Eleventh Harvard University Forum on Islamic Finance
Takaful and Alternative Cooperative Finance
Challenges and Opportunities
April 25 - 27, 2014
Harvard Law School, Austin Hall

PRE-FORUM
Friday, April 25, 2014

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.  Parallel Session I:
Islamic Finance: The New Products  Ames Courtroom

**CHAIR:** Rashid Alvi, *Deputy Director*, Islamic Legal Studies Program, Harvard Law School

**PAPERS:**
*Islamized Postal Savings in Jordan: A Model for State-Society Collaborative Risk-Sharing*
Sarah A. Tobin, *Postdoctoral Fellow*, Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany

*What Does it Mean to be "Shari’a-Based"? Separation, Authenticity, Welfare*
Ryan Calder, *Ph.D. Candidate*, University of California, Berkeley, California

*Micro-Takaful in India: a Path towards Financial Inclusion and Sustainable Development*
Mohammad Faisal, *Assistant Professor*, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India
Asif Akhtar, *Assistant Professor*, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India
Asad Rehman, *Assistant Professor*, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India
M. Abdul Samad, *Assistant Professor*, Salman bin Abdulaziz University, Al Kharj, Saudi Arabia

*Islamic Socio-Legal Institutions and Poverty Alleviation in Indonesia*
Tanvir Ahmed Uddin, *S.J.D. Candidate*, University of Sydney, Australia
Maaz Rahman, *Graduate Student*, University of New South Wales, Australia

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.  Parallel Session II:
Islamic Finance: The New Perspective  Austin North

**CHAIR:** Elsayed Elsiefy, *Professor*, University of Alexandria, Egypt
Associative Professor, University of Hamad Bin Khalifa, Doha, State of Qatar

**PAPERS:**
*Commonalities and Differences between Halal Food Certifications and Islamic Finance Shari’a Boards*
Cedomir Nestorovic, *Professor*, ESSEC Business School Asia Pacific, Singapore

*The Effects of Law, Culture and Political Risk: New Evidence from Mutual Fund Performance, Risk Taking and Fees*
Meryem Mehr, *Ph.D. Candidate*, Dauphine University, Paris, France
Kauother Jaouber, *Assistant Professor*, Dauphine University, Paris, France
Maqasid Shari’a - Perspectives of Sharing Risk in a Risk Transferring Paradigm
Muhammad Nadeem Aslam, Head, Islamic Bank Meethaq, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

Unveiling IFRS Standardization Projects and the Position of Takaful Industry; a Literature Study
Murniati Mukhlisin, Ph.D Candidate, Glasgow University, United Kingdom
Mohammad Hudaib, Senior Lecturer, Glasgow University, United Kingdom

The Untold Story of Profit-and-Loss Sharing in Islamic Finance: An Economic Analysis of Islamic Contractual Liability
Youcef Maouchi, Ph.D. Candidate, CERGAM, Aix-Marseille University, Provence, France

4:00 to 4:15p.m. BREAK

4:15 – 6:30p.m. Parallel Session III
Islamic Finance: The Emerging Themes

CHAIR: Abdel-Rahman Yousri Ahmad, Professor, University of Alexandria, Egypt
                Professor, University of Hamad Bin Khalifa, Doha, Qatar

PAPERS:
Challenges and Opportunities in Developing Micro-Takaful in Muslim Majority Country: A Case Study of Indonesia
Raditya Sukmana, Head, Islamic Economics Program, Universitas Airlangga, Indonesia
Sutan Emir Hidayat, Assistant Professor, University College of Bahrain, Kingdom of Bahrain

Strategic Opportunities for Islamic Finance: The French Legal Framework on Venture Capital and Cooperative Finance
Matri Dorsaf, Ph.D. Candidate, Sorbonne Law School, Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris, France
Umar A Oseni, Assistant Professor, International Islamic University Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Achieving Financial Inclusion of Muslim Minorities Through Alternative Shari’a-Based Cooperative Finance Models
Abdul Qadir Buhari, Chairman, B.S. Abdur Rahman University, Chennai, India
Blake Goud, Chief Compliance Officer, Marquam Capital, Portland, Oregon
Saif Ahmed, Managing Partner, Infinity Consultants, Bangalore, India

