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*The primary language of this conference is English with some presentations in Arabic.
Simultaneous translation is offered throughout the conference.*

**Welcome Letter
from GU SFS-Q**

Dear Conference Participants and Guests,

I am pleased to welcome you to this first-of-its-kind conference on Islamic Bioethics at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar. This conference is at the heart of our mission to conduct cutting-edge research that is relevant locally, regionally and globally. It is also an example of how we want to work with partners in Qatar and around the world both to advance the state of knowledge and to showcase on-going research.

With the support of Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF), Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies (QFIS) and Leiden University, Georgetown SFS-Qatar is proud to host such an extraordinary group of scholars at the forefront of their field, for an exercise that will serve a wide variety of students, practitioners and researchers in the fields of theology, biology, medicine and ethics for decades to come.

The conference will feature results of a research project funded by QNRF which aggregates the writings of scholars and theorists in a multi-lingual searchable Islamic Medical and Scientific Ethics (IMSE) database. The conference will also facilitate access to scholarly literature on Islamic bioethics to serve the wider community of researchers, educators and clinicians.

In addition, I am very proud to announce that, just a few weeks ago, Dr. Ayman Shabana was awarded a QNRF grant for a three-year project on Developing an Encyclopedia of Islamic Bioethics. Building on the work of an earlier National Priorities Research Program (NPRP) award received by Doris Goldstein, director of the Bioethics Research Library at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and Frieda Wiebe, director of the Georgetown library here in Qatar, the new project will recruit experts on Islamic bioethics from around the world to produce the first comprehensive reference volume on this topic.

The well-deserved recognition such grants bring our faculty and researchers is a wonderful affirmation of their commitment to being the best that Georgetown has to offer, and doing so in Qatar but with a global vision.

Once again, I want to wish a warm welcome to all of you. Please enjoy this opportunity to discover sfs-q and especially our library—recognized as the best in Education City, Doha and the country, and, of course, do make the most of this chance to interact with some of the best people in your fields.

With best wishes for a great event,

Gerd Nonneman, Ph.D.

Dean

Georgetown University

Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service in Qatar

**Welcome Letter
from QNRF**

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to this unique, QNRF-sponsored conference, designed to uncover understandings and create opportunities to learn more about the challenges faced by contemporary Muslim society and the West in the field of medical bioethics. The conference will offer a cross-cultural platform to gain depth and insight into Islamic bioethics while seeking a common understanding of issues, challenges and solutions amongst all interested parties.

The current Islamic revival in the Muslim world provides a rich source of information that can be exploited, discussed and interpreted by experts in both Islamic bioethics and modern Western medicine. Muslim perceptions add great benefit to the development and advancement of modern medicine through bioethics, and we hope that dialogue and debate amongst all parties will result in a consensus on bioethical issues when addressed from the Islamic ethical viewpoint.

QNRF-funded academic research on these topics is designed to encourage further development of the legal and ethical frameworks needed to support an innovative approach to modern medicinal challenges. We hope that the conference will offer an opportunity for the development of progressive strategies needed to overcome such challenges.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Abdul Sattar Al-Taie

Executive Director

Qatar National Research Fund

Qatar Foundation

**Welcome Letter
from QFIS**

Welcome to the Conference on Bioethics,

The Faculty of Islamic Studies in Qatar welcomes you into the ongoing global dialogue about the ethical dimensions of the development and advancement of biological sciences. Stemming from a valuable partnership with Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar and Leiden University, this conference is a continuation of our work on bioethics. Together we can make a lasting contribution to this important and, it must be said, controversial field of study.

Islam has always endorsed scientific advancements. Far from being a violation of Islamic law, the study of bioethics claims a central place within Islamic discourse. Developments in bioethics are part of a continuum of knowledge about human health and well-being, a field that Muslims pioneered since the 8th century A.D.

We are privileged to be part of this partnership. We are grateful for the generous support of the Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF), and for all those who have been willing to engage in, support, and advance this important field. From the overarching reasons of existence to the specific details of human life and morality, bioethics touches all that makes us human and defines our physical and ethical selves. We are honored to take this journey of exploration with you; may our collective efforts enhance knowledge and advance mankind.

Dr. Hatem El-Karanshawy

Dean

Faculty of Islamic Studies

Qatar Foundation

Dear Honored Conference Participants and Guests,

It is a great pleasure for the Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society (LUCIS) and the Leiden Institute for Religious Studies (LIRS) to be co-organizers of this international conference. We are very honored by the participation of many prominent scholars who are contributing to a significant advancement in scholarship.

