Call for Papers and Extended Abstracts

Values for Impact: Ethical Finance, Innovation and Sustainable Growth

Date: June 18-19, 2025

Location: Sarajevo, IUS Campus

Format: In-person

Participation: Free of charge.

Important dates:

- **Extended abstract (min 1000 words) + biography submission deadline**: April 30, 2025
  - **Please send your abstracts to conference@valuesforimpact.com**
- **Notification of acceptance**: 15 days after the submission of the abstract and bio
- **Conference dates**: June 18–19, 2025

Papers presented at the conference will have the opportunity to be published in indexed journals or included in an edited book. The publication avenue will depend on the topic and quality of the final article, as well as the author's preference.

Organizers

The International University of Sarajevo, Faculty of Business and Administration, the University of Dundee School of Business, INCEIF University, and Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University (İSEFAM/IRCIEF) in cooperation with conference organization partners, proudly present the conference **Values for Impact: Ethical Finance, Innovation, and Sustainable Growth**, scheduled for June 18–19, 2025, in the vibrant city of Sarajevo.

This event will explore how ethical values inspire innovative approaches to finance, economic development, and sustainability. Focusing on fostering interfaith dialogue, solidarity, and justice, the conference aims to address pressing global challenges such as inequality, environmental stewardship, and inclusive development.

Themes for discussion:

In line with the Balkan reality, this conference will explore how the shared values of Abrahamic traditions can inform new approaches to moral political economy and finance. The following themes are proposed for discussion:

1. Entrepreneurship and ethical innovation:

- Startups inspired by ethics: Business models rooted in faith-based values.
- Ethical entrepreneurship in emerging markets: Lessons from Abrahamic traditions.
- Building socially conscious enterprises: Interfaith approaches to sustainable innovation.

2. Ethics-driven marketing and branding:

- Incorporating ethical principles into global branding strategies.

- Consumer behavior and ethical values: Exploring trends in the halal, kosher, and sustainable markets.
- Marketing to diverse audiences: Strategies for inclusivity and respect in global campaigns.

3. Technology and digital ethics in finance:

- AI and ethics: Balancing innovation with moral considerations.
- Blockchain and ethical financing: Opportunities for interfaith collaboration.
- Digital transformation of waqf, endowments, and zakat systems in the digital age.
- Digital finance and financial inclusion

4. Cross-cultural leadership and management:

- Leadership lessons from Abrahamic traditions for global business management.
- Inclusive decision-making: Interfaith approaches to managing diverse teams.
- Transforming corporate culture through faith-inspired ethical leadership.

5. Reconstructing moral political economy:

- The emergence of shared moral frameworks in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.
- Ethical foundations for solidarity economies rooted in religious teachings.
- Comparative studies of Jewish, Christian and Islamic economic practices and their shared principles.

6. Solidarity and justice in ethical traditions:

- Searching the paradigm for justice, cooperation and peace.
- Mutuality and charity: almsgiving in fostering solidarity.
- The role of religious institutions – synagogues, churches, and mosques, – in economic justice.

7. Public policy for shared prosperity:

- Moral-based approaches to public policy: Balancing the nation-state and universal solidarity.
- Public policies for poverty alleviation: Lessons from waqf, endowments, and tithing.
- Sustainable governance informed by ethical principles of stewardship and accountability.

8. Sustainable development and environmental ethics:

- Religious and ethical perspectives on environmental stewardship and sustainability.
- Responding to climate and resource crises through shared ethical frameworks rooted in faith.
- Interfaith approaches to green financing and environmental preservation.

9. Interfaith cooperation for refugee and immigrant solidarity:

- The role of moral political economy in addressing humanitarian crises.
- Case studies of interfaith collaboration in the Balkans for refugee and immigrant support.
- Faith-based financing models for community integration and empowerment.

10. Civil society and religious ethics:

- The role of interfaith civil society organizations in fostering inclusive solidarities.
- Faith-based social welfare institutions as mechanisms for communal well-being.
- Transforming market logic through interfaith advocacy and cooperation.

11. Transforming markets through religious ethics:

- Ethical regulation of markets informed by moral principles rooted in religious traditions.
- Historical and contemporary examples of fair market practices in faith-based traditions.
- The role of faith-based finance in mitigating neoliberal exploitation.

12. Financial structures and models

- Financial contracts, models and institutions in faith-based economics
- Integration of ESG within the faith-based financial institutions
- Digitalization, digital economy tools (FinTech) and their use in faith-based financial models and institutions

13. Current practices of religious ethics within different industries

- Kosher and Halal as drivers of innovation within different industries
- Standardization of Kosher and Halal industries

- Integration of ethical principles from religious traditions into corporate social responsibility (CSR) frameworks

14. Imagining an inclusive Balkans through religious ethics:

- Public policies for interfaith collaboration and socioeconomic development.
- **Reimagining Sarajevo as a hub for interfaith solidarity economies.**
- The role of shared religious ethics in building a unified Balkan economic vision.
- Microfinance and poverty alleviation
- Financial inclusion for marginalized communities

15. Other topics in Islamic Finance

- Climate risk
- Social finance
- Circular economy
- Risk management in Islamic finance
- Regulatory frameworks
- Shariah governance

This conference invites scholars, practitioners, and policymakers to engage in a multidisciplinary dialogue, drawing from the shared ethical tradition to envision and realize sustainable and inclusive futures for the Balkan region and beyond.

Publication opportunities:

- Heritage and Sustainable Development (Scopus)
- International Journal of Islamic Finance and Sustainable Development (IJIFSD) (Scopus)
- Journal of Economics, Law and Society (JELS)
- Edited book with a reputable publisher

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