



**INSTITUTE OF OBJECTIVE STUDIES, NEW DELHI (INDIA)
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TWO-DAY ONLINE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

on

“Personality and Contribution of MUHAMMAD ASAD as an International Journalist, Linguist, Political Theorist, Mufassir and Scholar of Religions in 20th Century”

May 28-29, 2022 (Indian Standard Time)

PROGRAMME (TENTATIVE)

May 28 2022 (Day-1)

Inaugural Session

10.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. (IST)

Moderator:

Prof. M. Afzal Wani

Vice-Chairman, IOS, & Convenor of the conference

Recitation from the Holy Quran:

Maulana Ajmal Farooq Nadwi

In-charge, Urdu Section, IOS, New Delhi

Welcome & Introduction:

Prof. Z. M. Khan

Secretary General, IOS, New Delhi

Profile of Muhammad Asad:

Prof. Abdul Majid Khan

Deptt. of Islamic Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Inaugural Address:

H. E. Dato Seri Dr. Anwar Ibrahim

Former Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia

Keynote Address:

Dr. Josef Linnhoff

Research Fellow & Editor in Chief, Institute for Advanced Usuli Studies, Columbus, Ohio, USA

Guest of Honour:

Dr. Ali Muhiuddin Al-Qaradaghi

Secretary General, International Union of Muslim Scholars, Qatar

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Gormez

Former President, Directorate of Religious Affairs, Turkey

Dr. Mustafa Ceric

Former Grand Mufti of Bosnia

Words of Appreciation:

Dr. Mohammad Manzoor Alam
Chairman, IOS, New Delhi

Presidential Address:

Prof. Omar Hasan Kasule
Secretary General, IIIT, USA

Book Release:

Vote of Thanks:

Prof. Syed Jamaluddin
*Director, IOS Centre for Historical & Civilisational Studies,
New Delhi*

Break – 12.30 p.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Technical Session – I

1.30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Theme: Muhammad Asad: Personality, Orientations and Thought

Chairperson: Prof. Imtiyaz Yusuf

Associate Professor, ISTAC, Malaysia

Key Speakers:

Dr. Abdullah Lheedan

Visiting Professor, KSA

Topic: Muhammad Asad as a *Mujaddid*

Speakers:

Prof. M. Ishaque

Deptt. of Islamic Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Topic: Intellectual Legacy of Muhammad Asad as Reflected in “The Message of the Quran”

Prof. Haseena Hashia

Former Professor of Geography, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Topic: Muhammad Asad – A great Islamic Intellectual

Prof. Faheem Akhtar Nadvi

HoD, Deptt. Of Islamic Studies, MANUU, Hyderabad

Topic: Muhammad Asad in the light of his book “Road to Makkah”

Dr. Sameena Kausar

*Asstt. Professor, Deptt. of Arabic. Maulana Azad National Urdu University,
Hyderabad*

Topic: The Role of Reason and Rationality in ‘The Message of the Quran’ by Muhammad Asad

Dr. Sumaiya Ahmed

Head, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, Aliah University, Kolkata

Topic: Islam at the Crossroads: The Perceptions of Muhammad Asad

Dr. Sohail Ashraf Mir

Deptt. of Islamic Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Topic: Muhammad Asad: A View of his Life and Thought

Dr. Kamal Ashraf

Asstt. Professor, Deptt. of Islamic Theology, Aliah University, Kolkata

Topic: Muhammad Asad: Life and Contributions

Ms. Juneefa Bilal

Sr. Research Fellow, Department. of Islamic Studies, Centre of Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir, Srinagar

Topic: Exegetical Methodology of Muhammad Asad: An Analytical Study of “The Message of the Qur’an”

Dr. Tanjeel Ahmed

Research Scholar, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Topic: Muhammad Asad's Understanding the 'Palestine Question' through the book 'The Road to Makkah'

Ms. Nida Fatima Qureshi

Ph.D Scholar in Islamic Studies, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi

Topic: A Scholarly Assessment of Muhammad Asad's Contribution

Ms. Yusra Nisar

Research Scholar, Centre of Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir, Srinagar

