

CALL FOR PAPERS

DECOLONIZING SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES: ISLAMIC AND NON-WESTERN PERSPECTIVES

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Date and Location

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CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

This conference seeks to critically challenge the longstanding dominance of Eurocentric paradigms in the social sciences and humanities by engaging with diverse intellectual traditions from the Islamic world and other non-Western contexts. While Western theories and methodologies have historically shaped the foundations of social sciences and humanities, the pressing need for pluralistic perspectives has significantly increased. This event will serve as a collaborative platform to highlight and integrate rich, varied knowledge systems that have often been marginalized within academia. By bringing together perspectives from different cultural and intellectual traditions, the conference aims to foster interdisciplinary dialogue, encourage the development of innovative methodologies, and pave the way for decolonial approaches that more accurately reflect global realities in social science and humanities research.

We invite scholars, researchers, and practitioners from all disciplines to join us in critically examining the ways in which knowledge systems—especially from Islamic, African, Asian, and Indigenous perspectives—can reshape and redefine global social science and humanities frameworks. By contributing to this conversation, participants will help to drive forward the decolonization of knowledge in both theory and practice.

CONFERENCE THEMES & TOPICS

1. Revisiting Indigenous Knowledge Systems in Social Sciences and Humanities
2. Islamic Epistemologies in Social Sciences and Humanities
3. Decolonizing Islamic Studies
4. Postcolonial Theory in Social Sciences and Humanities Research
5. Decolonizing Gender Studies
6. Decolonizing Education: Curriculum, Pedagogy, and Praxis
7. Global South Perspectives on Development and Economics
8. Critical Race Theory in Global Contexts
9. Decolonizing Environmental Studies and Sustainability
10. Decolonizing Political Science and Governance Studies
11. Decolonizing International Law
12. Decolonizing International Relations and Regional Studies
13. Historiography and Decolonized Research
14. Arts and Cultural Expressions in Decolonized Research
15. Other related topics.

We encourage a broad range of theoretical, empirical, and methodological contributions that can advance these critical discourses in the social sciences and humanities.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

We invite submissions from scholars at all stages of their academic careers, including graduate students and early-career researchers. The submission process includes :

1. Abstracts should be written in English up to 300 words
2. Authors of accepted abstracts are required to submit a full paper of 4,000 to 5,000 words.
3. All submissions should be original, unpublished, and not under consideration for publication elsewhere. Submissions will be peer-reviewed by a panel of experts in the field
4. Submit your abstract or paper via our online submission system **<https://bit.ly/icdssh2025>**.
5. Include a title, author(s) name(s), affiliation(s), and contact information.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission Deadline	: January 31, 2025
Notification of Acceptance	: February 14, 2025
Deadline for Final Papers	: April 22, 2025
Conference Date	: April 29-30, 2025

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