On the Issues of Development of Islamic Finance in Emerging Markets: Case of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Golib A. Kholjigitov, Kazakh-British Technical University, Almaty, Kazakhstan
Kenneth P. Charman, Professor, Kazakh-British Technical University, Almaty, Kazakhstan
Lyubov Sartakov, Research Associate, Kazakh-British Technical University, Almaty, Kazakhstan
CHAIR: Ibrahim Warde, Adjunct Professor, the Fletcher School, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts

PAPERS:

The Islamic Conception of an Institutional Framework for Islamic Financial Firms
Liza Mydin, Ph.D. Candidate, INCEIF, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Abbas Mirakhor, Distinguished Scholar and First Chair, INCEIF, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The Islamic Cooperative: an Alternative to Islamic Banking?
Richard Gonsalves, Graduate Candidate, International Islamic University Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Islamic Banking as a Solution for Solving Current Debt Problems
Behnam Gurbanzada, Director, Islamic banking, International Bank of Azerbaijan, Baku, Azerbaijan
Salman Alioglu, Economist

The Risk Between Islamic Finance and Western Finance
Saad A Jloud, Doctoral Candidate, Law School - Brunel University, London, United Kingdom
MAIN FORUM
April 26-27, 2014 (Saturday and Sunday)

Saturday, April 26, 2014

8:00-9:00 a.m.  REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION  Austin Hall Lobby

9:00-9:30 a.m.  OPENING SESSION  Ames Courtroom

WELCOME REMARKS

FORUM KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Samuel L. Hayes
Jacob H. Schiff Chair in Investment Banking Emeritus, Harvard Business School

9:30-12:00 p.m.  PLENARY SESSION 1:  Risk Sharing: Possible Forms and Consequences  Ames Courtroom

CHAIR:  Volker Nienhaus, Visiting Professor, University of Reading, United Kingdom; and Adjunct Professor, INCEIF, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

DISCUSSION PAPERS

Risk Allocation and Management: Approaches and Implications for Islamic Finance
Habib Ahmed, Professor of Islamic Finance, Durham University, Durham, United Kingdom

Shared Risk and Shared Responsibility
Seamus P. Finn, Director JPIC Ministry, Missionary Oblates, Washington, D.C.

PANELISTS:
Jaseem Ahmed, Secretary-General, Islamic Financial Services Board, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Khalid A. Al-Thani, Chairman, EZDAN Holdings, Doha, State of Qatar
Daud Vicary Abdullah, President, INCEIF, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Zeine Zeidane, Advisor, International Monetary Fund, Washington, D.C.
Joe W. Bradford, Shari’a Scholar & Senior Associate, Bank of New York Mellon, Houston, Texas

12:00-1:00 p.m.  LUNCH  Austin Hall Lobby
PLENARY SESSION 2:
Mutuals: Solidarity Concepts and Business Models

CHAIR: Jaseem Ahmed, Secretary-General, Islamic Financial Services Board, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

DISCUSSION PAPERS

Mutuality, Reciprocity, and Justice within the Context of a Unified Theory of Riba and Gharar
Mahmoud El-Gamal, Chair in Islamic Economics, Finance and Management, Rice University, Houston, Texas

Recent Experience of Demutualization: Lessons for Takaful
Shariq Nisar, Visiting Fellow, Islamic Legal Studies Program, Harvard Law School

PANELISTS:
Ibrahim Warde, Adjunct Professor, the Fletcher School, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts
Khaled Al-Jasser, Chief Executive Officer, Bank Al Bilad, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Farmida Bi, Partner, Norton Rose, Fulbright LLP, London, United Kingdom
Taha Abdul-Basser, Managing Partner, Straightway Ethical Advisory LLC, New York, New York

3:30-4:00p.m.  BREAK  Austin Hall Lobby
PARALLEL SESSION A:  
*Takaful: The New Paradigm for Financial Protection*  
Ames Courtroom