Topic: Contribution of Muhammad Asad as a Mufassir

Ms. Firdosa Akhter

Sr. Research Fellow, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Topic: The Rational Approach to The Quran: A Study of Some Key Quranic Concepts of Mohammad Asad's *The Message Of The Quran*

Question-Answer:

Chairperson's Remarks:

Technical Session - II 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Theme: Times and Emergence of Muhammad Asad as a Linguist, Theorist and Journalist

Chairperson: Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano

Secretary General, International Islamic Fiqh Academy, Jeddah, KSA

Key Speakers:

Dr. Ali Ibrahim H. Namlah

Professor of Higher Studies, Imam Muhammad Bin Saud University, Riyadh, KSA

Topic: Was Muhammad Asad an Orientalist? An Explanatory Pause

Dr. Mustafa Ceric

Former Grand Mufti of Bosnia

Topic:

Dr. Ibrahim Mohamed Zain

Professor of Islamic Studies & Comparative Religion, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha, Qatar

Topic:

Dr. Azhar Ibrahim

Sr. Lecturer, Deptt. of Malay Studies, National University of Singapore

Topic:

Speakers:

Mr. K.C. Saleem

Former Regional Deputy Director, Information and PR Department, Kerala

Topic: Contribution of Muhammad Asad as International Journalist, Linguist, Political Theorist, Qur'an Translator and Commentator and Scholar of Religions

Dr. Ali Muhammad

Asstt. Professor, Islamic University of Science & Technology, Srinagar

Topic: Scheme of Governing in Political Thought of Muhammad Asad

Dr. Peshimam Nazeer Ahmed

Educational Consultant, Tirupattur, Tamil Nadu

Topic: Personality and Contribution of Muhammad Asad as an International Journalist, Linguist, Political Theorist, Mufassir and Scholar of Religions in 20th Century”

Ms. Ishrat Nabi

PhD candidate, Islamic University of Science and Technology, Srinagar

Topic: Social and Political Themes in Muhammad Asad's Religious Thought

Question-Answer:

Chairperson’s Remarks:

May 29, 2022 (DAY-2)

Technical Session-III

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Theme: Muhammad Asad’s Understanding of Religions and Contribution to Islamic Literature and Conversion

Chairperson: Dr. Josef Linnhoff

Research Fellow & Editor in Chief, Institute for Advanced Usuli Studies, Columbus, USA

Key Speakers:

Prof. Yusuf Ziya Kavakci

Founder Dean, Faculty of Theology, Ataturk University, & Founding IANT Quranic Academy, Richardson (Texas), USA

Topic: Focusing Muhammad Asad’s Work Translated into Turkish and His Influence on Turkish Intellectuals, Islamic Thinkers and Activists

Dr. Muzaffar Iqbal

President, Centre for Islamic Sciences, Canada

Topic: Muhammad Asad as a Mufassir and Translator

Prof. Imtiyaz Yusuf

Associate Professor, ISTAC, Malaysia

Topic: Muhammad Asad: After Conversion in the Eyes of the Jews

Ms. Saydoon Nisa Sayed

Coordinator, Global Network of Religions for Children, South Africa, & The African Union Interfaith Dialogue Forum Steering Committee, South Africa

Topic: Influences on Religious Thought of Muhammad Asad and His Conversion to Islam and His Contribution to Islamic Literature and Understanding

Speakers:

Prof. Syed Jamaluddin

Director, IOS Centre for Historical & Civilisational Studies, Aligarh

Topic: Two converts to Islam—Muhammad Asad and Al-Hajj T 'Alim 'Ali – Their understanding of the Qur'an: A Study of Interpretations

Dr. Abroo Aman Andrabi

Sr. Asst. Professor, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi

Topic: Translating Holy Qur'an into English Language: Muhammad Asad's Approach

Dr. Nazeer Ahmad Ab. Majeed

Asstt. Professor, K. A. Nizami Centre for Quranic Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Topic: The 'Men of the Cave' Asad's Case of Their Jewish Identity

Dr. Bilal Ahmad Kutty

Asstt. Professor, Department of Islamic Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Topic: Mohammad Asad's Understanding of Islam