Leiden University has a longstanding tradition in Islamic studies. The aim of LUCIS and LIRS is to develop and strengthen teaching and research activities on religion in general, and Islam and Islamic societies in particular. Islam and biomedical ethics have also come to the center of our attention concerning both education and research interests. Many of our students now are writing their B.A. and M.A. theses on this topic. These activities were recently complemented with a significant research grant from the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research for Dr. Mohammed Ghaly's research project, *The Interplay of Islam and the West: the Unexplored Dimensions in Islamic Biomedical Ethics*. As an example of the importance these two centers attach to this domain of scholarship, LUCIS and LIRS recently held an international conference on Islamic Law and Bioethics, held from December 7 to 8, 2011 at Leiden University, the Netherlands.

We would like to thank our partners, especially Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF), Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar (SFS-Q) and Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies (QFIS) who have all contributed to bring this conference about. We would also like to thank the participating scholars, guests and audience members.

We wish all of you a very inspiring and fruitful event!

On behalf of LUCIS and LIRS,

Professor L.P.H.M. Buskens, Ph.D.

Director of the Leiden University Center for the Study of Islam and Society (LUCIS)

Professor Dr. A.F. de Jong, Ph.D.

Scientific Director of the Leiden Institute for Religious Studies (LIRS)

Islamic Bioethics

The Interplay of Islam and the West

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Conference Program

Sun, June 24
(Day 1)

8:30–9:00	Registration & Coffee
9:00–9:15	Welcome & Introductions
	Morning Session <i>Islamic Bioethics: Methodology and Challenges</i> Chair: Mohammed Ghaly
9:15–10:15	Keynote Address Tariq Ramadan <i>Islamic Bioethics: Methodology & Challenges</i>
10:15–10:45	Jasser Auda <i>An Outline of the Islamic Maqasidi/Purpose-Based Approach</i>
10:45–11:15	Ayman Shabana <i>Interface Between Law and Ethics In Islamic Bioethics: The Boundaries of Nonmaleficence In The Islamic Law Of Paternity</i>
11:15–11:45	Refreshment Break Chair: Ayman Shabana
11:45–12:15	Mohammed Ghaly <i>An Islamic 'Recipe' For The Virus Of 'Western Modernity': Muslim Religious Scholars On AIDS</i>
12:15–12:45	Aasim Padela <i>Fiqh Councils & Health Policy Actors: Gaps in the Applied Islamic Bioethics Discourse Around Vaccines With Porcine Components</i>
12:45–13:00	Doris Goldstein <i>Developing an Information Resource on Islamic Medical & Scientific Ethics</i>
13:00–15:00	Lunch Break 1 st floor, MSFS Suite
14:00–15:00	Workshop: Islamic Medical & Scientific Ethics Database Presenters: Doris Goldstein, Laura Bishop, Ayman Shabana, Stefan Seeger Library–Room 0B–07

Afternoon Session

Islamic Bioethics in Interdisciplinary Perspective

Chair: Willem Drees

**Conference
Program**

**Sun, June 24
(Day 1)**

- 15:00–15:30 Muhammad Khalifa
Human Health in World Religions and the Need to Establish an International Religious Organization for Bioethics (presentation in Arabic)
- 15:30–16:00 Alan Weber
The Ensoulment Debates Then and Now: Aristotelian, Thomist And Islamic Interfaith and Cross-Disciplinary Discourses
- 16:00–16:30 Amel Alghrani
Regulating Novel Methods of Reproduction: Womb Transplantation and Islamic Bioethics
- 16:30–17:00 Refreshment Break
- Chair: Muhammad Khalifa
- 17:00–17:30 Willem Drees
Symbolic Pluriformity in 'Religion And Science': Islam, Environmentalism, and Medical Ethics
- 17:30–18:00 Muhammad Albar
Contemporary Western Bioethics Philosophy Compared With the Islamic Perspective

Islamic Bioethics

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Conference Program

Mon, June 25
(Day 2)

