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EDUCATION

PhD (2014), Political Science—Purdue University

Dissertation Adviser: Michael A. Weinstein

Dissertation Committee: S. Laurel Weldon, William McBride, and Harry Targ

MA (2008), Political Science—City University of New York (CUNY)—Graduate Center

BA (2004), Political Science & Philosophy [Double Major]—Rutgers University (Rutgers College)

- Graduated with Honors; Henry Rutgers Scholar

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS (FULL TIME)

International University of Sarajevo (IUS), 2014–present

- Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, 2025–present
- Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, 2019–2025
 - University Top Professor Award Co-Winner, 2019–2020
 - Department Chair, July 1, 2018–January 16, 2021 (5 semester appointment)
- Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, 2014–2019

Wayne State University, March 2026–present

- Research Fellow, Center for the Study for Citizenship

Current Research Interests: Religion and Politics (with a focus on Islam), Sociology of Islam, Contemporary Islamic Political Thought, and Comparative Political Theory (with a focus on developing a perfectionist model of ‘Islamicate Public Reason’ aimed at Muslim-majority societies)

Primary Regional Interests: Middle East, North Africa, the Balkans, and Central Asia

Language Skills: English (Native), Spanish (Reading), Arabic (Reading), and Farsi (Basic Reading)

PEER-REVIEWED MONOGRAPHS

(Under Contract)— *Deliberating within the Fold: Towards a Model of Islamicate Public Reason*. Oxford: Oneworld.

- 2021— [*Islam, Liberalism, and Ontology: A Critical Re-evaluation*](#). New York: Routledge (Studies in Religion and Politics). xiv + 198 pp. ISBN: 978-0367534110
- Under contract to be translated into Albanian by Logos-A Publishers (expected 2026)
 - Reviewed in: [Religion](#) 2025, 55(1): 423–427; [American Journal of Islam and Society](#) 2023, 40(3-4): 169–173; [Manchester Journal of Islamic Law and Practice](#) 2023, 19(2): 196–201; [Politics, Religion, and Ideology](#) 2022, 23(2): 246–248; [Al-Shajarah](#) 2021, 26(1): 127–132; [Islam and Civilisational Renewal](#) 2021, 12(2): 383–386; *Al-Mustaqbal al-‘Arabī* 2021, 509: 188 [in Arabic]; *Preporod* 2021, 15-16/1193-1194: 60 [in Bosnian]
- 2017— [*The Contemporary Islamic Governed State: A Reconceptualization*](#). New York: Palgrave (Series in Islamic Theology, Law, and History). xiii + 331 pp. ISBN: 978-3319570112
- Preface written by Khaled Abou El Fadl
 - Reviewed in: [American Journal of Islam and Society](#) 2020, 37(1-2): 148–152; [Politics and Religion](#) 2019, 12(1): 208–210; [İnsan & Toplum Dergisi](#) 2019, 9(1): 168–171 [in Turkish]

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES, CRITICAL REVIEW ESSAYS & BOOK CHAPTERS

- (Just Accepted)— “[Looking East: Perfectionism, Public Reason Confucianism, and the Construction of Islamicate Public Reason](#).” *The Journal of Politics*, 1–35. [WoS—SSCI & Scopus]
- (Just Accepted)— “Islam, Liberal Proceduralism, and the Case of Ahl Al-Dhimma.” [co-authored with Usaama al-Azami] *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion*. [WoS—ESCI & Scopus]
- 2026— “[Progressivism within Contemporary Islam](#).” In *The Oxford Handbook of Islamic Reform*, eds. Emad Hamdeh and Natana DeLong-Bas. New York: Oxford University Press, 173–191.
- 2025— “[Vakuf Administration in Bosnia and Herzegovina: A Closer Look at the Case of Sarajevo’s Gazi Husrev-Begov Vakuf](#)” [co-authored with Hamza Preljević and Mustafa Krupalija]. *Halduskultuur: The Estonian Journal of Administrative Culture and Digital Governance*, 24(2): 9–23. [Scopus]
- 2025— “[Vakuf Administration in Bosnia and Herzegovina: A Closer Look at the Islamska zajednica u Bosni i Hercegovina and New Vakuf Directorate](#)” [co-authored with Hamza Preljević and Mustafa Krupalija]. In *Islamic Public Value: Theory, Practice and Administration of Indigenous Cooperative Institutions*, eds. Wolfgang Drechsler, Rainer Kattel, and Salah Chafik. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 113–128. [Scopus]
- 2024— “[The Other Legitimate Game in Town? Understanding Public Support for the Caliphate in the Islamic World](#)” [co-authored with Mujtaba A. Isani and Daniel Silverman]. *American Journal of Islam and Society*, 41(2): 80–117. [Scopus]

