

4TH NORTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON ISLAMIC FINANCE



NACIF 2026

BUSINESS ETHICS ACROSS RELIGIONS &
THE IMPLICATIONS FOR MODERN FINANCE

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Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois

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Lake Forest, Illinois



Founded in 1857, Lake Forest College is a nationally ranked liberal arts college located on Chicago's North Shore.

We are honored to serve as the official host institution for NACIF 2026, welcoming scholars, industry leaders, and students from across North America and beyond.



Dr. Muris Hadzic

Lake Forest College Liaison, NACIF 2026
Associate Professor of Finance
Chair of Economics, Business,
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Dr. Muris Hadzic serves as the official liaison between NACIF and Lake Forest College for the 2026 conference. He is an Associate Professor of Finance and Chair of the Economics, Business, and Finance department at Lake Forest College.

Dr. Hadzic earned his Ph.D. and M.B.A. in Finance from Syracuse University. His research spans Islamic finance, investments, portfolio theory, and financial analytics. He has presented at the American Economic Association and the Babson College Entrepreneurship Research Conference, and his published work includes studies on inclusive entrepreneurship, macro-prudential policy, and the role of the public sector in private enterprise.

At Lake Forest College, Dr. Hadzic is dedicated to preparing the next generation of ethical finance leaders through rigorous academic training and real-world application.

NACIF 2026 Theme

Universal Values: Business Ethics Across Religions & the Implications for Modern Finance

In an era of increasing financial turbulence and ethical ambiguity, the need for value-based finance has never been greater. NACIF 2026 explores how religious and philosophical traditions shape ethical decision-making in business – and how these principles can transform modern financial systems for the better.

Islamic finance offers a compelling alternative model: one built on transparency, ethical conduct, sustainability, and social responsibility. By bringing together diverse voices from academia, industry, and faith communities, NACIF 2026 creates a space for thoughtful dialogue on building a financial ecosystem that is equitable, stable, and aligned with human flourishing.

Whether you are a scholar, practitioner, student, or simply curious about ethical finance, this conference offers a unique opportunity to engage with cutting-edge research and real-world applications.

Call for Papers & Presentations

THREE TRACKS. ONE MISSION. SHARE YOUR WORK.

NACIF 2026 invites submissions across three distinct presenter categories. Each track is designed to showcase unique perspectives and foster dialogue between academia, industry, and the next generation of scholars. Please select the track that best fits your background and submit via the appropriate form at www.nacif.us.

TRACK 1: **ACADEMIC PRESENTERS** *FOR SCHOLARS & RESEARCHERS*

Who Should Submit:

- University faculty and researchers
- Ph.D. candidates and postdoctoral scholars
- Independent researchers in Islamic finance and related fields

Submission Requirements:

- Full research papers
- Theoretical developments and critical analyses
- Empirical studies and literature reviews
- Submissions must be original, unpublished work

Submission:

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TRACK 2:

INDUSTRY PRESENTERS

FOR ENTREPRENEURS, BUSINESSES & PRACTITIONERS

Who Should Submit:

- Bankers, investment advisors, and wealth managers
- CPAs, auditors, and compliance officers
- Fintech innovators and entrepreneurs
- Corporate executives and consultants

Submission Requirements:

- Applied case studies and best practices
- Executive perspectives and market analyses
- Research-based insights with practical implications
- Product demonstrations and regulatory updates

Submission:

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TRACK 3:

STUDENT POSTER SHOWCASE

FOR STUDENT RESEARCHERS

Who Should Submit:

- Undergraduate and graduate students
- Student-led research teams
- Early-career researchers

Submission Requirements:

- Research posters on Islamic finance, ethics, or related topics
- Submissions must be primarily student-authored and student-led
- Works in progress are welcome

Submission:

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SHARED TOPICS OF INTEREST

ALL TRACKS MAY ADDRESS:

- The Social Impact of Islamic Finance
- Waqf Funds and Their Impact on Communities
- Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) & Socially Responsible Investments (SRI)
- Corporate Governance & Disclosure Practices
- Sustainable Finance & ESG Integration
- Ethical Investment Strategies & Portfolio Management
- Risk Management & Financial Stability
- Financial Inclusion & Economic Justice
- Digital Transformation & Fintech in Islamic Finance
- Comparative Ethics Across Religious Traditions

**Submission Deadline:
June 30, 2026**

Call for Papers 2026:

<https://www.nacif.us/call-for-papers1.html>



Keynote Speakers

ACADEMIC KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dr. Asad Zaman

Keynote Title:

**From Profit to Service:
Reimagining Islamic
Finance**

INDUSTRY KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Irshad Rasheed

Keynote Title:

**Islamic Banking and
Financial Inclusion:
Building Ethical
Pathways to
Homeownership and
Economic Opportunity**

One Conference, 4 Trainings

SPECIALIZED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR EVERY CAREER STAGE

NACIF 2026 offers four distinct training sessions designed to deepen your expertise in Islamic finance. From personal financial literacy to advanced professional certification, each training delivers practical, actionable knowledge. Delineated below by audience, topic, and credential.

