

Call for Papers

ISIC 2023

Islamic Civilisation and Water

Existence and prosperity of the mankind depend on water, the access to which is essential to any sustainable civilisation. Islamic civilisation is no exception. Comprising an expansive geography approximately equal to a third of Asian and two thirds of African continents, Islamic world covers a wide range of bodies of water, including Atlantic, Pacific, and Indian Oceans. The great rivers, such as the Nile, Tigris, and Euphrates, irrigate a vast area of arable lands and sustain urban populations, facilitating the development of complex social, religious, and political systems characterising Islamic civilisation. Trade or travel by water, with its relatively low cost, not only prompts economic prosperity but also strengthens the trans-regional and inter-continental connections between various Muslim societies throughout Islamic history. Today, airlines and railways complement instead of replacing maritime transportation, as sea shipment is indispensable to the global economy, whereas travel via sea routes is undertaken by tourists as well as refugees.

ISIC 2023, co-organised by Department of Arabic Language and Culture, National Chengchi University (R.O.C), School of Liberal Studies, Institute of Islam Hadhari, and Faculty of Islamic Studies, UKM (Malaysia), invites researchers from all disciplines to explore the theme of its forthcoming conference, 'Islamic Civilisation and Water'. We welcome articles addressing one of the following topics:

- *River, sea and ocean in Islamic scriptures, law, doctrines, etc.
- *The connections of Islamic societies through river, sea and ocean
- *Water and Islamic architecture and art
- *The urban life on the river banks or coastal regions of Islamic world
- *The oversea trade or travel in Islamic world
- *The strategic importance of inland and sea ports in the pre-modern and modern Islamic world
- *Water in the literature of Islamic world
- *Any topic relevant to relationships between Muslim societies and water

ISIC 2023 is planned to be held online, on **17-18 March 2023**. Under- and post-graduate students are highly encouraged to submit their works-in-progress.

For your paper to be considered, please send a **300-word English abstract** along with your details using the form available via the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzisNNbMwFJZCW-KlzLvNxgANPGjtN-L9f07AjuFzBdH1TPQ/viewform?usp=pp_url

The deadline for paper and panel submissions is **20 Feb 2023**.

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