8:30–9:00	Welcome Coffee
	Morning Session
	<i>Islamic Bioethics in Practice</i>
	Chair: Aasim Padela
9:00–10:00	Keynote Address Henk ten Have <i>Global Bioethics: Transnational Experiences</i>
10:00–10:30	Morgan Clarke <i>'Islamic Bioethics', Religious Authority And Modernity: Anthropological Comments On Shi'I Responses to Assisted Conception in Lebanon</i>
10:30–11:00	Sherine Hamdy <i>Does It Make Sense To Speak Of An 'Islamic Bioethics'? Some Lessons From the Organ Transplant Controversy In Egypt</i>
11:00–11:30	Refreshment Break
	Chair: Sherine Hamdy
11:30–12:00	Faisal Shaheen <i>Organ Transplantation In Saudi Arabia</i>
12:00–12:30	Brian Clark <i>Biobank Qatar: Bioethical Principles of Participation and Resource Governance in an Islamic Context</i>
12:30–13:00	Alireza Bagheri <i>A Muslim Clinical Ethics Consultant in the Western Healthcare System: Experience And Challenges</i>
13:00–14:00	Lunch 1 st floor, MSFS Suite

Afternoon Session

Normative Religious Perspectives

Chair: Tariq Ramadan

**Conference
Program**

**Mon, June 25
(Day 2)**

14:00–14:30	Raafat Osman <i>Stem Cell Research from an Islamic Perspective (presentation in Arabic)</i>
14:30–15:00	Saadeldin Helaly <i>Biomedical Ethics: an Islamically Approved Human Enterprise? (presentation in Arabic)</i>
15:00–15:30	Refreshment Break
15:30–18:00	Concluding Session Discussant: Tariq Ramadan

Participants:

- Henk ten Have
- Raafat Osman
- Saadeldin Helaly
- Muhammad Albar
- Mohammed Ghaly
- Aasim Padela
- Sherine Hamdy
- Ayman Shabana
- Jasser Auda

**Speaker
Biographies**

Muhammad Albar

BIOGRAPHY

Muhammad Albar is currently the director of the Medical Ethics Center (IMC), in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. Dr. Albar is a consultant physician who studied in Cairo and London. After his studies, he became interested in bioethics from an Islamic perspective, and has since participated actively in meetings and discussions on Islamic jurisprudence and ethics, in particular the meetings of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy (IIFA) in Jeddah, the Islamic Fiqh Academy (IFA) in Mecca and the Islamic Organization for Medical Sciences (IOMS) in Kuwait. He is the author of a large number of publications on different bioethical questions including organ transplantation, stem cell research, sperm banks, AIDS, artificial insemination, abortion, contraception, embryology, brain death and prophetic medicine. He has written over eighty books, one of which is the celebrated work known in English under the title *Human Development as Revealed in the Holy Qur'an and Hadith*.

Amel Alghrani

BIOGRAPHY

Amel Alghrani is a research fellow for a Wellcome funded project entitled The Human Body—Its Scope, Limits, and Future and based in the Institute for Science, Ethics and Innovation at the School of Law of the University of Manchester. Dr Alghrani studied law as an undergraduate and went on to qualify as a barrister in 2003, having been awarded the Yarborough-Anderson Benefactors and Scholarship Award. She completed a Master's degree in Healthcare Ethics & Law and a Ph.D. entitled *Human Reproduction: Regulating the Third Phase*. This was under the supervision of Professors Margaret Brazier and John Harris. Alghrani went on to hold a post-doctorate research associate position for a prestigious AHRC funded project examining The Impact of the Criminal Process on Health Care Ethics and Practice.

For more on Wellcome or AHRC projects go to the following links:

www.isei.manchester.ac.uk/research/wellcomestrategicprogramme

www.law.manchester.ac.uk/research/hccriminalprocess

Jasser Auda

Speaker Biographies

BIOGRAPHY

Jasser Auda is an Associate Professor and Deputy Director of the Center of Islamic Legislation and Ethics, Faculty of Islamic Studies, Qatar Foundation. He has a Ph.D. from the University of Wales, U.K., in the philosophy of Islamic law, a Ph.D. from the University of Waterloo, Canada in systems analysis, in addition to having engaged in early traditional studies at the Al-Azhar Mosque in Cairo. He is a founding member of the executive board of the International Union for Muslim Scholars; a founding director of the Al-Maqasid Research Centre in the Philosophy of Islamic law in London; fellow of the International Institute of Advanced Systems Research and Cybernetics (I.I.A.S.) in Canada; and a member of the U.K. Forum Against Islamophobia and Racism (F.A.I.R.). Jasser Auda is also a visiting lecturer to universities and institutes in Egypt, Canada, USA, U.K., Malaysia, and India. He has lectured on Islamic law and its relation to ethics and policy in dozens of countries around the world, and published a number of books; the latest in English is *Maqasid Al-Shariah as Philosophy of Islamic Law*, and in Arabic, *Between Shariah and Politics: Questions in the Post-Revolution Era*.

