



CALL FOR PAPERS

International Conference **“Rights of the Child in Islam”**

24th – 26th July 2017

Venue

**Serena Hotel
Islamabad, Pakistan**

Jointly organized by

**Shari‘ah Academy
International Islamic University, Islamabad**

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United Nations Childrens Fund (UNICEF)

INTRODUCTION

The Shariah Academy, in collaboration with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Pakistan, plans to gather at a conference in Islamabad, from around the world, academicians, lawyers and jurists currently working in the fields of Shariah and Islamic law to deliberate on the Rights of the Child in Islam, with the ultimate goal to inform future policy development for the strengthened realization of the rights of children living in Muslim-majority states.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

The conference aims to achieve the following objectives;

- 1. To create awareness on the rights of the child under Islamic Law.*
- 2. To identify the higher objectives of Shari'ah (Islamic Law) regarding the realization of the rights of the child.*
- 3. To analyze prevalent norms, cultures and traditions relating to the rights of children in the light of Islamic teachings.*
- 4. To thoroughly study the rights of the child from his/her inception till adulthood under Islamic law.*
- 5. To promote the rights of children in Islam and to make recommendations to reform future policy at respective national levels, as pertaining to the rights of the child.*

THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

The following themes to be addressed from an Islamic perspective during the conference:

- Obligations of parents, individuals and the state to protect the rights of the child*
- Duties of children towards parents*
- Right of the child within the family: (rearing, caring, suckling and fostering)*
- Right of the child living without parental care / step child*
- Right of the child to protection from violence (physical, psychological, sexual)*

- *Child marriage and the right of the child to education and health*
- *Rights of the child during and post natural and man-made emergencies*

Participants

- Academicians and experts on the rights of the child
- Child rights activists / practitioners
- Judges, lawyers and law officers
- Journalists
- Religious scholars

Guidelines for Submission of Research Papers

1. An abstract of not more than 300 words should be sent to be evaluated and the sender will be informed accordingly whether it is accepted or not;
2. Only papers in the above -mentioned areas/ themes of the conference can be considered.
3. The researcher should abide by all the rules of research such as methodology and documenting references and sources.
4. The researcher should pay due care to the language and method of the research.
5. Research paper should be a maximum of 30 pages, including bibliography on A4 size page in MS Word file.
6. The references should be numbered consecutively. All citations should follow the Chicago Manual of Style and references should be given in footnotes.
7. The abstract / papers will be accepted with sole authorship only. Paper by more than one author cannot be accepted.
8. Languages of the Conference will be Arabic & English.
9. Prior to possible consideration of the full research paper by the Academic Committee of the Conference, the following should be submitted as a first step:
 - a. Abstract (softcopy)
 - i. It should not be more than 300 words
 - ii. The first page should specify the title of the research, name of the researcher, designation and affiliation to an institution, contact number and email address of the contributor.
 - iii. Brief CV (curriculum vitae) not more than one page.
 - iv. The abstract will not be considered, if the above-mentioned requirements are not fulfilled.

Important Dates

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| Last date for submission of abstract: | 12 June 2017 |
| Last date for submission of full and final paper: | 10 July 2017 |
| Last date for submission of presentation: | 14 July 2017 |
| Conference dates: | 24 – 26 July 2017. |

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