



GAZİANTEP ISLAM SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY

I. INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC NEGOTIATIONS FORUM (SMF)

The Search for Communication and Trust in the Islamic World

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Islam emerged on the stage of history as a remedy for humanity's search for meaning and value and to end suffering and evil. The path paved by the Prophet Muhammad under the guidance of the Qur'an and with a unique example has reached universal borders thanks to the struggle of Muslims with great enthusiasm and determination. Today, there are very few geographies that Islam has not reached, ranging from countries with millions of inhabitants, the majority of whom are Muslims, to communities of different sizes in which more or less Muslims live.

It is possible to see the most intense dimensions of the distance that Islam has traveled in approximately 1400 years in the individual and family, as well as in the village, city, and state. The transformations in all stages of social relations, from faith to education, from law to science and philosophy, clarify Islam's ability to offer solutions and guidance to humanity's problems. The achievements of Muslims in history have directly or indirectly influenced other cultures and civilizations and formed the basis for the accumulation of knowledge in our century.

However, we do not live in history, and Muslims are clearly far from the above picture of which we are proud. Referring to history in a patronizing manner or blaming each other by pointing to what happened in history in order not to face the problems of the century we are living in only adds to our problems. Today, the Islamic world is characterized by moral decadence, poverty, backwardness, illiteracy, unemployment, migration, conflict, terrorism, injustice, sectarianism, lawlessness, corruption, and inequality in income distribution, as well as political, economic, and academic dependency. The impact of individual and systematic interventions by members of other faiths and cultures, as well as the weakness of Muslims, on the emergence of these problems, many of which have historical roots, is worthy of discussion. However, the indisputable fact is that it is imperative to realize that our problems are primarily the result of our handiwork.

Scholars, intellectuals, academics, opinion leaders, and administrators have an exceptional place in the goal of courageously confronting the problems in the Islamic world and focusing on solutions, utilizing natural and human opportunities, and offering them to the service of the region and humanity. As a belief system and worldview, they are the most qualified to realize the goals of Islam, which seeks to provide a climate of trust and compassion for humanity by offering natural, legitimate, and sustainable principles and provisions. In this context, it is of utmost importance to increase social, cultural, and scientific capacities, develop collaborative institutional models, and create environments for open-ended negotiations.



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Gaziantep Islam Science and Technology University, the first and only state university established in Turkey with the word "Islam", has adopted the principle of working with this awareness and goal. Our university aims to carry out international projects in the field of science and technology by putting Islamic Sciences at the center. The management of our university, which has determined its mission to use its institutional facilities for platforms where the problems in the Islamic world are discussed and solutions are sought, is very excited to lead the studies in this direction. For this purpose, our university plans to bring together distinguished scholars, thinkers and opinion leaders from the Islamic world and different parts of the world. This year's theme of the international event, whose main title is the Strategic Negotiations Forum, has been determined as **The Search for Communication and Trust in the Islamic World.**

Important Dates for the Forum:

- Forum date: 21-23 November 2024
- All expenses of our guests who will present papers at the forum will be covered by our university.
- The forum will last two days. A trip is planned for the 3rd day.