Alireza Bagheri

BIOGRAPHY

Alireza Bagheri is assistant professor of medicine and medical ethics at the School of Medicine in Tehran University of Medical Sciences. Dr. Bagheri teaches medical ethics to medical students and has initiated a Ph.D. course on medical ethics in 2008. He was a clinical ethics fellow at the Joint Center for Bioethics, University of Toronto, Canada from 2007 to 2008 and Erasmus Mundus Visiting Professor at the University of Leuven, Belgium in 2007. Dr. Bagheri is vice-chairman of the UNESCO International Bioethics Committee (IBC), and serves as a member of the board of the International Bioethics Association (IAB).

**Speaker
Biographies**

Brian Clark

BIOGRAPHY

Brian Clark is Director of Biobank Qatar. Prior to holding this position, Dr. Clark was the CEO of onCore UK—the U.K.’s national cancer biobanking initiative of the Department of Health, Medical Research Council and Cancer Research U.K. Dr. Clark’s postgraduate career included training in ophthalmology and pathology, with academic posts in anatomy and pathology at the University of Glasgow. Dr. Clark is an internationally recognised opinion leader in the field of biobanking and advocate for the use of human data and biosamples in research. In addition to his technical knowledge, he is also a champion for ethics, governance, stakeholder communications and participant interests.

Morgan Clarke

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Morgan Clarke is university lecturer in social anthropology and fellow of Keble College at the University of Oxford. He is also a member of Oxford’s Fertility and Reproduction Studies Group. An anthropologist of the Arabic-speaking Middle East, Clarke has a particular interest in contemporary Islam, Islamic law and its relationship to positive law, secular ethics and the civil state. His research interests converge on contemporary Islam in the Middle East, and he has published extensively on Islamic medical ethics, in particular reproductive technology; an example is his monograph *Islam and New Kinship: Reproductive Technology and the Shariah in Lebanon* (New York: Berghahn, 2009). His current book project, developed through postdoctoral work at the University of Cambridge (British Academy PDF, 2006–9) and the University of Manchester (Simon Research Fellowship, 2009–11), is an ethnography of sharia discourse in Lebanon, focusing on the family law courts and their relationship to non-state Islamic institutions. Dr. Clarke has been awarded an Oxford-Princeton Collaborative Grant to work with Professor Mirjam Künkler of Princeton (Near Eastern Studies) on a project entitled Traditional Authority and Transnational Religious Networks in Contemporary Shi’i Islam: Results from recent empirical research.

Willem Drees

Speaker Biographies

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Willem B. Drees holds the chair in philosophy of religion and ethics at the Leiden Institute of Religious Studies (LIRS), is vice-dean of the Faculty of Humanities of Leiden University, and is currently the editor of *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*. Dr. Drees is particularly interested in the impact of science and technology on values and world views. Other research interests are naturalism and religious pluralism. A further major research interest is philosophy of science in the context of religious studies. How can we best study religion? How is it possible to distinguish between sense and nonsense in religion and about religion? Monographs authored by Dr. Drees include *Religion and Science in Context: A Guide to the Debates* (Routledge, 2010), *Creation: From Nothing until Now* (Routledge, 2010), and *Religion, Science and Naturalism* (Cambridge University Press, 1996). Volumes edited by Dr. Drees include *The Study of Religion and the Training of Muslim Clergy in Europe: Academic and Religious Freedom in the 21st Century* (Leiden University Press, 2008, with P.S. van Koningsveld), *Technology, Trust, and Religion: Roles of Religions in Controversies on Ecology and the Modification of Life* (Leiden University Press, 2009), and *Is Nature Ever Evil? Religion, Science and Value* (Routledge, 2003).

Mohammed Ghaly

BIOGRAPHY

Mohammed Ghaly is a graduate of Al-Azhar University in Egypt. He is currently assistant professor of Islamic law and ethics at Leiden University, the Netherlands. He did his bachelor's degree at Al-Azhar University in Cairo and his master's and doctorate at Leiden University in the Netherlands. After publishing his book *Islam and Disability: Perspectives in Theology and Jurisprudence* (Routledge, 2009) Dr. Ghaly received the prestigious VENI award from the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) as funding for his research project Islamic Biomedical Ethics: The Interplay of Islam and the West. Initial results of the project have already appeared as articles published in various academic journals such as *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science* and *Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy* for which he was the guest editor of the thematic issue *The Ethics of Organ Transplantation* 15(2), 2012. Ghaly is a research consultant for the project Islamic Medical and Scientific Ethics. He has been invited to lecture on Islam and bioethics at several universities including Cambridge University and Oxford University in the U.K., and Oslo University in Norway.

