University**



He holds a PhD in sociology from the University of Laval - Canada and won the Excellence Award for his thesis in which he highlighted the issue of local cultures in the context of globalization. He worked at the Universities of Laval and Moncton in Canada between 2007 and 2015 and is currently working at Qatar University since 2015. His research interests focus on social, economic, and political organizations,

cultural diversity, the family, and globalization. Published a group of books and articles in classified scientific journals.

- **Dr. Merve Özaykal**, Assistant Professor at Istanbul University in Turkey



She got her BA from Ankara University Faculty of Theology (2008) and her MA from the Islamic law department of the same university (2010). After she started her PhD at Marmara University, she moved to Sakarya University Faculty of Theology by virtue of an assistantship (2011). She has worked as a visiting researcher at The Kennedy Institute of Ethics (Georgetown University) for a year, where she studied bioethics, and has also been to Egypt, Syria, and Jordan at various times for the purposes of education. She studied medical history and ethics at Istanbul University Institute of Health Sciences by completing a second master’s program (2016). In 2017, she got a PhD from the Islamic Law department of Sakarya University Faculty of Theology with her doctoral dissertation titled, “The Limitations on the Right of Intervention on the Human Body and Organ Transplantation from the Perspective of Islamic Law”. Dr. Özaykal is currently an assistant professor at Istanbul University Faculty of Theology. Her main areas of interest are Islamic bio-medical ethics (bio-fiqh), the methodology of Islamic jurisprudence, and contemporary Islamic legal problems.

- **Dr. Khalid Al-Naama**, Director of the Family Research and Policy Department at the Doha International Family Institute (DIFI)



Dr. Khalid J. Al-Naama, currently the Director of the Family Research and Policy Department at Doha International Family Institute (DIFI), has an extensive background in family care and sexual health policies. He previously collaborated with the CDC in the Ministry of Public Health and played a role in policy development at Qatar Gas, particularly in crisis communication and employee technical competencies. Khalid holds a postgraduate qualification in applied psychology from the University of Liverpool, UK, and a PhD in psychology from the University of Huddersfield, UK. His research has been published in notable journals, including the International Journal of Technology and Management. Additionally, he has presented a scientific poster at the Fifth International Conference of the Arab Society for Forensic Sciences and Forensic Medicine.

- **Dr. Muetaz Al-Khatib, Associate Professor of Methodology and Ethics and Program Coordinator of MA in Applied Islamic Ethics at Hamad bin Khalid University (HBKU)**



Associate Professor of Methodology and Ethics at the Research Centre for Islamic Legislation and Ethics (CILE), Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), and Coordinator of the MA in Applied Islamic Ethics at the College of Islamic Studies, (HBKU). Besides many refereed articles, He authored and edited several books including: Radd al-Ḥadīth min Jihat al-Matn: Dirāsa fī Manāhij al-Muḥaddithīn wa-l Uṣūliyyīn (Matn Criticism: a study of the methods of traditionists and jurists) (2011), Ma'ziq al-Dawla bayna al-Islāmiyyīn

wa-l 'Almāniyyīn (The dilemma of the state between Islamists and secularists) (2016), al-'Unf al-Mustabāḥ: al-Sharia fī Muwājahat al-Umma wa-l Dawla (Violence Made Permissible: 'Sharia' versus the People and the State) (2017) Qabūl al- Ḥadīth (The Reception of Ḥadīth) (2017), Islamic Ethics and the Trusteeship Paradigm (co-editor) (2020), Ḥadīth and Ethics through the Lens of Interdisciplinarity.(2023)

Panel Discussion (4):

The identity of the Muslim family between the criteria of religion - geography and global citizenship

- **Mrs. Eman Al-Sulaiti**, Executive Director of the Administrative and Financial Sector at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies



Executive Director of the Administrative and Financial Sector at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies. She holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Qatar University in 1999, an Executive MBA from HEC Paris in Qatar, with the subject of Innovation and Entrepreneurship in 2015, and an advanced certificate from the same university in the luxury retail sector as a second major in 2016, she is also a graduate of the first batch of the Qatar Leadership Center (QLC).

She has extensive experience in institutional work, as she was able, through her multiple roles, to develop many regulations, policies, and administrative systems, develop strategic and executive plans and supervise their implementation, in addition to building strong relationships with various state institutions. She is fluent in Arabic, English and French.

She is the recipient of numerous awards for her involvement in numerous corporate and community initiatives and has undergone extensive specialized training courses from Harvard Business School, Duke University, Chicago Booth, and many other reputed institutes.