- 2021— [“Recalibrating Our Levels of Analysis: Working towards Islamic Democracy from the Ground-Up.”](#) *Comparative Political Theory*, 1(2): 333–341. [Scopus]
- 2021— [“European Islam: An Islam without Direct Reference to Divine Law?”](#) *Religious Studies Review*, 47(3): 345–349. [WoS—AHCI & Scopus]
- 2020— [“Succeeding as a Western Academic Working at a Newer Foundation University in a Developing Country.”](#) *PS: Political Science & Politics* 53(3): 532–536. [WoS—SSCI & Scopus]
- 2020— [“‘And Part Not with My Revelations for a Trifling Price’—Reconceptualizing Islam’s Aniconism through the Lenses of Reification and Representation as Meaning Making.”](#) *Social Compass* 67(1): 120–136. [WoS—SSCI & Scopus]
- 2019— [“Islam, Entrepreneurship, and Embeddedness”](#) [co-authored with M. Evren Tok]. *Thunderbird International Business Review* 61(5): 697–705. [WoS—ESCI & Scopus]
- 2019— [“Rethinking Realism and Constructivism through the Lenses of Themes and Ontological Primacy.”](#) *Croatian International Relations Review* 25(85): 6–29. [Scopus]
- 2019— [“The OIC and the Paris 2015 Climate Change Agreement: Islam and the Environment.”](#) In *Global Governance and Muslim Organizations*, eds. M. Evren Tok and Leslie A. Pal. New York: Palgrave, 171–195. [Scopus]
- 2019— [“Is the Shari’ah and Global Governance Compatible? — Islamic Financial Institutions as a Laboratory for Conceptual Analysis”](#) [co-authored with Mesut Idriz]. In *Global Governance and Muslim Organizations*, eds. M. Evren Tok and Leslie A. Pal. New York: Palgrave, 267–287. [Scopus]
- 2016— [“Beyond Capitalism: Exploring the Limitations and Weaknesses in Max Weber’s General Understanding of the Islamic Discourse.”](#) *Intellectual Discourse* 24(1): 35–58. [WoS—ESCI & Scopus]
- 2016— [“The Islamic Fundamentalist that Could Have Been? — Parallels between the Rhetoric of Joseph de Maistre and Contemporary Islamic Fundamentalist Movements.”](#) *Marmara Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilimler Dergisi/Marmara University Journal of Political Science* 4(1): 195–216.
- 2015— [“‘I am the God of My Own Tribe:’ Weinstein and Islam.”](#) In *Michael A. Weinstein: Action, Contemplation, Vitality*, ed. Diane Rubenstein and Robert Oprisko. New York: Routledge, 148–166. [Scopus]
- 2014— [“The Islamophobia Industry, Hate, and Its Impact on Muslim Immigrants and OIC State Development.”](#) *Islamophobia Studies Journal* 2(2): 157–176.
- 2014— [“World War I and Propaganda Poster Art: Comparing the United States and German Cases.”](#) *Epiphany* 7(2): 64–81.

- 2013—“[Bureaucracy and Modernity: A Comparative Qualitative Analysis of Bureaucratic Development in the US and OIC States.](#)” *Politics, Bureaucracy and Justice* 3(2): 1–10.
- 2012—“[The Importance of Historical Understanding: Evaluating the Strengths and Weaknesses of the Current Counter Narcotics Policy in Afghanistan.](#)” *Uluslararası Hukuk ve Politika/Review of International Law and Politics* (RILP) 8(29): 109–141.

PROJECTS

- 2022 to present— Research Associate and Mentorship Program Coordinator at [The Ummatics Institute](#).
- May/June 2026— Organized and hosted an intensive [3-week Maymester study abroad program](#) (“Ottoman State and Society”) that included coursework and visits to Bosnian historical sites with Dr. Samy Ayoub (University of Texas-Austin) and 12 undergraduates from UT-Austin, funded by UT-Austin (€36,661) at the International University of Sarajevo from May 10, 2026 until June 3, 2026.
- 2022 to 2025— Research Associate in a 3-year project titled “[Islamic Public Value: Theory, Theology, and Practice of Indigenous Cooperative Governance Institutions](#)” funded by the John Templeton Foundation (\$1,999,000). Project Leaders: Wolfgang Drechsler and Rainer Kattel. Grantee: University College London. Grant ID number: 62654.
- 2021 to 2026— Senior Research Associate in a 5-year Qatar National Research Fund National Priority Research Program (NPRP) Cluster Grant (\$4,400,000), *Sustainable Development Goals: Education and Global Citizenship in Qatar*. Project Leader: M. Evren Tok. Grant ID Number: NPRP12C-0804-190009.

JOURNAL SYMPOSIUMS ORGANIZED

- 2021— Lead Organizer of a Symposium on Andrew F. March’s, *The Caliphate of Man: Popular Sovereignty in Modern Islamic Thought* (2019, Harvard University Press). [Comparative Political Theory](#) 1(2): 303–354. [Scopus Indexed]

ACADEMIC BOOK REVIEWS

- 2023— [Review: *Islam, Justice, and Democracy*, by Sabri Ciftci.](#) *Politics, Religion & Ideology* 24(1): 139–141. [WoS—SSCI & Scopus]
- 2019— [Review: *Radical Arab Nationalism and Political Islam*, by Lahouari Addi.](#) *Politics and Religion*, 12(3): 543–545. [WoS—SSCI & Scopus]
- 2018— [Review: *Islamic Resistance to Imperialism*, by Eric Walberg.](#) *ReOrient: The Journal of Critical Muslim Studies* 3(2): 217–200. [Scopus]
- 2008— Review: *The Social Context View of Sociology*, by M. Zusman, D. Knox, and T. Gardner. *Sociation Today* 6(2), online.

PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2025— “[Operationalizing Ummatic Soft Power: Criteria for Effective Collaboratives.](#)” *Ummatics*, 1–20, November 19, 2025.
- 2022— “[Irredeemable Failure: The Modern Nation-State as a Nullifier of Ummatic Unity.](#)” *Ummatics*, 1–23, December 14.
- Also translated into [Arabic](#).
- 2022— “[Secular Neutrality and the Failed Political Experiment in Tunisia.](#)” *Ummatics*, March 11.
- 2021— “Zašto BiH diskriminira ljude s prebivalištem? (Why does Bosnia and Herzegovina Discriminate Against People with Legal Residency?)” *Oslobođenje*. Translated by Enna Z. Donlić. January 2.
- 2020— “[Depicting the Undepictable: the word, the image, the divine and Islam.](#)” Response to Rebecca Barrett-Fox’s podcast interview with Birgit Meyer and Terje Stordalen about their co-edited volume titled, *Figurations and Sensations of the Unseen in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Contested Desires* (Bloomsbury, 2019) for the on-going [Religious Studies Project](#) produced by *The Religious Studies Project Association*. May 29.
- 2019— “[The Duplicity of American Muslim Influencers and the ‘So-called Muslim Ban.’](#)” *MuslimMatters*. September 19.
- 2019— “Inauthentic Dialogue: Hamza Yusuf, the US Dept. of State, and Habermasian Communicative Action Theory.” *Altmuslimah*. July 14.
- 2019— “Facing the Muslim Travel Ban as a White Convert.” *Altmuslimah*. April 10.
- 2014— “[Comparing the Goals and Aspirations of Contemporary National-Based Islamist Movements vs. Contemporary Transnational-Based Islamist Movements.](#)” In *Caliphates and Global Islamic Politics*, ed. Tim Poirson and Robert Oprisko. Bristol, UK: E-International Relations Publications, 46–59.
- Translated into an Arabic in 2016 as [Al-Khilafat wa’l-Siyasat al-Islamiyyat al-‘Alamiyya](#). Riyadh, Saudi Arabia: Obeikon Education Publishers.
- 2014— “[The Future of Bosnia’s Democracy—Think Income, not Institutions.](#)” *Sarajevo Times*. October 28.
- This article was also translated into Bosnian by Enna Z. Donlić and republished in *Oslobođenje* as, “Budućnost demokratije u BiH!?!—Razmišljaj o prihodima, a ne institucijama!” p. 22. November 15.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

—Graduate Courses—

International University of Sarajevo (IUS) [2014-current]

- Conflict and Conflict Resolution
- International Relations as a Profession
- International Relations Theories
- Issues of Cultural Identity in the European Union
- Middle East Conflicts and Peace Processes
- Religion and International Affairs
- Security Strategy
- The Middle East in World Politics

University of Indianapolis [as Ph.D. student, Fall 2012]

- Contemporary Politics and Political Movements in the Muslim World

City University of New York– Brooklyn College [as Graduate Teaching Fellow, 2005-2008]

- American Political Thought

—Undergraduate Courses—

International University of Sarajevo (IUS) [2014-current]

- BA Graduation Project in International Relations
- Conspiracy Theories in International Relations
- Contemporary International Politics
- Contemporary Political Thought
- Diplomacy
- History of Economic Thought
- History of the United States
- International Relations Theories
- Introduction to International Relations
- Introduction to Philosophy
- Introduction to Political Science
- Introduction to Sociology
- Islam and Politics
- New Social Movements
- Political Geography and Geopolitics
- Politics and the Media
- Religion and Politics
- Security Studies
- Social Theory
- Survey of Political History
- Understanding the Contemporary World Through Current Events (University Elective)
- United States Foreign Policy: 1945 to Present

- This course was also taught in July 2015 and July 2016 at “PISU: Pristina International Summer University” at University of Pristina, Kosovo

University of Illinois in Chicago (UIC) [*while on leave from IUS, Fall 2022*]

- Contemporary Islamic Politics

College of DuPage (CoD) [*while on leave from IUS, Fall 2022*]

- American Politics

Indiana University Northwest (IUN) [*as PhD student, 2009 & 2013*]

- Contemporary Social Problems
- Introduction to Sociology

Purdue University [*as PhD student, Fall 2013*]

- Introduction to American Government

University of Indianapolis [*as PhD student, Fall 2012*]

- Introduction to American Government

City University of New York (CUNY)– Brooklyn College [*as Graduate Teaching Fellow, 2005–2008*]

- Introduction to American Politics
- People, Power, and Politics

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

Guest Lecture. Invited to give a lecture titled “[Critiques of Liberalism and Islamic Political Thought](#)” for the Oxford Islam and Justice Programme. University of Oxford (Green Templeton College), Oxford, UK. November 2, 2024.

Guest Lecture. Invited to give a lecture titled “Postmodernism and the Westphalian System’s Impact on the Muslim World: A Closer Look at the Crisis of the Current World System” at a conference titled, *Rethinking Muslim International Relations in an Emerging Multipolar World*. Event organized by Islamic Courses and Birkbeck, University of London, London, UK. June 29, 2024.

Paper Presentation. Invited to present a paper titled, “Looking East: Perfectionism, Public Reason Confucianism, and the Construction of a Uniquely Islamic Mode of Public Reason” at a workshop titled, “*All the Kingdoms of the World: Integralism, and Religious Attitudes Toward Liberalism,*” hosted by the McDonald Centre for Theology, Ethics and Public Life, University of Oxford (Magdalen College), Oxford, UK. June 7, 2024.

Paper Presentation. Invited to present a paper titled, “*Vakuf* Administration in Bosnia and Herzegovina: A Closer Look at the Unique History and Administrative Procedures of Sarajevo’s Gazi Husrev-Begov *Vakuf*” at a conference hosted by the National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA) as a part of the *Islamic Public Value: Theory, Theology, and Practice of Indigenous Cooperative Governance Institutions Project*, Bangkok, Thailand. May 31, 2024.

