



2nd International Media, Digital Culture and Religion Congress

CONGRESS PROGRAM

17-18 MAY 2025



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**MAY 17, 2025 – 10.30
OPENING SESSION**

Venue: Stone Bridge Hotel, Skopje*

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Prof. Dr. Lütfi Sunar, Rector
International Balkan University

Dr. Hacı Ali Açıkgül, President
Organisation of Islamic Cooperation Independent Permanent Human Rights Commission

**MAY 17, 2025 – 11.00-12.30
OPENING PANEL**

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Moderator
Assoc. Prof. Metin Eken, Erciyes University,

Prof. Noura Alrshoud, Executive Director, OIC- IPHRC
The Impact of Islamophobia on Muslim Women: from Human Rights perspective

Prof. Dr. Bejtulla Demiri, International Balkan University
Digitalisation of Religion: Media Ethics in the Age of AI

Shener Bilalli, Prof. Dr., International Balkan University
Religion and National Identity in the Digital Public Sphere of the Balkans

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MAY 17, 2025 – 13.30-17.30
INVITED SPEAKERS
(ONLINE)

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Moderator: Faruk Sadıç, Dr.

13.30-14.30 (Türkiye Local Time: 14.30-15.30)

Prof. Dr. Mohammed Kirat, American University in the Emirates
Arab Media Discourse: A Failed Dialogue Between Islam and the West

14.30-15.30 (Türkiye Local Time: 15.30-16.30)

Prof. Dr. Shukran Abdul Rahman, International Islamic University Malaysia
Leveraging Digital Media for Holistic Religious Education

15.30-16.30 (Türkiye Local Time: 16.30-17.30)

Prof. Dr. Moch Fakhruroji, The State Islamic University - UIN SGD
Combating Islamophobia in the Era of Social Media

16.30-17.30 (Türkiye Local Time: 17.30-18.30)

Prof. Dr. Jörg Matthes, University of Vienna
Stigmatized Online: Muslim Reactions to Terrorism Narratives on Social Media

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MAY 17, 2025
FACE-TO-FACE PAPER PRESENTATION SESSIONS

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SESSION 1

Moderator: Sead Dzical, Ph. D.

13.30-13.45

From Digital to Touchable Era: Boosting EFL Educators to Connect Media in Teaching Culture and Religion All at Once

Dedi Sulaeman, Dr, UIN Sunan Gunung Djati Bandung, Indonesia
Tedi Rohadi, Dr, UIN Sunan Gunung Djati Bandung, Indonesia
Muhammad Aminuddin, Ph.D, UIN Sunan Gunung Djati Bandung, Indonesia
Anugrah Imani, Ph.D., UIN Sunan Gunung Djati Bandung, Indonesia

13.45-14.00

The Impact of Social Media on Attention and Addiction of Youngsters in North Macedonia

Sead Dzical, Ph.D., International Balkan University, Skopje, North Macedonia

14.00-14.15

From Universal Intellectual to Citizen Intellectual: New Media and Intellectuals

Abdulsamet Günek, Assoc. Prof., Muş Alparslan University, Muş, Türkiye

14.15-14.30

Q&A

SESSION 2

Moderator: Hakan Aydın, Prof. Dr.

14.30-14.45

The Reception of Religion as a Factor of Humour: The 'Doğu' Series Example

Ahmet Güven, Assoc. Prof., Bandırma Onyedli Eylül University, Balıkesir, Türkiye
Yakup Toktay, Assist. Prof., Bandırma Onyedli Eylül University, Balıkesir, Türkiye

14.45-15.00

Social Media and the Transformation of Values, Privacy, and Identity among University Students

Yahya TURAN, Assoc. Prof., Bandırma Onyedli Eylül University, Balıkesir, Türkiye

15.00-15.15

The Power of Influence: Insights into Theology Students' Perceptions of Social Media Opinion Leadership

Yusuf Asım Söylemez, Res. Assist., Sakarya University, Sakarya, Türkiye

15.15-15.30

Q&A

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SESSION 3

Moderator: Hakan Aydın, Prof. Dr.