**Speaker
Biographies**

Sherine Hamdy

BIOGRAPHY

Sherine Hamdy is an anthropologist who focuses on cross-cultural approaches to medicine, health, and authoritative knowledge about the body. Her book *Our Bodies Belong to God: Organ Transplants, Islam and the Struggle for Human Dignity in Egypt* (University of California Press, 2012) is based on two years of field research in Egypt. Professor Hamdy was a Mellon postdoctoral fellow at Brown's Cogut Center for the Humanities from 2006 to 2008 and has been a professor of anthropology at Brown University since 2008. Dr. Hamdy teaches courses in medical anthropology, science and society, Middle East ethnography, and social theory in cultural anthropology. She serves on faculty committees for Science, Technology and Society and Middle East Studies. In 2009, she was named the Kutayba Alghanim Assistant Professor of Social Science at Brown University. Her article "When the State and Your Kidneys Fail: Political etiologies in an Egyptian dialysis ward" (*American Ethnologist*, 2008) won the 2009 Rudolph Virchow Award from the national Society of Medical Anthropology (SMA). She is currently a member at the School of Social Science at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University, working on a new project about reproductive health and gender in Egypt.

Henk ten Have

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Henk ten Have studied medicine and philosophy at Leiden University in the Netherlands. He received his medical degree in 1976 from Leiden as well as his bachelor's degree in philosophy in 1983. He worked as a researcher in the pathology laboratory at Leiden (1976-1977), as a practicing physician in the Municipal Health Services of the City of Rotterdam (1978-1979), and as a professor of philosophy in the Faculties of Medicine and Health Sciences with the Transnational University of Limburg, Maastricht, the Netherlands (1982-1991). From 1991, he was a professor of medical ethics and the director of the Department of Ethics, Philosophy and History of Medicine at the Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre in the Netherlands. In September 2003, he joined UNESCO as director of the Division of Ethics of Science and Technology. Since July 2010, he has served as the director of the Center for Healthcare Ethics at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, USA. He is involved in many public debates concerning palliative care, euthanasia, drug addiction, genetics, choices in health care and resource allocation. His research has focused on ethical issues in end-of-life care. He was the coordinator of the European Commission funded project, Palliative Care Ethics. Over the last decade, he has been particularly involved in debates on global bioethics.

Saadeldin Helaly

Speaker Biographies

BIOGRAPHY

Saadeldin Mossad Helaly is professor of comparative Islamic jurisprudence and head of the Comparative Law Department at the Faculty of Shari`ah and Law at Al-Azhar University. Professor Helaly has held several distinguished appointments at a number of Egyptian and Arab universities. He is also the recipient of several prestigious awards and honors. Professor Helaly has written extensively on a wide range of legal and jurisprudential issues covering bioethics, human rights, and Islam and politics.

Muhammad Khalifa

BIOGRAPHY

Muhammad Khalifa is director of the Al-Qaradawi Center for Islamic Moderation and Renewal in Qatar's Faculty of Islamic Studies. Dr. Khalifa has also served as the director of the Oriental Studies Center and as the head of the Oriental Languages and Literature Department at Cairo University. He has taught at a number of Arab and Islamic universities and has written extensively on oriental studies, comparative religions and interfaith dialogue.

**Speaker
Biographies**

Raafat Osman

BIOGRAPHY

Raafat Osman is professor of Comparative Islamic Jurisprudence and former dean of the Faculty of Shari'ah and Law at Al-Azhar University. He is a member of the Islamic Research Council at Al-Azhar University and an active participant in the meetings of several scholarly organizations and academies. Professor Osman has written extensively on a wide range of topics that include bioethics, Islamic family law and Islamic finance.