- **H.E. Dr. Hind Al-Muftah**, Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the European Headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva



Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

- **Dr. Mohammed El-Gammal**, Associate Professor of Islamic Studies at the College of Islamic Studies (CIS) at Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU).



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- **Dr. Badran bin Al-Hassan**, academic and researcher at the Ibn Khaldun Center at Qatar University.



Associate Professor and Researcher at the Ibn Khaldun Center for Humanities and Social Sciences, Qatar University. He holds a doctorate in civilizational studies and philosophy from University Putra Malaysia 2004, and a master's degree in comparative religion and Islamic thought from the International Islamic University Malaysia 1998. He previously worked as an associate professor and coordinator of the Comparative Religions Program and director of the Center for Moderation at Hamad Bin Khalifa University (2013-2020), and an associate professor at the University of King Faisal in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (2009-20013). Assistant Professor and Chairman of the Scientific Committee in the Department of Philosophy, University of Batna (2005-2009). Interested in research and teaching in the fields of philosophy of history and civilization, religion and social sciences, comparative religions and philosophy of religion, interdisciplinary studies, and the history and curricula of Islamic sciences.

- **Dr. Luay Safi**, Professor at the College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU)



Professor of political science and researcher specializing in political theory, public policies, international relations, human rights, and Islamic thought. He is also a human rights and political activist. He participated in establishing many civil society organizations, the most important of which are the Syrian American Council (2005), the

Syrian National Council (2010), and the National Coalition for Syrian Revolutionary and Opposition Forces (2012). He writes and lectures on issues of democracy, human rights, leadership, Islam, and the West. He is the author of twenty-four books, including Islam and the Process of Globalization (English 2022), Principle and Destiny (Dar Al Fikr 2021), Political Justice and its Normative Foundations (Arab Network for Studies and Publishing 2015), Freedom, Citizenship and Political Islam (Dar Civil Society and the Constitution 2012), and Implementing Reason (Dar Thought 1998).

Panel Discussion (5):

The role of civil society in supporting the family to carry its roles related to the value system in Muslim and non-Muslim communities

- **Mrs. Asma Al-Hajjaji**, Acting Director of Research, Qatar Social Work Foundation.



She is the acting head of research and measuring impact department at Qatar social Work Foundation. She has over 11 years' experience in community development, outreach, and social work in Qatar, specifically in Qatar Foundation and Qatar Social Work Foundation .

She is a researcher with profound interests in the field of social work, parenting, and child protection research. Her passion lies in exploring effective strategies to support and empower social workers, parents, and promoting children's well-being. Recently she is under publishing her research entitled "Exploring the State of Qatar's Child Protection System through the Lens of Frontline Social Workers ."

She has earned her Bachelor of Art in International Relation from University of Leeds in the United Kingdom and a master's degree in social work from Doha Institute for Graduate Studies.

- **Dr. Aisha Al-Mannai**, Professor and Director of the Muhammad Bin Hamad Al Thani Center for Muslim Contribution to Civilization, College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU)



Director, Muhammad bin Hamad Al-Thani Center for Muslim Contribution to Civilization (CMCC) at the College of Islamic Studies (CIS), Member of the Arab Parliament, League of Arab States, Former member of Qatar’s Shura Council, Ex-Dean, College of Sharia and Islamic Studies, Qatar University, Vice President, Qatar Red Crescent, Vice President, Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue, Member, Board of Directors of Qatar Society for Rehabilitation of Special Needs, Member, National Committee for the Alliance of Civilizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

- **Dr. Rania Mansour**, Professor in the Social Work Program at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies



Dr Rania Mansour has a Ph.D. in Sociology / Social Psychology specialization and two master’s in social work and community development, she worked as chair of the social work department at the faculty of public health at the Lebanese university, and she worked also as a part-time professor at Haigazian University and MUBS in Beirut, along with coordination of social work program at National Institution of Social Care and Vocational training, along with her experience in capacity building as lead trainer in Smart Centre in Lebanon. In addition to her expertise in social work in education,

refugee issues, and International Academic Cooperation in Social Work. She organized international conferences and academic activities related to social work and development, refugee issues, and sustainable development.

- **Dr. Tuba Erkoç Baydar**, Associate Professor at Ibn Haldun University.



She earned her master's degree from the Faculty of Theology at Istanbul University in 2011. Her thesis, titled "Command and Prohibition in Abû Ishâq Al-Shîrâzî's Legal Thought," showcased her deep engagement with legal theory.