TRAINING 1:

Certified Shari'ah Wealth Planner From Concept to Credential: Positioning the CSWP as a Recognized Professional Designation in Global Islamic Finance

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

Audience: Investment bankers, investment advisors, wealth managers, treasury professionals, and financial planners seeking specialized certification

What You'll Learn:

- The CSWP curriculum and examination framework
- Positioning Shari'ah-compliant wealth planning in global markets
- Ethical wealth management aligned with Abrahamic principles
- Career pathways in Islamic investment advisory

Focus Areas:

Investment Banking | Investment Advisory | Wealth Management
| Treasury

Credential: *CSWP professional designation pathway*



Hakeem J. Webb
MSFS, CTP, CIBE, CSWP



TRAINING 2:

Financial Success in the United States

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

Audience: General consumers, community members, students, and anyone seeking to improve personal financial management

What You'll Learn:

- Practical budgeting and saving strategies
- Credit management and debt reduction
- Building financial security in the U.S. context
- Foundations of ethical personal finance
- Special Note: Free registration. Complimentary lunch included.

Credential: *Certificate of Participation*



Tanvir Khan

TRAINING 3:

Operational and Practical Aspects of Islamic Banking and Finance

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH

Audience: Banking professionals, finance practitioners, compliance officers, and industry newcomers seeking hands-on operational knowledge

What You'll Learn:

- Structure and mechanics of Islamic banking operations
- Product development for Shari'ah-compliant banking
- Regulatory frameworks and compliance requirements
- Case studies in Islamic commercial and retail banking
- Risk management from an operational perspective

Credential: *Al-Huda CIBE Training Certificate*



CIBE

Register now: <https://pci.jotform.com/form/260914959569173>

TRAINING 4:

Halal Stock and ETF Screening Fundamentals: Tackling the Grey Zone

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18TH

Audience: Individual investors, financial advisors, portfolio managers, and research analysts

What You'll Learn:

- Quantitative and qualitative screening criteria for Shari'ah compliance
- Navigating "grey zone" equities and ambiguous cases
- ETF evaluation and portfolio construction
- Practical tools and platforms for ongoing screening
- Due diligence frameworks for ethical investing

Credential: *Certificate of Completion*

Dr. Alaa Guidara



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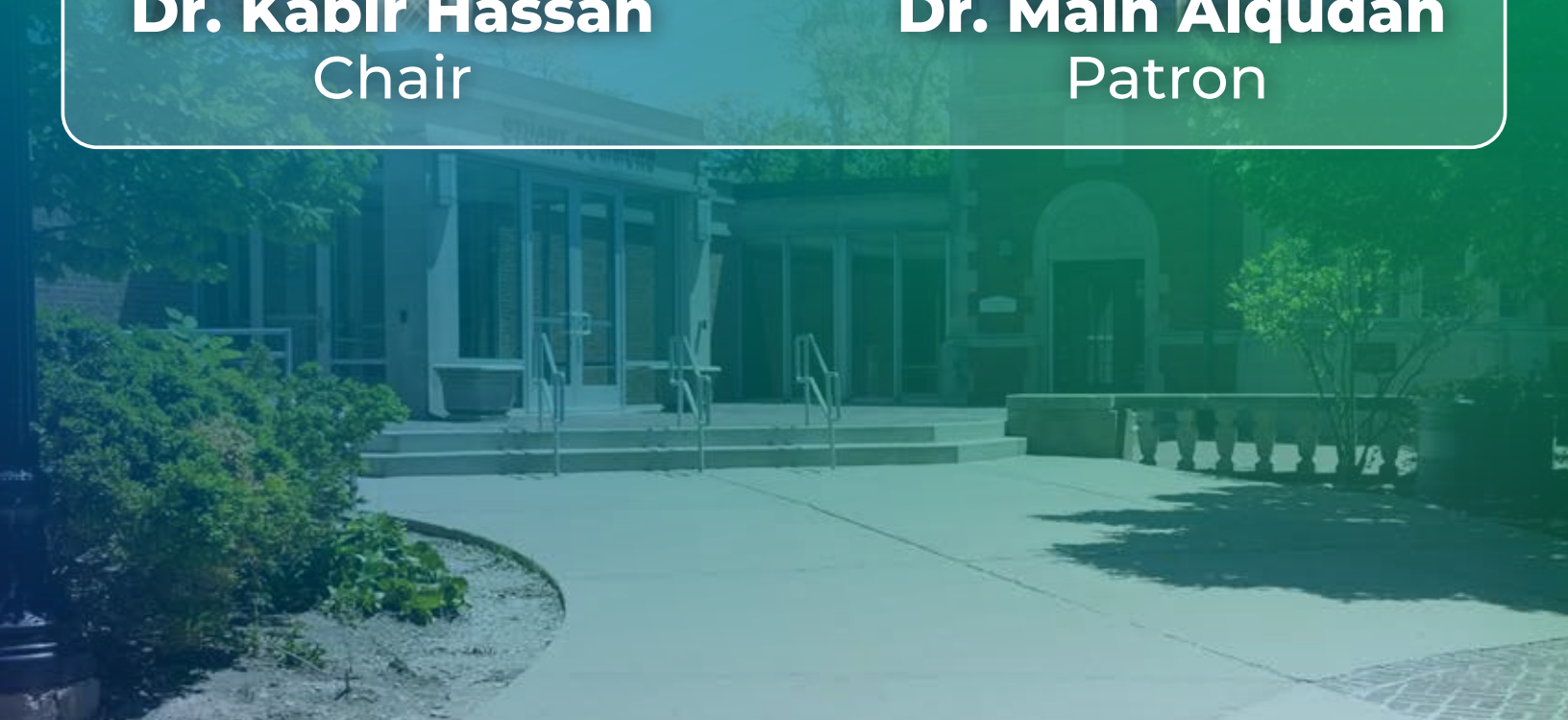
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