Aasim Padela

BIOGRAPHY

Aasim Padela is an emergency medicine physician, health services researcher and bioethicist whose scholarship focuses on the intersection of minority health and bioethics through the experiences of American Muslims. He is an assistant professor of medicine in the sections of Emergency Medicine and General Internal Medicine at the University of Chicago and the director of the Initiative on Islam & Medicine at the same university. He holds degrees in biomedical engineering and classical Arabic from the University of Rochester and an M.D. from Cornell University. From 2008 to 2011, Dr. Padela was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation clinical scholar at the University of Michigan, and a visiting fellow at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies in 2010 and 2011. Dr. Padela's empirical research focuses on the influences of Islam upon American Muslim health behaviors. His normative research explores the ways in which the Islamic tradition encounters modern medicine. In this effort he brings together physicians, traditional jurisconsults, academics, and social scientists to dialogue about the intersections between Islamic ethics and law, health policy and bioethics as they relate to medicine.

Tariq Ramadan

Speaker Biographies

BIOGRAPHY

Tariq Ramadan is professor of contemporary Islamic studies at the University of Oxford. He is a visiting professor at the Faculty of Islamic Studies (Doha, Qatar), senior research fellow at Doshisha University (Kyoto, Japan) and director of the Research Centre of Islamic Legislation and Ethics (CILE), (Doha, Qatar). He holds an M.A. in philosophy and French literature and a Ph.D. in Arabic and Islamic studies from the University of Geneva. In Cairo, he received one-on-one intensive training in classical Islamic scholarship from Al-Azhar University scholars, obtaining ijazat in seven disciplines. Through his writings and lectures, Tariq has contributed to the debate on the issues of Muslims in the West and Islamic revival in the Muslim world. He is active at academic and grassroots levels, lecturing extensively throughout the world on theology, ethics, social justice, ecology and interfaith as well intercultural dialogue. He is president of the European think tank European Muslim Network (EMN) in Brussels. His latest books include *The Arab Awakening: Islam and the New Middle East* (Penguin, 2012); *The Quest for Meaning, Developing a Philosophy of Pluralism* (Penguin, 2010); *What I Believe* (Oxford University Press, 2009); and *Radical Reform, Islamic Ethics and Liberation* (Oxford University Press, 2008).

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Ayman Shabana

BIOGRAPHY

Ayman Shabana is the research leader of the Islamic Medical and Scientific Ethics Project at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar. He studied at Al-Azhar University in Cairo, where he received his undergraduate degree in Islamic studies. He also received an M.A. from Leiden University in the Netherlands and a Ph.D. from the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), both in Islamic studies. He is the author of *Custom in Islamic Law and Legal Theory, the Development of the Concepts of 'Urf and 'Adah in the Islamic Legal Tradition* (Palgrave, 2010).

**Speaker
Biographies**

Faisal Shaheen

BIOGRAPHY

Dr. Faisal A.M. Shaheen is the director general of the Saudi Center for Organ Transplantation, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and founder and director of the Jeddah Kidney Center, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. He studied medicine at the University of Mansoura, Egypt, and pursued his studies and research in nephrology at the University of Vienna, Austria, and the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, U.K. He has published extensively on nephrology, organ donation and transplantation.

Alan Weber

BIOGRAPHY

Alan S. Weber received his doctorate in Shakespeare studies in 1996 from Binghamton University, SUNY. He is an assistant professor of writing and teaches the first-year Writing Seminar in Humanities for the Pre-medical Program at Weill Cornell Medical College in Qatar (wcmc-q). Dr. Weber previously taught literature, writing, and the history of science and medicine at Cornell University, Pennsylvania State University and Elmira College. His research interests include language, history, and the social and cultural dimensions of science and medicine. He is the author and editor of publications on Shakespeare and the history of renaissance science and medicine. He compiled the widely used science anthology *19th Century Science* (2000) and *Because It's There: A Celebration of Mountaineering Literature* (2001) and is the author of specialized publications on Shakespeare, women in medicine and 17th-century medicine. He is also the Editor-in-Chief of the *Middle Eastern Journal of English Studies*.

Workshop - Islamic Medical & Scientific Ethics (IMSE) Database
Sunday, June 24th, 14:00–15:00

The workshop will feature the results of a project funded by the Qatar National Research Fund to collect, index, abstract and provide access to the writings of major Islamic scholars, thinkers and theorists. In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn how to effectively search the Islamic Medical & Scientific Ethics Database using the bioethics thesaurus, classification system, and bilingual platform. Items in the database and collection will serve as resources for research, writing, clinical practice and classroom education. Participants will learn how they can contribute original articles or books to the collection and/or information to the database. We will also discuss ways in which this project will benefit the local Qatari population and the global academic community.

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