Guest Lecture. Invited to give a lecture on Islam and Public Reason as a part of IIUM's Political Science Department Policy and Area Studies Webinar Series titled: *Islam Political Philosophy: A Contemporary Perspective*. International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM), event held via Zoom. May 17, 2024.

Moderator. Invited to moderate a public lecture with Mohammed Fadel (University of Toronto) titled "Reexamining and Rethinking Liberalism and Islamic Thought" hosted by Islamic Courses with the help of Ebrahim College, London, UK. February 3, 2024.

Book Talk. *Islam, Liberalism, and Ontology: A Critical Re-evaluation*. Discussion moderated by Paul Williams (Host of *Blogging Theology* Podcast) with Mohammed Fadel (University of Toronto) as the respondent. Event organized by Islamic Courses with the Al Manaar | The Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre, London, UK. February 2, 2024.

Roundtable Participant. Invited to participate on two panels at the 80th Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference titled, "Interviewing at a Teaching School" and "Being Faculty at a Regional University," Chicago, IL. April 13–16, 2023.

Keynote speaker. Conference titled *Islam, Science, and Atheism*, event held in hybrid format. Lahore, Pakistan. March 12, 2023.

Colloquium. Hosted by the *Ummatics Institute*. Event titled, "[Muslim Disunion in the Era of the Nation-State](#)." Discussants included Sami Hamdi (Managing Director, International Interest) and Jahja Muhasilović (International University of Sarajevo), event held via Zoom. November 30, 2023.

Guest Lecture. "Contemporary Challenges of Governance in Muslim States." Invited by the Center for Advanced Studies & IIIT European Summer School Bosnia, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. August 9, 2022. (Previously invited to give this lecture, 2018–2021).

Guest Lecture. "Conspiracy Theories in the Contemporary World." Invited by the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies (CNS). University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. May 30, 2022.

Book Talk. *Islam, Liberalism, and Ontology: A Critical Re-evaluation*. Invited by the Center for Islamic Knowledge (Mississauga, Ontario) to give lecture as a part of their 'CIK Talks' lecture series, event held via Zoom. July 10, 2021.

Book Talk. [Islam, Liberalism, and Ontology: A Critical Re-evaluation](#). Invited by the Center for Islam in the Contemporary World (CICW) at Shenandoah University. Moderated by Ermin Sinanović (Shenandoah University), event held via Zoom. July 6, 2021.

Colloquium. Hosted by the Center of Global Studies, The Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences. Event titled "Islamic Thought and the Epistemological Challenge of Modernity," event held via Zoom. June 24, 2021.

Book Talk. *Islam, Liberalism, and Ontology: A Critical Re-evaluation*. Invited by Center for Islam and Global Affairs (CIGA) at Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University as a part of their on-going book discussion series. Moderated by Fadi Zatar (Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University), event held via Zoom. April 9, 2021.

Guest Lecture. “‘*And Part Not with My Revelations for a Trifling Price*’— Reconceptualizing Islam’s Aniconism through the Lenses of Reification and Representation as Meaning Making.” Moderated by Junaid Quadri (University of Illinois-Chicago), Chicago, IL. February 11, 2020.

Paper Presentation. “Between *Ifraṭ* and *Tafrīt*: Ibn Khaldun, Luxury, and Civilizational Decline.” 5th International Ibn Khaldun Symposium titled: *Power, Economic Development and Morality: Paradoxes and Challenges*. Invited by İbn Haldun University, Istanbul, Türkiye. April 27–28, 2019.

Book Talk. *The Contemporary Islamic Governed State: A Reconceptualization*. Invited by İDE İstanbul Düşünce Evi, Istanbul, Türkiye. January 19, 2018.

Guest Lecture. “Understanding Extremism in the Muslim World Today: Its Roots, Sources and Possible Solutions.” Invited by Institute for Deradicalization and Reintegration, Pristina, Kosovo. May 19, 2017.

Paper Presentation. “Entrepreneurial Education, Islam and Embeddedness.” Presented at a workshop organized by Hamad bin Khalifa University, the Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF), and the Qatar Foundation, titled *Public Policy, Entrepreneurship and the Educational Nexus: Promoting Qatar National Vision 2030 & Beyond*, Doha, Qatar. February 7–8, 2017.

Guest Lecture. “Reconceptualizing a Contemporary Governed Islamic State: Connecting Theory to Practice in the 21st Century.” Invited to speak at Marmara University by the MURCIR program, Istanbul, Türkiye. October 7, 2015.

Public Lecture. “The US Peace Building Mission in the Balkans– Explicit and Implicit Motivations.” Invited to speak by the Kosovo Center of Diplomacy in cooperation with University College “Victory,” Pristina, Kosovo. July 12, 2015.

Public Lecture. “Cognitive Reasoning, the Study of Bureaucracy, and the Importance of Public Administration.” Invited to speak at the American University in Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon. February 20, 2014.

Public Lecture. “A Three-Dimensional Approach to Authoritarianism.” Invited to present paper as part of SPEA lecture series at Indiana University Northwest, Gary, IN. November 24, 2008.

Public Lecture. “Islam, Terrorism, Globalization, and Sunni/Shi’a Unity: New Approaches to Old Problems.” Roundtable participant for College of Staten Island Islamic Awareness Week, Staten Island, NY. April 12, 2008.

Public Lecture. “Islam and the Necessity of Toleration and Moderation: Cosmopolitanism in the Modern Islamic Discourse.” Roundtable participant for Brooklyn College Islamic Awareness Week, Brooklyn, NY. March 5, 2008.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Islam, Liberal Proceduralism, and the Case of *Ahl-al-dhimma*.” Paper co-presented with Usaama al-Azami (Hamad bin Khalifa University) at the 2026 British Association of Islamic Studies (BRAIS) Symposium—*Islamic Studies Across Divides in an Era of Crisis and Global Injustice*, Boğaziçi, University, Istanbul, Türkiye. January 24–25, 2026.