In 2017, she attained her Ph.D., presenting a seminal thesis on "Euthanasia and Withholding Treatment: An Islamic Legal Analysis." Her research not only demonstrates academic rigor but also addresses contemporary ethical issues within the framework of Islamic jurisprudence.

In 2014, she enriched her academic experience with a year-long research sojourn at Georgetown University's Kennedy Institute of Ethics in the United States. This period allowed her to conduct extensive research and partake in various courses, further refining her expertise.

Currently, she holds the position of Associate Professor at Ibn Haldun University, where she continues to make valuable contributions to the academic community. Her specific areas of interest include the methodology of Islamic Law, family law, bioethics, medical ethics.

In recognition of her outstanding contributions, she was honored in 2022 as the Young Researcher of the Year in the field of Islamic Law among OIC Muslim countries by the Islamic Youth Center Foundation (IYCF), an affiliate of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

Beyond her academic pursuits, she is a multilingual individual, proficient in Arabic and three other languages. She is married and a mother of one child.

- **Dr. Buthaina Abdullah Abdulghani**, Chairperson of the Abdulla Abd Al-Ghani for Civilized communication



She holds a PhD in Islamic economics.

She held many supervisory and leadership positions in many institutions, including Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Abdullah Abdul Ghani Foundation for Cultural Communication “Hadara”, owner of Qitaf Educational Company, member of the Board of Trustees in a number of social and educational institutions, and has many scientific achievements, most notably a series of research and studies “Hadara”.

Winner of the Voluntary and Social Work Award for the Gulf Cooperation Council countries “Kuwait”, participated in multiple conferences, including the Gulf Women’s Conference between Sharia Reference and Feminist Thought, and she has a number of educational articles.

Panel Discussion (6):

The role of politics and law in the social inclusion and exclusion of migrant families and its reflection on the value system of the family

- **Dr. Emad El-Din Shaheen**, Professor at the College of Islamic Studies at Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU)



Professor and former dean of the College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University. During 2022-2023, he was Al-Shawwaf Visiting Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations at Harvard University. Dr. Shahin is also Senior Fellow at Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, and the editor in chief of the Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Politics.

- **Dr. Ahmed Aref**, Planning and Content Manager, Doha International Family Institute (DIFI)



Experienced Research and Policy Expert with more than 17 years of experience working on evidence-based policy development including research, interdisciplinary policy analysis, impact assessment, and international cooperation. Prior to joining Qatar Foundation, Ahmed worked for UNFPA Regional Office; EU Program on Family and Child Rights, and the Egyptian Prime Minister’s Office. His broader areas of expertise include politics of social policies, political economy, labour policies, family policies, social protection, migration, social inclusion/exclusion, demography, and sustainable development. He led and managed research, policy and advocacy programs in the aforementioned fields, and participated in numerous national, regional and international conferences and EGMs. Ahmed is affiliated with the Institute for Policy Research, Department of Social and Policy Sciences, University of Bath, UK.

- **Dr. Abdel Fattah Mohamed**, Associate Professor, faculty of Islamic Studies at Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU)



Assistant Professor of Global Affairs, College of Islamic Studies at Hamad Bin Khalifa University and visiting Research Fellow at the Center for Conflict and Humanitarian Studies, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies.

He was a former Senior Advisor for The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, in Qatar for a decade. Also, he has acted as a thematic independent consultant for the World Humanitarian Summit at the United Nations Office for Humanitarian Affairs. He has provided consultancy services to OIC, International NGOs and several civil society organizations in the last three decades.

He has served in the public sector management, international humanitarian aid, and sustainable development policy making at governmental and non-governmental organizations in addition to his experience in peace mediation and conflict transformation with The Cordoba Peace Institute Geneva.

- **Dr. Emad Al-Qattan, Associate Professor of Private Law at the College of Law, Qatar University**



Dr. Imad Qattan is currently Associate Professor of Private Law at the College of Law, Qatar University.

He teaches courses on procedural law and family law at the College of Law, Qatar University, and has many research and books in these two fields and in the field of law in general.

He has many administrative and practical experiences. He has previously held:

- Head of the Private Law Department at the College of Law, Qatar University, and coordinator of its graduate studies programs.
- National Director of the Litigation Procedures Modernization Project at the United Nations Development Program.
- Vice Dean of the Faculty of Law for Scientific Affairs at the University of Damascus.

Panel Discussion (7):

Open discussion on the priorities of the research agenda and recommendations for different actors

- **Dr. Recep Şentürk**, Dean, College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU)



- **Dr. Sharifa Noaman Al Emadi**, Executive Director, Doha International Family Institute (DIFI)



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