

Call for PAPERS

The faculty of **Shari'a** in Ait Melloul, Morocco organizes an International Conference on the topic

“Applied Islamic Sciences in English: Challenges and Perspectives”

BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION

The increasing globalization of Islamic scholarship has led to a growing body of academic and professional work on Islam produced in English. While English has become a major language of scholarly communication across the humanities and social sciences, the articulation of applied Islamic sciences in English raises important intellectual, methodological, and linguistic questions.

Traditionally, disciplines such as *fiqh*, *usul al-fiqh*, *maqasid al-shari'ah*, *fatwa* studies, Islamic finance, and Islamic ethics have developed within complex scholarly traditions rooted primarily in Arabic and shaped by specific epistemological frameworks.

The contemporary shift toward English as a medium for teaching, research, and public engagement has created new opportunities for the global circulation of Islamic legal knowledge. At the same time, this shift introduces significant challenges. These include the translation of highly technical terminology, the faithful representation of classical legal reasoning, and the adaptation of traditional Islamic methodologies to contemporary academic environments that operate according to different disciplinary norms and conceptual frameworks.

Moreover, the use of English in applied Islamic sciences often involves negotiating between multiple intellectual traditions—Islamic legal theory, comparative law, moral philosophy, and the social sciences. The process of translating and explaining Islamic legal concepts in English entails conceptual interpretation, epistemological negotiation, and the recontextualization of normative frameworks.

This conference seeks to explore the challenges, transformations, and emerging perspectives associated with the articulation of applied Islamic sciences in English-language scholarship.



CONFERENCE DATES

October 28th, 2026



CONFERENCE VENUE

- Host Institution:
The faculty of Shari'ah
- City and Country:
Ait Melloul, Morocco
- The conference will include keynote lectures and panel sessions.



Thematic Areas

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Translation, language and Shariah Conceptual Transfer.

- Translating key concepts of *fiqh* and *usul al-fiqh* into English
- Conceptual equivalence and semantic loss in legal translation
- Translation of normative concepts such as *hukm*, *maqasid*, *maslaha*, and *ijihad*
- Translation as interpretation in Islamic legal discourse
- Development of standardized English terminology for Islamic legal studies
- Critical readings of translated Islamic legal texts
- Bibliography and mapping of translated Islamic legal literature.
- Artificial intelligence and the future of translating Islamic legal texts

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Methodological and Epistemological Challenges in Shariah Research.

- Epistemological tensions between classical Islamic legal methodology and modern academic disciplines
- Adaptation of *usul al-fiqh* within contemporary research frameworks
- Comparative approaches between Islamic legal theory and Western jurisprudence
- Methodological tools for applied Islamic studies in English-language scholarship

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Applied Maqasid al-Shari'a

- Contemporary developments in maqasid studies
- Maqasid as a framework for applied Islamic ethics
- Maqasid in public policy and legal reform debates

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Fatwa Studies and Transnational Legal Authority

- English-language fatwas and their audiences
- Global fatwa institutions and digital fatwa platforms
- Authority and legitimacy in English-language Islamic legal discourse

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Applied Islamic Ethics

- Islamic bioethics and global medical debates
- Environmental ethics and sustainability in Islamic thought
- Ethical responses to contemporary technological challenges

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Islamic Finance and Applied Economic Thought

- Conceptual translation of Islamic financial terminology
- Islamic finance in global regulatory environments
- Ethical foundations of Islamic economics





Thematic Areas

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7. Minority Fiqh and Global Muslim Contexts

- Islamic jurisprudence in Muslim minority societies
- Legal adaptation and contextual interpretation
- The role of English in shaping minority *fiqh* discourse

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8. Digital Knowledge and the Transformation of Islamic Scholarship

- Digital humanities and Islamic legal research
- Online fatwa services and global audiences
- Digitization and translation of classical legal texts
- Artificial intelligence and Islamic legal research

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9. Comparative Fiqh and Contemporary Legislation

- The Maliki school in contemporary legal contexts: adaptation and continuity.
- Comparative *fiqh* as a method for addressing modern legal challenges.
- Comparative *fiqh* : origins and methods.
- Classical jurisprudence and modern law: pathways of harmonization.
- collective *ijtihad* and the future of Islamic legal reasoning.
- Fiqh, society, and public policy: contemporary applications.
- Islamic Law, Human Rights, and International Legal Norms: Convergences and Debates.
- Religious Governance Institutions in Morocco: Managing Religious Affairs in a Contemporary Legal Framework





Submission & Manuscript Guidelines



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Submission Requirements (Initial Abstract Phase)

Authors are invited to submit their proposals adhering to the following criteria:

- **Relevance:** Submissions must align with one of the conference's thematic axes or contribute directly to its core subject matter.
 - **Abstract Length:** 300–350 words, clearly outlining the research question, methodology, findings, and the work's originality.
 - **Keywords:** 4–6 keywords for indexing purposes.
 - **Author Information:** Full name, institutional affiliation, and professional email address.
 - **Academic Bio:** A short biography (100–150 words) highlighting relevant research and expertise.
 - **Language:** English is the official language of the conference. Only papers written and presented in English will be accepted.
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Manuscript Specifications (Full Paper Phase)


Accepted authors must submit their full manuscripts according to these technical standards to ensure inclusion in the Conference Proceedings Book:

- **Word Count:** 5,000–8,000 words (including footnotes and references).
 - **Citation Style:** Chicago Manual of Style, 17th Ed. (Notes and Bibliography).
** Note: Please use shortened citations for subsequent entries instead of "Ibid."*
 - **Typography:**
 - Body Text: Times New Roman, 12pt.
 - Footnotes: Times New Roman, 10pt.
 - **Formatting:**
 - Spacing: 1.5 line spacing.
 - Alignment: Justified text.
 - Margins: 2.5 cm (approx. 1 inch) on all sides.
 - **Bibliography:** A complete, alphabetized bibliography must follow the main text.
 - **File Format:** Microsoft Word (.docx) is required for typesetting.
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Academic Integrity & Review

- **Originality:** Submissions must be original work not previously published or concurrently under consideration by another conference or journal.
 - **Quality Control:** All full paper submissions will undergo a plagiarism check and a double-blind peer-review process.
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Important Dates

Milestone	Deadline
Abstract Submission Deadline	● June 15, 2026
Notification of Acceptance	● July 5, 2026
Full Paper Submission Deadline	● September 5, 2026

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Submission Procedure

- Please send abstracts and author information as an email attachment to:

 appliedislamicscienceconf@gmail.com

- **Editorial Note:** For a quick reference on Chicago 17th formatting, please refer to the Purdue OWL Chicago Guide.



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