**CHAIR:** Savas Alpay, *Director-General*, Statistical Economic & Social Research Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC), Ankara, Turkey

**PAPERS:**

*Fatwa and Its Role in Regulatory Capture and Arbitrage*
**Joe W. Bradford,** *Sharia Scholar & Senior Associate*, Bank of New York Mellon, Houston, USA

*The Takaful Impasse: A Practitioner’s Plea*
**Ajmal Bhatti,** *Chief Executive Officer*, Alinma Tokio Marine, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

*Corporate Governance in Islamic Insurance (Takaful)*
**M. Kabir Hassan,** *Professor*, New Orleans University, New Orleans, Louisiana

**Mervyn K. Lewis,** *Emeritus Professor*, University of Southern Australia, Australia

*Do well by doing good: Corporate Sukuk as a Sustainable Investment for the Takaful Sector*
**Luc Van Liedekerke,** *BASF-Deloite Chair on Sustainability*, University of Leuven, Belgium

**Reza Zain Jaufeerally,** *Researcher*, University of Leuven, Belgium

*A Proposed Marriage Between Endowments, Insurance, and Islamic Law; The Key Role of the Waqf Model of Takaful for the Future Growth of the Industry*
**Abdullah Nana,** *Shari’a Scholar*, Berkeley, California

*A Critical Shari’a Review of Takaful Structures: Towards a More Sound Model*
**Abdulazeem Abozaid,** *Associate Professor*, Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies, Doha, State of Qatar

PARALLEL SESSION B:  
*Risk Sharing vs. Risk Shifting: Lessons from Recent Past*  
Austin North

**CHAIR:** Habib Ahmed, *Professor of Islamic Finance*, Durham University, Durham, United Kingdom

**PAPERS:**

*Toward a Watershed in Takaful Dispute Resolution: From Litigation to Effective Dispute Management*
**Umar, A. Oseni,** *Assistant Professor*, International Islamic University Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

*Innovative Risk-Sharing and the Challenges of Product Development*
**Farmida Bi,** *Partner*, Norton Rose, Fulbright LLP, London, United Kingdom

*Islamic Credit Unions and Social Capital*
**Mohamed El-Komi,** *Assistant Professor*, American University of Cairo, Egypt

**Mahmoud El-Gamal,** *Chair in Islamic Economics*, Finance and Management, Rice University, Houston, Texas
Revisiting Profit and Loss Sharing: The Forgotten Islamic Financing Alternative
Mohammed H. Khatkhatay, Chairman, TASIS, Mumbai, India

Risk Sharing a Potential for Takaful’s Growth and Development in OIC Countries
Mahmoud Mohieldin, Managing Director, World Bank, Washington, D.C.
Serap Gonulal, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank, Washington, D.C.
Ahmed Rostom, Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank, Washington, D.C.

The Nature of Retakaful: Risk Sharing or Transferring Risks
Abu Umar Faruq Ahmad, Senior Researcher, ISRA, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Ismail Bin Mahbob, Former President/CEO, MNRB Retakaful Berhad, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Muhammad Ayub, Director of Research & Training, Ripah International University, Pakistan

6:45-7:15 p.m.  RECEPTION (By invitation only)  Milstein East, Wasserstein Hall

7:15-9:00 p.m.  BANQUET (By invitation only)  Milstein East, Wasserstein Hall

BANQUET SPEECH

Iqbal A. Khan, Chief Executive Officer, Fajr Capital Limited, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Sunday, April 27, 2014

8:00-8:30a.m. REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION Austin Hall Lobby

8:30-10:45a.m. TWO PARALLEL SESSIONS

PARALLEL SESSION C: Ames Courtroom
Mutuality & Cooperation: The Long-term Sustainable Model

CHAIR: Mehmet Asutay, Reader, Durham University, Durham, United Kingdom

PAPERS:

Shari’a-compliant Crowd funding: an Efficient Framework for Start-ups and Small Enterprises development
Shehab Marzban, Co-founder and Managing Partner, Shekra Crowd Funding, Cairo, Egypt
Mehmet Asutay, Reader, Durham University, Durham, United Kingdom
Adel Boseli, Co-founder and Managing Partner, Shekra Crowd Funding, Cairo, Egypt

Theoretical and Empirical Analysis of Income Ratio and Risk-Sharing Structure
Seif El Din. I. Tag El-Din, Professor, Economics, Imam University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Hylmun Izhar, Economist, IRTI, Islamic Development Bank, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

The Takaful Box
Arslan Aïmen Bendimerad, Project Manager, Takaful department, AIDIMM, Paris, France

Islamic Co-operative: A Route to Poverty Alleviation & Economic Development
Mian Farooq Haq, Sr. Joint Director, Islamic Banking, State Bank of Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan
Bushra Shafiq, Deputy Director, Islamic Banking, State Bank of Pakistan, Islamabad, Pakistan

New Horizons: the Potential for Shari’a-Compliant Cooperative and Mutual Financial Services
Sara E.B. Carmody, Senior Associate, King & Spalding LLP, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
PARALLEL SESSION D: Financial Inclusion and Social Finance

CHAIR: Luc Van Liedekerke, BASF-Deloitte Chair on Sustainability, Universities of Leuven and Professor, University of Antwer, Belgium

PAPERS:

*Islamic Finance and Takaful: Tool to Rebuild the Social Fabric of Afghanistan*
Alberto G. Brugnoni, Founder & Managing Partner, ASSAIF, Kabul, Afghanistan

*Feasibility of Takaful as an Alternative Insurance in India*
M. Akbar Ali Khan, Vice-Chancellor, Telangana University, Nizamabad, India
Sudershan Kuntluru, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, Kerala, India
Azhar Assankutty, Assistant Professor, Salman bin Abdulaziz University, Al Kharj, Saudi Arabia

*Implication of Islamic Financial Services Act 2013 to Malaysian Takaful Industry: Appraising the Effects, Issues and Challenges Locally and Globally*
Mohamad Akram Laldin, Associate Professor & Director, ISRA, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Jinnah, Muhammad Ali, Researcher, ISRA, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Furqani, Hafast, Researcher, ISRA, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

*A Shari’a-Compliant High Watermark Protected Life Annuity in Family Takaful*
Hiba Allam, General Counsel, FWU Global Takaful Solutions, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

*Commercial Credit Takaful*
Muhammad Al Bashir M Al Amine, Head - Shari'ah Assurance Dept., Bank Alkhair, Kingdom of Bahrain

| 10:45 a.m. | BREAK | Austin Hall Lobby |
PLENARY SESSION 3:  

_Takaful and Cooperation: Socio-economic Impact_

**CHAIR:** M. Shahab Ahmed, *Professor of Islamic Studies*, Harvard University

**DISCUSSION PAPERS**

*Solidarity, Cooperation, and Mutuality in Takaful*

**Volker Nienhaus**, Visiting Professor, University of Reading, United Kingdom; and Adjunct Professor, INCEIF, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

*Reimagining Takaful: A New Model for Social Banking*

**Hussam Sultan**, Manager, HSBC Amanah Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**Abdur-Rahman Syed**, Senior Associate, Fajar Capital Advisor, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

**PANELISTS**

**Mahmoud Mohieldin**, Managing Director, World Bank, Washington, D.C.

**Savas Alpay**, Director-General, Statistical Economic & Social Research Training Centre for Islamic Countries, Ankara, Turkey

**Waleed Hegazy**, Managing Director, Hegazy & Associates/Crowell & Moring, Cairo, Egypt

**Ashar Nazim**, Partner, Ernst & Young, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

**Suheil Laher**, Doctoral Candidate, Harvard University

**CONCLUDING REMARKS**
General Information

The Forum: The Pre-Forum is scheduled on Friday, April 25 at 2:30p.m and ends at 6:30p.m. The Main Forum begins with registration at 8:00a.m and the opening session is scheduled for 9:00a.m. The Forum ends on Sunday, April 27 at 3:00p.m. Therefore, please plan your travel arrangements so that you’ve arrived in Cambridge, Massachusetts accordingly to attend Pre-Forum and Main Forum and then you may depart any time after 4:00p.m. on April 27. The nearest airport is Logan International Airport.