“The Six Characteristics of Ummatic Collaboratives.” Paper presented at Ummatics Institute’s 3rd Annual Conference, *The Ummatic Turn: Research, Method, Futures* at İSAM, Istanbul, Türkiye. July 26, 2025.

“Looking East: Perfectionism, Public Reason Confucianism, and the Construction of a Uniquely Islamic Mode of Public Reason [Abridged Version].” Paper presented at Ummatics Institute’s 2nd Annual Conference, *Managing Deep Differences* at the Avani Sepang Goldcoast Resort, Sungai Pelek, Malaysia. July 28–29, 2024.

“Ummatic Agonistic Pluralism and Public Reason Perfectionism as a Means for Handling Political Difference in Muslim-majority Societies.” 81st Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Chicago, IL. April 6, 2024.

“Is Muslim Deep Difference an Obstacle to Ummatic Unity?” Paper co-presented with Dr. Usaama al-Azami (Oxford University) at the Ummatics Institute’s 1st Annual Conference, *Umma Beyond the Nation-State: Imagination, Solidarity, Praxis* held at the Bahariye Mevlevihanesi, Istanbul, Türkiye. June 14, 2023.

“The Other Legitimate Game in Town? Understanding Public Support for the Caliphate in the Islamic World.” 3rd Biennial Conference on Religion and Politics—*Religion and Politics in the Context of “Epochal Change.”* The Institute of Political Science and Public Administration, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University. Warsaw, Poland. November 26, 2021.

“Liberal Approaches to Comprehensive Doctrines in Public Discourse and Islam.” 115th Annual American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference, Washington D.C. September 1, 2019.

“Islam and Liberalisms—Enlightenment Liberalism, Political Liberalism, and Islamic Modes of Discourse.” Manchester Center for Political Theory (MANCEPT) Workshops in Political Theory—*Political Theory and the Question of Religion*. University of Manchester, Manchester, England. September 10–12, 2018.

“‘*And Part Not with My Revelations for a Trifling Price*’—Understanding Islam’s Aniconism through the Lens of More Recent Post-Structuralist Thinking.” International Institute of Islamic Thought’s (IIIT) two-day academic conference in honor of Shaykh Dr. Taha Jabir Al-Alwani on the theme of “Renewal of Islamic Thought: Contemporary Issues,” Herndon, VA. October 23–24, 2017.

“Islam and its Inherent Incompatibilities with Political Liberalism.” 45th European Political Research Consortium (ECPR) 2017 Joint Sessions of Workshops, University of Nottingham—Workshop: *Political secularism and religious difference in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa*, Nottingham, UK. April 25–30, 2017.

“*Al Maşlahā*—Reconsidering Economic Justice in an Islamic Governed State.” 24th World Congress of Political Science (IPSA), Poznań, Poland. July 26, 2016.

“The Case of Turkey—Soft Power, Modernization, and Economic Growth.” Balkans Conference: The Special Case—Turkey, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary. December 11–12, 2015.

“Digital Era Governance: A Way to Re-Engage Civil Society via Bureaucracy?” Paper presented at International Research Congress on Social Sciences, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. May 4–5, 2015.

“WWI and Propaganda Poster Art: Comparing the United States and German Cases.” Paper presented at:

- International Conference on WWI, the Ottoman Empire, and the Balkans. International University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. September 20, 2014.
- Lecture Workshop Series for Graduate Students at Marmara University, Dept. of Political Science and International Relations, Istanbul, Türkiye. October 6, 2015.

“A Modern Approach to Political Leadership in an Islamic State: Considering the Compatibility between Ancient Greek Thought, 20th Century Shi’a Political Thought, a Contemporary OIC-member States.” 23rd World Congress of Political Science (IPSA), Montreal, Canada. July 20, 2014.

“The Trajectory of the Development of Islamic Thought—A Comparison between 2 Earlier and 2 Later Scholars.” 72nd Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, IL. April 5, 2014.

“*I am the God of My Own Tribe*: Weinstein and Islam.” 109th American Political Science Association (APSA) Conference, Chicago, IL. August 28, 2013.

“Bureaucracy & Modernity: A Comparative Qualitative Analysis of Public Administration in the West and OIC States.” 71st Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, IL. April 14, 2013.

“Relations Between Muslims and Others Living in Non-Muslim Societies.” Purdue Political Science Graduate Paper Series, West Lafayette, IN. November 30, 2013.

“A Starting Point for Considering Future Islamic State Leadership.” Paper presented at:

- Southwestern Social Sciences Association (SWSSA) Conference, San Diego, CA. April 7, 2012.
- Purdue International Relations, Comparative, American and Theory Workshop, West Lafayette, IN. February 1, 2012.

“The Importance of Historical Understanding: Evaluating Counternarcotics Policy and Narcotics Production in Afghanistan.” 69th Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, IL. April 3, 2011.

“American Counternarcotics Strategy and International Law.” Indiana University International Public Affairs Organization Annual Meeting, Bloomington, IN. March 25, 2011.

“Progressive Declines: A Look at the Retrenchment in Organized Labor and Women’s Rights in the 1970s.” 37th Northeast Political Science Association Conference, Boston, MA. November 11, 2006.