15.30-15.45

The Construction of Social Reality in the Digital Age: The Transformation of Spirituality and Religion

Beyza Dut, Ph.D. Candidate, Ege University, İzmir, Türkiye

15.45-16.00

Embedded Biases and Digital Islamophobia: The Socio-Technical Perspectives of AI Literacy

Yavuz Kanbur, Res. Assist., Erciyes University, Kayseri, Türkiye

16.00-16.15

Religious Music Practices of the Greek Orthodox Community of İzmir in the Context of Authenticity

Aslı Aydar, M.A., Dokuz Eylül University, İzmir, Türkiye

16.15-16.30

Discursive Constructions of Islamophobia: A Comparative Media Analysis from Canada and France

Mobassera Jahan Fatima, Ph.D. Candidate, Ankara University, Ankara, Türkiye

Tezcan Durna, Assoc. Prof., Ankara University, Ankara, Türkiye

16.30-16.45

Q&A

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MAY 18, 2025
ONLINE PAPER PRESENTATION SESSIONS

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OPENING PRESENTATIONS
Moderator: Metin EKEN, Assoc. Prof. Dr.

10.00-10.30
European Islamophobia Report 2023 Main Findings
Enes Bayraklı, Prof. Dr., Turkish-German University, İstanbul, Türkiye

Note: We kindly invite all online paper presenters to attend the Opening Presentations. Following these presentations, you will be directed to your respective paper presentation rooms within Zoom.

SESSION 1
Moderator: Tark Kodal, Dr.

10.30-10.45
The Ethical Implications of Digital Technology in Shaping Morality across Multi Religious Societies
Mohammad Nazmus Sayadat, Assist. Prof., International Islamic University Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

10.45-11.00
Islamic Content on Screens: Analysing Gen Z's Perceptions on Digital Media's Influence on Language and Religiosity
Rabiah Tul Adawiyah Mohamed Salleh, Assist. Prof., International Islamic University Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Sayyed Mohamed Muhsin, Assist. Prof., International Islamic University Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

11.00-11.15
Navigating Religious Sensitivities in Speech: Insights From Malaysian Youth on Hate Speech
Farah Mursyieda Mohammad Fuad, Ph.D. Candidate, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Malaysia
Sh Fatimah Alzahrah Binti Syed Hussien, Senior Lecturer, International Islamic University Malaysia, Malaysia
Murni Wan Mohd Nor, Senior Lecturer, Universiti Putra Malaysia, Malaysia

11.15-11.30
From Campus to Community: How AHAS KIRKHS, IIUM Cultivates Religious Solidarity and Cultural Identity
Mohammad Mohiuddin, Assist. Prof., International Islamic University Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

11.30-12.00
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SESSION 2

Moderator: Onur Önürmen, Assoc. Prof.

10.30-10.45

Eco-Theology and Papal Encyclicals on Climate Change: Exploring Stewardship and Advocacy Through Social Media Platforms

Peter Iorper Ugondo, Senior Lecturer, Taraba State University, Jalingo, Nigeria

Vitalis Torwel, Professor, Benue State University, Makurdi, Nigeria

Blessing Iorper Ugondo, Graduate Student, Taraba State University, Jalingo, Nigeria

10.45-11.00

Digital Communication of Communities of Consecrated Life in Croatia: The Case of Official Websites

Suzana Peran, Assist. Prof., Ph.D., Catholic University of Croatia, Zagreb, Croatia

Hana Kilijan, Ph.D. Student, Catholic University of Croatia, Zagreb, Croatia

11.00-11.15

Religion and Perception of Offense in Internet Advertising: An Analysis of Islamic, Christian and Animist Religious

Stover Ezequias, Ph.D. Candidate, University Institute of Lisbon, Portugal

11.15-11.30

Q&A

SESSION 3

Moderator: Müşerref Yardım, Prof. Dr.

10.30-10.45

Digital Islamophobic Projections of Far-Right Hashtags

Müşerref Yardım, Prof. Dr., Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya, Türkiye

10.45-11.00

Regional Approaches to Digital Islamophobia: A Comparative View of CAIR, ENAR and AAI

F. Betül Aydın Varol, Assoc. Prof., Selçuk University, Konya, Türkiye

11.00-11.15

Palestinian Boycott on Social Media: Experiences of Palestinian Migrant Youth and the Role of Digital Activism

Halime Aydın, Master's Student, Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya, Türkiye

Ali Erkam Yazar, Assoc. Prof., Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya, Türkiye

11.15-11.30

Trace of the Boycott: A Content Analysis Beyond the News

Ebru Karaca, Master's Student, Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya, Türkiye (Online)

Ali Erkam Yazar, Assoc. Prof., Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya, Türkiye

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SESSION 4

Moderator: Mustafa Macit, Prof. Dr.

