ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON GRADUATE STUDIES IN ISLAMIC LAW

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The 11th International Symposium on Graduate Studies in Islamic Law, organized by the Department of Islamic Law at the Faculty of Theology, Istanbul University, will be held on October 16-17, 2025, in collaboration with the Center for Advanced Middle Eastern Studies (CMES) at Lund University, and with the support of Istanbul Dâru'l-Fünûn Theology Foundation, İlim Yayma Foundation, and Ensar Foundation.

This symposium provides a platform for postgraduate students (master's and doctoral) from diverse disciplines to share and discuss their research and ideas related to Islamic law directly with other scholars. The aim is to enhance the quality of these studies and ideas. Additionally, the symposium seeks to foster interaction and integration among young researchers in Islamic law, paving the way for intra-disciplinary knowledge and experience sharing and collaboration.

This year, the symposium's main theme is determined as the institution of waqf (endowment). The historical, theoretical, and contemporary dimensions of this deeply rooted Islamic institution will be discussed through an interdisciplinary approach. Hence, priority will be given to studies addressing the following topics related to waqf law:

-The doctrine of waqf and its historical development.

-Waqf practices in Ottoman society and other Islamic societies.

-The status, objectives, establishment, administration, and supervision of waqfs in both the pre-modern and modern periods.

-Deeds of endowment (waqfiyyat).

-Legal challenges faced by waqf institutions today.

-The potential of waqf institutions to address contemporary issues.

-The relationship between waqfs and Islamic economics.

While the main theme is waqf, the symposium will also include classical and modern discussions on other issues of Islamic law. Priority will be given to studies that connect Islamic legal issues with contemporary contexts or address current problems from an Islamic legal perspective. Submissions are expected to move beyond descriptive texts to critically discuss issues and propose solutions.

Papers will be accepted in Turkish, Arabic, and English. Abstracts must not exceed 350 words, and applications should be submitted via the website: https://ihls.istanbul.edu.tr/tr/. Submitted manuscripts will undergo a review process, and acceptances will be announced accordingly.

Symposium Topics:

The main topics of the symposium include but are not limited to:

-Waqf Law in Classical and Contemporary Contexts.

-Islamic Economics and Finance.

-Bioethics in Islamic Law.

-Contemporary Fiqh Institutions.

-Halal Food Standards.

-Environmental Law in Islam.

-Islamic Family Law.

-Fiqh and Modern Methods of Understanding.

-Contemporary Approaches to Fiqh.

-Fiqh and Social Sciences.

-Islamic legal history.

-Ottoman Law.

-Islamic law in the Mamluk Era.

-Usul al-Fiqh (Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence).

-Fiqh and Other Islamic Sciences.

Important Dates:

Abstract Submission Deadline: June 20, 2025

Preliminary Acceptances Announcement: July 1, 2025

Full Text Submission Deadline: September 5, 2025

Final Acceptances and Program Announcement: September 19, 2025

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