Registration: If you have not done so already, please register through the IFP website: http://ifp.law.harvard.edu/conf_registration/registration

Location: The Forum is scheduled to be held at Austin Hall, Harvard Law School which is located on 1515 Massachusetts Ave. This map can help orient you with the neighboring buildings: http://www.law.harvard.edu/about/map.html

Dress code: Please maintain business attire.

Directions from Logan Airport to Harvard Square: Boston’s Logan International Airport is located near downtown Boston. It is well connected to all major means of transportation –taxis, subways, buses and airport shuttle buses. We suggest that you take one of the forms of transportation explained below, or ask your hotel’s concierge whether it has courtesy buses to/from the airport. For a map of the Harvard area, please see (http://map.harvard.edu/).

Taxi: You may take a taxi from Logan Airport to the Harvard Law School (1515 Massachusetts Avenue). The cost is approximately $45 and average travel time is between 30-35 minutes (depending on traffic).

Subway: To get to Harvard's main campus, take the Silver Line inbound to the Red Line at South Station. Take the Red Line outbound (train marked Alewife) to Harvard Square Station. It is possible to change lines without going to the ground level or paying another fare. The Silver Line stops outside every terminal at Logan Airport. Average travel time is between 45-60 minutes and the subway operates from 5:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. Although the subway ride from the airport is cheap ($2), it involves a transfer of trains and might be uncomfortable if you are carrying a lot of baggage.

If you have problems or questions upon arrival at the airport, go to the Public Information Booths in any of the terminals at Logan Airport. You may want to view a map of the Harvard campus prior to your arrival. For maps of Boston's subway system, please visit their web site (http://www.mbta.com/schedules_and_maps/subway/).

Directions to Austin Hall from Harvard Square: Austin Hall is located at the Harvard Law School approximately 5 minutes on foot from the Harvard Square. Walk north from the Harvard Square –this is away from the newstands, office buildings, and shops on the Square and through the red brick buildings of Harvard Yard. Austin Hall is a maroon brick building located behind
and to the left of the Science Center. This map will assist you in locating the building: 
http://www.map.harvard.edu/

Stay: Hotels in the Cambridge and Boston area are in high demand. The Forum does not designate a specific hotel for attendees to stay at; however, participants are encouraged to look into each for the best deal. The hotels closest to Harvard square are:

THE CHARLES HOTEL  
http://www.charleshotel.com/  
SHERATON-COMMANDER HOTEL  
www.sheraton.com/commander  
THE HYATT REGENCY CAMBRIDGE  
http://cambridge.hyatt.com/hvty/hotels/index.jsp  
THE DOUBLETREE GUEST SUITES BOSTON  
http://doubletree1.hilton.com/en_US/dt/index.do;jsessionid=A0BRG2BUCT010CSGBIYM22Q  
MARRIOTT RESIDENCE INN  
BOSTON MARRIOTT CAMBRIDGE

Please note that IFP does not endorse any of these hotels or websites.

The Cambridge Office of Tourism http://www.cambridge-usa.org/ maintains a list of places to stay, as well as other useful information for visitors new to the area.

Refreshments and Lunch: Refreshments and self-serve buffet lunch will be served in Austin Hall.

Banquet: The Forum Banquet (by invitation only) will be held on Saturday April 26 at Wasserstein, Milstein East ABC, Harvard Law School from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Proceedings: The books of previous forums will be available for purchase at the registration desk. Payment is accepted in U.S. dollars only (in cash, travellers’ checks, or personal checks drawn from U.S. banks). Credit cards are not accepted.

Weather forecast: The weather forecast predicts a high of about 60 degrees Fahrenheit (10 degree Celsius) and a low of 35 degrees Fahrenheit (1.7 degree Celsius) for April 25-27. A light jacket and an umbrella would be appropriate.