10.30-10.45

Digitalization and Religion in the Oscillation Between Building the Sacred “Mishkan” and Sinning the “Het Haegel”: The Theo-logistic of Digital Media in the Case of Jeffrey Shaw’s “Golden Calf”

Mustafa Macit, Prof. Dr., Atatürk University, Erzurum, Türkiye

10.45-11.00

Algorithmic Faith: The Intersection of Digitalization and Religious Practices

İsmail Kaplan, Assist. Prof., Anadolu University, Eskişehir, Türkiye

11.00-11.15

Academic Orientations in Media and Religion Studies: A Comparative Analysis

Feyza Çevik, Res. Assist., Erciyes University, Kayseri, Türkiye

11.15-11.30

The Use of Social Media by Ulama in Somalia: Opportunities and Challenges

Abdikadir M. Hassan, Master’s Student, Erciyes University, Kayseri, Türkiye

11.30-12.00

Q&A

SESSION 5

Moderator: İhsan Çapcıoğlu, Prof. Dr.

10.30-10.45

Postmodern Consumer Culture and the Search for Sanctity: An Evaluation on Spiritual Healers

Merve Bahadır, Dr., Independent Researcher, Türkiye

İhsan Çapcıoğlu, Prof. Dr., Ankara University, Ankara, Türkiye

10.45-11.00

Religion on Global Screens: Representation of Religious Identities in Netflix Series

Mevlüt Uğurlu, Dr., Nevşehir Hacı Bektaş Veli University, Nevşehir, Türkiye

11.00-11.15

Representations of Piety in Contemporary Turkish TV Series: A Typological Approach

Mesut Bostan, Assist. Prof., Marmara University, İstanbul, Türkiye

İrem Çakır, Undergraduate Student, Maltepe University, İstanbul, Türkiye

11.15-11.30

Pluralism on Screen and Cultural Conflict: Representations of Religious and Ethnic Identities in Serial (Bad) Weddings

Muhammed Mücahid Dalkılıç, Assist. Prof., Kilis 7 Aralık University, Kilis, Türkiye

11.30-12.00

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SESSION 6

Moderator: Selin Türkel, Prof. Dr.

10.30-10.45

Context, Ideology, and Background: An Interpretative Approach to Understanding Society's Environmental CSR Expectations

Selin Türkel, Prof. Dr., Izmir University of Economics, Izmir, Türkiye
İrem Taştan, Ph.D. Student, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland

10.45-11.00

An Image Reflected on the Map of Science: Religion in the Artificial Intelligence Predicament

Fikriye Çelik, Assoc. Prof., Sivas Cumhuriyet Üniversitesi, Sivas, Türkiye

11.00-11.15

Coherence of Religious Discourse in Artificial Intelligence: The Shaping of Digital Discourse in Cultural Context and Social Media

Mustafa Böyük, Lecturer, Dr., Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University, Ankara, Türkiye

11.15-11.30

Stance Against Brand Power: A Qualitative Study on Housewives' Brand Loyalty and Participation in Consumer Boycotts

Beyza Nur Efe, Master's Student, Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya, Türkiye
Ali Erkam Yazar, Assoc. Prof., Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya, Türkiye

11.30-12.00

Q&A

SESSION 7

Moderator: Mustafa Derviş Dereli, Assoc. Prof.,

10.30-10.45

Digitalization, Popular Culture, and Religion: Reconfigurations of the Sacred in the Digital Public Sphere

Mustafa Derviş Dereli, Assoc. Prof., Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya, Türkiye
Numan Karabudak, Master's Student, Marmara University, Istanbul, Türkiye

10.45-11.00

Religious Narratives Between Television and Social Media: A Study on the Digital Reinterpretation of Religion in Turkish Popular Culture

İrem Ercan, MBA Student, Galatasaray University, Istanbul, Türkiye

11.00-11.15

Two Faces of Fandom: Comparison of Kpop and Football Fandom

Gamze Yalçın, Res. Assist., Üsküdar University, Istanbul, Türkiye

11.15-11.30

Digital Religiosity and Freedom of Expression: The Right to Religious Expression on Social Media within the Context of the Turkish Constitution

Abdullah Elmas, Dr. Siirt University, Siirt, Türkiye

11.30-11.45

The Impacts of Artificial Intelligence on Online Freedom of Religion and Belief

Abdullah Elmas, Dr. Siirt University, Siirt, Türkiye



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