SERVICE TO THE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SARAJEVO (IUS)

- Moderator at 12th International Islam and Liberty Roundtable Conference held at IUS co-hosted by IUS and the Islam and Liberty Network. February 12–13, 2026.
- Organized a guest presentation with Dr. Elise Wang (UC-Fullerton) at IUS titled: “The Conspiracy Story and Race.” November 10, 2025.
- Organized a guest presentation with Dr. Andrew F. March (UMass-Amherst) at IUS titled: “Does a state have a right to exist?” December 12, 2024.
- Co-organizer and moderator of round table discussion at IUS with Saqib Sheikh (Nanyang Technological Institute) and Hikmet Karčić (University of Sarajevo) titled, “Preserving Cultural Heritage in the Face of Genocide and Statelessness: A Comparative Look at the Rohingya and Bosnian Cases,” November 12, 2024.
- Organized and led a faculty development workshop titled, “Getting your manuscript published by a major international publisher: How to write a successful academic book proposal,” December 5, 2023.
- Co-organized a three day, 15-participant workshop on-campus titled: “The Hanafi School: Texts, Authorities, and Practitioners” with Dr. Samy Ayoub (University of Texas–Austin), June 1–3, 2022.
- Organized and participated in a roundtable discussion/public lecture with Dr. Kristen Nielsen (IUS) and Jahja Muhasilović (IUS) titled, “Understanding the 2022 Russian Invasion of Ukraine and its Implications for the Western Balkans, March 3, 2022.
- Organized an on-campus public lecture titled: “The Essence of Terror: Contending Explanations for Terrorism Across the Social Sciences” with Naveed Sheikh (Keele University), December 17, 2021.
- Created and taught a new university elective course adopted by IUS curriculum committee titled: IR100- Understanding the Contemporary World through Current Events, Spring 2021.
- Co-organized and participated in a public lecture on campus titled: “The Voting is Over; What Happens Next?” related to the 2020 US presidential election with Dr. Kristian Nielsen, November 5, 2020.
- Invited lecturer at ‘Balkan Youth School (BYS) 2020’ organized by the Balkan Studies Center at IUS. Title of lecture: “Understanding Current Events through the IR Disciplinary Paradigm.” April 19, 2020.
- Co-organized and participated in a roundtable discussion/public lecture with Dr. Kristian Nielsen (IUS) titled, “Impeaching the President: How much trouble is Donald Trump in?” December 17, 2019.
- Organized a workshop titled: “Experimental Research Design in International Relations: Vignettes” with Dr. Mujtaba Isani (University of Mannheim), June 12, 2019.
- Rewrote amendments to the official university statute regarding the annual evaluation of academic staff performance, March 2019.
- Organized an on-campus public lecture titled: “The Integration Challenges of Bosniak Refugees in the United States” with Dr. Shyam Sriram (Butler University) December 18, 2018.
- Rewrote Ph.D. qualifying examination protocols for the IR Department, September 2018.
- General faculty advisor of all Graduate students in the IR Department, 2015–current.

- Invited guest speaker at International Psychological Student Association, International Culture and Career Congress by the IUS Psychology Department— Discussed CV and cover letter writing strategies to undergraduates. April 24, 2018.
- Member of IUS academic dishonesty/student plagiarism review committee, 2017-18.
- Organized and participated in an on-campus roundtable discussion/public lecture, “Discussing the Results of the 2016 United States Presidential Election” with Dr. Harry Miller (IUS) and Dr. Jared O. Bell (IUS). November 18, 2016.
- Lead coordinator in-charge of editing all documentation submitted for International academic accreditation to the Agency for Quality Assurance and Accreditation Austria (*Agentur für Qualitätssicherung und Akkreditierung Austria*), Spring 2016.
- Member of scientific evaluation committee for 2nd and 3rd annual international graduate students conference at IUS, 2016 and 2017.
- Associate editor of IUS journal, *Epiphany: Journal of Transdisciplinary Studies*. (ISSN: 1840-3719), 2015-2017.
- Created new official protocols for undergraduates completing B.A. Theses within Social and Political Sciences Department, 2015.
- Created new undergraduate elective course: *IR 477: Conspiracy Theories in International Relations*, 2015.
- Conference panel chair for 1st and 2nd IUS Graduate Student Conferences, 2015-2016.
- Lead organizer of an on-campus workshop titled, ‘British Parliamentary Debate Style and Techniques’ that included expert guest lecturer from International Debate Education Association (IDEA). March 6–7, 2015.
- Public Lecture: Understanding Early Modern to 20th Century Western History through the Lens of High Art and Music. Invited to speak by the IUS English Literature Department ongoing faculty lecture series. January 8, 2015.
- Public Lecture: Post Elections Prospects and Challenges in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Invited to participate in a public round table discussion event that included faculty from IUS and the University of Sarajevo (UNSA). Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. October 20, 2014.
- Founder and faculty advisor of the IUS debate club, Fall 2014.
- Faculty advisor for the IUS Archery Club, Fall 2014.
- Moderator for an on-campus panel titled, “Ex-Yugoslavia Countries on the Way to EU: The Importance of Regional Cooperation and Regional Reconciliation.” Invited speakers included British, Croatian, and Serbian Ambassadors. October 22, 2014.
- Conference panel chair for “The Balkans and WWI”—International Conference on WWI, the Ottoman Empire and the Balkans at the IUS. September 17–18, 2014.

DOCTORAL THESES SUCCESSFULLY MENTORED

Muhamed Velagić. *The Impact of Cultural Isolation: Reinterpreting Complex Religious Identities via Interreligious Discourse in Bosnia and Herzegovina*.