Ms. Amna Abdulkarim

M.A. in Comparative Religions, College of Islamic Studies, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha, Qatar

Topic: Conversion to Islam: Manifestations and Results of Mohammad Asad's Religious Experience

Ms. Ruqyya Aslam

Ph.D Scholar in Islamic Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Topic: Muhammad Asad: His Life and Contributions to Islamic Literature

Question-Answer:

Chairperson's Remarks:

Technical Session-IV 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Theme: Muhammad Asad's Responses to Western Political Thought and Encounters to It from East

Chairperson: Prof. Z. M. Khan

Secretary General, Institute of Objective Studies, New Delhi

Key Speakers:

Prof. Safwat Mustafa Khalilovitch

Professor of Interpretation and Sciences of the Quran and the Prophet's Biography, University of Zenica, Bosnia & Herzegovina

Topic: Muhammad Asad's Position on Western Civilisation

Dr. Adian Husaini & Dr. Nirwan Syafrin**

**Chairman, Indonesian Islamic Da'awah Council, Jakarta, Indonesia*

*** Sr. Lecturer, Ibn Khaldun University, Bogor, Indonesia*

Topic: Muhammad Asad's Critical Insight on Western Civilisation

Speakers:

Dr. Mohammad Muslim

Asstt. Professor of Islamic Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Topic: Muhammad Asad's Response to Western Culture

Ms. Oroos Nasim

Research Scholar in Islamic Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Topic: Muhammad Asad: A Mediator between Western and Islamic world

Question-Answer:

Chairperson's Remarks:

Break – 1:00p.m. –2:00 p.m.

Technical Session-V 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Theme: Muhammad Asad's Perspectives about Political Reconstruction in 20th Century

Chairperson: Prof. M. Afzal Wani

Vice Chairman, IOS & Professor of Law and Director, Coordination, GGSIP University, Delhi

Key Speakers:**Dr. Ali Muhiuddin Al-Qaradaghi**

Secretary General, International Union of Muslim Scholars, Qatar

Topic: The Personality of Muhammad Asad in his civilised thought, its components and how to benefit from it

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Gormez

Former President, Directorate of Religious Affairs, Turkey

Topic:

Prof. Dr. Koutoub Moustapha Sano

Secretary General, International Islamic Fiqh Academy, Jeddah, KSA

Topic: Ideas of Muhammad Asad and their Contemporary Relevance

Dr. Abdulrahman Al Mahmoud

Qatar

Topic: Muhammad Asad: His Role and Impact on International Level

Dr. Pipip Achmad Rifai Hasan

Magister Program of Islamic Studies, Paramadina University, Jakarta, Indonesia

Topic: Muhammad Asad's Proposal of a Modern Model of Islamic State and the Political and Economic Conditions of Muslim Countries

Speakers:**Dr. Aijaz Ahmed**

Asstt. Professor of Islamic Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Topic: Muhammad Asad's Concept of an Islamic State

Dr. Showkat Ahmad Dar

Asstt. Professor, Deptt. of Islamic Studies, Government Degree College, Shopian, Jammu & Kashmir

Topic: A Critical Evaluation of Asad's The Principles State and Government in Islam

Dr. Lubna Naaz

Guest Faculty in Islamic Studies, Women's College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Topic: Concept of Islamic State: A Study of Muhammad Asad

Dr. Arshi Shoab

Asstt. Professor, Women's College, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

Topic: Concept of Islamic State and Government: A Study of Muhammad Asad's Views

Gh. Mohd. Sheikh

Sr. Research Scholar, Shah-i-Hamadan Institute of Islamic Studies, University of Kashmir, Srinagar

Topic: The Role of Muhammad Asad in Muslim Freedom Movements and Modern Islamic State

Question-Answer:**Chairperson's Remarks:**

Valedictory Session**4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.****Guests of Honour****Dr. Ali Ibrahim H. Namlah**

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Resolutions:**Prof. Muhammad Ishaque**

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Chairman, Institute of Objective Studies

Vote of Thanks:**Prof. Haseena Hashia**

Asstt. Secretary General, IOS, New Delhi