Ahmed Kulanić. *Religiosity, Ideological Orientations and Party Preference among Bosniaks in Bosnia and Herzegovina*.

MASTER'S THESES SUCCESSFULLY MENTORED

Fabian Schlumberger. *Violence at EU Borders: A Matter of Human Rights or Genocide?*

Monica Hanson-Green. *Russian Soft-Power in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.*

Ayla Kutlay. *The Relationship between Democracy and Gender Equality in Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.*

Mirel Hajder. *The Impact of the Refugee Crisis on the Rise of Right-Wing Populist Parties in Europe.*

Indijana Šabić. *Evaluating the Implementation of Secular International Norms in Bosnia and Herzegovina.*

Majdi Rajab. *'The Previous Regimes' and Democratization in the Arab World—The Cases of Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, and Yemen.*

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Member of the editorial board of *Comparative Political Theory* (Scopus), 2025.
- Co-organizing chair of 2nd annual Ummatics Institute International Conference and Workshop, “Managing Deep Differences in Comparative Perspective.” Conference and Workshop hosted by the Ummatics Institute held in Kuala Lumpur and Sungai Pelek Malaysia. July 24–28, 2024.
- Co-organizing chair of 1st annual Ummatics Institute international conference, “Umma Beyond the Nation-State: Imagination, Solidarity, and Praxis.” Conference hosted by the Ummatics Institute and held at the Bahariye Mevlevihanesi in Istanbul, Türkiye. June 13–15, 2023.
- Member of the editorial board of *Croatian International Relations Review* (ESCI/Scopus), 2023.
- Co-organized with Dr. Sultan Tepe (University of Illinois in Chicago) the 1st Frank Tachau Comparative Middle East and Turkish Studies Speaker Series event titled [“Public Freedoms in the Islamic State: A Conversation with Rached al-Ghannouchi”](#) that included Tunisian *Ennahda* Party founder, Sh. Rached al-Ghannouchi, Dr. Andrew F. March (UMass-Amherst), Dr. David Johnston (Fuller Theological Seminary), and Dr. Ovamir Anjum (University of Toledo) at the University of Illinois in Chicago, Chicago, IL. December 5, 2022.
 - The event had over 12,000 livestream views.
- Organized and led a faculty development workshop titled, “Getting your manuscript published by a major international publisher: How to write a successful academic book proposal,” College of DuPage. Glen Ellyn, IL. November 1, 2022.
- Member of the advisory board of the *Journal of Islamic Research*, Fall 2019.
- Member of the scientific committee of the 6th International ILEM summer school in Istanbul, Türkiye. Summer 2019.
- Led two separate university-wide initiatives for charity donations for the influx of Middle Eastern and Afghan refugees entering in Sarajevo that occurred May 15, 2018 until June 1, 2018 and from November 1, 2018 until November 15, 2018.

- Moderator for Dituria Foundation for Science and Culture, 2nd Annual Conference, “Contemporary Trends in Philosophical Systems.” Skopje, Macedonia. July 11, 2016.
- Member of Scientific Evaluation Committee for International Security Forum Conference 2016, 2017, and 2020 (Bezpečnosť Forum) Matej Bel University, Banská Bystrica, Slovakia. February 2016, 2017, and 2020.
- Conference panel chair for “Evolving Theories in Public Administration.” 2014 MPSA Conference. Chicago, IL. April 3, 2014.
- Senator, Purdue Graduate Student Government, 2011–2013.
- Judge, Purdue University Intercollegiate Debate Competition. Fall 2012 and Fall 2013.
- Member, Purdue Political Science Graduate Student Government, 2011–2013.
- Volunteer Assistant Principal, West Lafayette Islamic School. West Lafayette, IN, 2011.
- Intercollegiate Sports Athletics Tutor, Purdue University, 2010–2012.
- Faculty advisor, Brooklyn College Islamic Society, 2008.
- Assistant managing editor, *Comparative Politics* (ISSN: 0010-4159), 2005.
- Conference panel chair for “Beauty: Looking into the Eyes of the Beholder.” The City University of New York (CUNY) Comparative Literature Department Conference on Art & Politics. November 5, 2004. New York, NY.
- Intern, *Logos Journal: A Journal of Contemporary Culture and Society*, 2003.

INTERVIEWS/MEDIA APPEARANCES

Online Interview. “[Interview – Joseph J. Kaminski](#).” *E-International Relations*, July 9, 2025. Interview in English.

Audio Podcast Interview. *Blogging Theology*. [Understanding Public Support for the Caliphate in the Islamic World with Prof Joseph Kaminski](#). September 12, 2024. Interview in English.

Live TV Panelist. [Specijal o izboru u Turškoj 2023](#). (Special on the 2023 Turkish Elections), *NI Television*, May 14, 2023. Interview translated into Bosnian.

Audio Podcast Interview. *Blogging Theology*. [Are Islam and Liberalism Compatible?](#) November 13, 2022. Interview in English.

Audio Podcast Interview. *The Thinking Muslim*. [Russia’s War on Ukraine with Professor Joseph Kaminski](#), Episode 67. March 22, 2022. Interview in English.

Audio Podcast Interview. *The Thinking Muslim*. [Why Islam is Incompatible with Liberalism with Professor Joseph Kaminski](#), Episode 56. March 28, 2021. Interview in English.

TV Panelist. *Kontekst*. [Je li Katar budući politički lider Zaljeva?](#) (Is Qatar the future political leader of the Gulf?), *Al Jazeera Balkans*, January 5, 2021. Interview translated into Bosnian.

Audio Podcast Interview. *The Thinking Muslim*. [Srebrenica Massacre—a “human sacrifice.”](#) Episode 30. July 13, 2020. Interview in English.

Newspaper Interview. *Tehran Times*. [Countless Bosnian lives lost as Western powers failed to act fast: Sarajevo University professor](#). p. 7. July 12, 2020. Interview in English.

TV Panelist. *Kontekst*. [Novi migrantski val I rat u Siriji](#). (The new migrant wave and the war in Syria), *Al Jazeera Balkans*, March 4, 2020. Interview translated into Bosnian.

TV Panelist. *Kontekst*. [Istraga za opoziv Trumpa](#). (The Trump impeachment investigation), *Al Jazeera Balkans*, October 4, 2019. Interview translated into Bosnian.

Online Interview. [Prof. Joseph J. Kaminski: kush qëndron pas ndryshimit të kufijve mes Serbisë e Kosovës dhe pse...](#) (Prof. Joseph J. Kaminski: Who is behind the change in borders between Serbia and Kosovo and why...), *Te Sheshi*, August 19, 2018. Interview translated into Albanian.

Audio Podcast Interview. [Somewhere in Time \(Episode 116\)](#). *Mad Mamluks*, August 9, 2018. Interview in English.

TV Panelist. [The GCC-Qatar Crisis](#). *Al Jazeera Balkans*, June 30, 2017. Interview in English with Bosnian subtitles.

Online Interview. [Kosova është e pozicionuar në mes të një zone potenciale të konfliktit](#). (Kosovo is positioned in the middle of a potential conflict zone), *Gazetaere*, June 12, 2017. Interview translated into Albanian.

TV Panelist. *Kontekst*. [SAD Izabroi predsjednika](#). (USA president decided), *Al Jazeera Balkans*, November 9, 2016. Interview translated into Bosnian.

TV Panelist. [Kaminski o posjete Obame Kubi](#). (Kaminski on Obama's visit to Cuba), *Al Jazeera Balkans*, March 21, 2016. Interview translated into Bosnian.

SEMESTER-LONG VISITING APPOINTMENTS

- University of Illinois in Chicago, Visiting Lecturer, Chicago, IL. Fall 2022.
- College of DuPage, Visiting Lecturer, Glen Ellyn, IL. Fall 2022.

SHORT-TERM EXCHANGES

- Hacettepe University, Erasmus Faculty Exchange. Ankara, Türkiye. July 17–21, 2023.
- King Juan Carlos University, Erasmus Faculty Exchange. Madrid, Spain. July 4–8, 2022.
- Comenius University, Erasmus Faculty Exchange. Bratislava, Slovakia. Sept. 23–27, 2019.
- İstanbul Şehir University, Erasmus Faculty Exchange. Istanbul, Türkiye. Jan. 15–19, 2018.
- Fernando Pessoa University, Erasmus Faculty Exchange. Porto, Portugal. July 24–28, 2017.
- Vilnius University, Erasmus Faculty Exchange. Vilnius, Lithuania. Oct. 10–14, 2016.
- University of Pristina, University of Pristina 16th International Summer University (UPISU). Pristina, Kosovo. July 4–15, 2016.
- Marmara University, Mevlana Faculty Program. Istanbul, Türkiye. Oct. 3–9, 2015.

- University of Pristina, University of Pristina 15th International Summer University (UPISU). Pristina, Kosovo. July 6–17, 2015.

REVIEWER FOR ACADEMIC JOURNALS/PUBLISHERS

1. Oxford University Press
2. Routledge
3. Springer/Palgrave Macmillan
4. Edinburgh University Press
5. *Politics and Religion* [ISSN: 1755-0483]
6. *European Journal of International Relations* [ISSN: 1354-0661]
7. *Comparative Political Theory* [ISSN: 2666-9765]
8. *Religions* [ISSN: 2077-1444]
9. *Democracy and Security* [ISSN: 1741-9166]
10. *The Muslim World* [ISSN: 1478-1913]
11. *American Journal of Islam and Society* [2690-3741]

FUNDING, FELLOWSHIPS, AND TRAVEL GRANTS

- Islam Public Value Project, Book Chapter Individual Stipend (£10,000), 2024
- Erasmus Exchange Grant and Daily Stipend (€1,255), 2023
- Erasmus Exchange Grant and Daily Stipend (€1,395), 2022
- American Political Science Association Travel Grant (\$1,200), 2019
- Erasmus Exchange Grant and Daily Stipend (€975), 2019
- Registration Bursary for 2018 MANCEPT Workshops (approx. £230)
- Erasmus Exchange Grant and Daily Stipend (€975), 2018
- Travel Grant from International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT), (\$850), 2017
- European Political Research Consortium (ECPR) Young Scholar's Grant, (€500), 2017
- Erasmus Exchange Grant and Daily Stipend (€1,200), 2017
- Erasmus Exchange Grant and Daily Stipend (€975), 2016
- Mevlana Exchange Travel Grant and Daily Stipend (923£), 2015
- Purdue University Competitive Travel Grant Award (\$1,000), 2014
- Purdue University Graduate Teaching Assistantship (tuition covered for each semester of teaching and approximately \$14,000 per year stipend)
- Chancellor's Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center (Tuition and approximately \$14,000 per year stipend), 2005–2008
- Rutgers Academic Excellence Award (\$1,500), 2004

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA); International Political Science Association (IPSA); American Academy of Religion (AAR); Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA); British Association of Islamic Studies (BRAIS); Association for Political Theory (APT)

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