



4<sup>th</sup> International Conference  
on  
**Protection of Human Life in Shariah and Law**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The creation of humankind is one of the greatest signs of Allah Almighty, which is why *Shari'ah* counts human life very precious and has commanded for its protection and safety in the Holy *Qur'ān* and the *Sunnah* of the Prophet (Peace be upon him).

*Qur'ān* says in this regard:

*“Do not kill a person, whom Allah has given sanctity, except rightfully” (Al- An‘ām: 151).*

*“Do not kill your children for fear of poverty. We provide sustenance to them and to you, too. Killing them is a great sin indeed. (Al- Isrāh: 31).*

*“Whoever kills a believer deliberately, his reward is Jahannam (Hell) where he shall remain forever, and Allah shall be angry with him and shall cast a curse upon him, and He has prepared for him a mighty punishment”. (Al- Nisā: 93).*

Allah has granted life to a person as trust and will question him about it on the day of the judgment. Thus, a person cannot harm himself considering his body as his property nor can he inflict any aggression on the person of another. This is the reason that suicide and mutilation of a human body or any of its organs are prohibited in Islam, except under *Maslahah*. Even passive aggression towards oneself is considered against the injunctions of *Shari'ah*, which includes avoiding required medication, ignoring personal hygiene, sticking to evil habits, instigating fights among the masses, and taking intoxicants.

*Shari'ah* has not confined itself to mere preaching of these highly valued ethics; rather, it has prescribed penalties in certain cases for their infringers, especially where such values are prescribed by way of commands. *Qur'ān* says:

*“There is life for you in Qisās (retaliation), O people of wisdom, so that you may refrain (from killing)” (Al-Baqarah: 179).*

To highlight the importance of human life and the ways of its protection under *Shari'ah* and contemporary laws, and for the dissemination of such research, Faculty of Shari'ah & Law, International Islamic University Islamabad, in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and International Islamic Fiqh Academy Jeddah, is going to organize the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Protection of Human Life in *Shari'ah* and Law.

## 2. OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

- (a) Exhibition of the true concept of right to life and its protection along with its application in *Shari'ah*.
- (b) Presentation of various issues pertaining to the protection of human life and practical solutions to it in light of *Shari'ah* and contemporary laws.

- (c) Promotion of an individual and collective culture for the protection of human life by creating awareness among the masses and other stakeholders.

### **3. THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE**

The research paper should be in one of the following themes of the Conference.

#### **3.1 Protection of Human Life in Light of the *Qur'ān* & the *Sunnah***

- (i) Dignity of human life as a major objective of *Shari'ah*
- (ii) Marriage for the continuation of human legacy
- (iii) Prohibition of murder and aggression against human life in Islam and other divine religions
- (iv) Prohibition of the indirect act of murder (through rumors, legal opinion, false witnessing, etc.)
- (v) Protection of human life in contemporary fiqh literature
- (vi) *Shari'ah* penalties for a murderer
- (vii) Islamic criminal law for retaliation
- (viii) Blood money, its legacy, and its importance in the modern world
- (ix) Euthanasia (mercy killing)
- (x) Blind murder and responsibility of *'āqilah* (blood relatives)
- (xi) Passive murder (avoiding timely help, refraining from human help, etc.)
- (xii) Protection of non-Muslims in an Islamic state
- (xiii) Human shield and protection of human life
- (xiv) Human trafficking and its dangers

#### **3.2 Protection of Human Life in the Contemporary Laws**

- (i) Concept of right in municipal laws
- (ii) Perspectives of the United Nations and other regional organizations on crimes against humanity
- (iii) Protection of human life and humanitarian law
- (iv) Self-defense under municipal/domestic and regional laws

- (v) Status of capital punishment under various contemporary laws
- (vi) Role of World Health Organization
- (vii) Right to life, environmental pollution and climate change
- (viii) Right to life and criminal justice
- (ix) Right to life, lynching and mob justice
- (x) Right to life and counter-terrorism measures
- (xi) Right to life, suicidal and drone attacks
- (xii) Right to life, poverty and suicide
- (xiii) Right to life, freedom of expression and extra-judicial killing
- (xiv) Protection of life and national human rights institutions

### 3.3 **Protection of Life in Social Science and Humanities**

- (i) Public awareness and its impact on the protection of human life
- (ii) Sustainable development and its impact on the protection of human life
- (iii) Group insurance for the protection of human life
- (iv) Social evils (revenge, etc.)
- (v) Facing natural calamities (earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis, floods, and environmental change)

### 3.4 **Protection of Life: The Interplay between Law and Medical Sciences**

- (i) Health insurance
- (ii) Medical negligence
- (iii) Preventing somebody from medication (perspectives from *Shari'ah* and Law)
- (iv) Vaccination and immunization in *Shari'ah* and law
- (v) Pandemics

### 3.5 **Right to Life of the Child in *Shari'ah* and Law**

- (i) Rights of the special child in *Shari'ah* and law

- (ii) Protection of unborn child in *Shari'ah* and Law with the crosscutting impact of International Human Rights Law
- (iii) Juvenile justice system
- (iv) Right to life, and child marriage
- (v) Right to life, and the child labour
- (vi) Right to life and violence against children (sexual abuse and exploitation)
- (vii) Right to Life, the best interest of the child and violent discipline
- (viii) Right to life and trafficking of children
- (ix) Right to life, United Nations and national independent human rights institutions
- (x) Judicial approaches to the child's right to life
- (xi) The role of religious leaders and faith-based organizations in promoting the rights of children

#### **4. GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF RESEARCH PAPERS**

- (i) The research paper should adopt proper methodology.
- (ii) The language of the research paper should be well considered.
- (iii) The research should be original and should not have been published or presented elsewhere in any manner prior to this Conference.
- (iv) The foreign terms must be italicised.
- (v) The research paper should be between 4000 to 10000 words including the footnotes, tables and figures.
- (vi) The research paper should clearly indicate the heading levels.
- (vii) The references should be numbered consecutively in the footnotes whose accuracy is the responsibility of the contributor. All citations should follow the Chicago Manual of Style (16<sup>th</sup> Edn.).
- (viii) The contributors may include tables and figures in their submissions with a condition that the tables are straightforward and comprehensible and the figures are submitted as separate files.
- (ix) The researcher shall provide the following:
  - (a) Abstract (softcopy) of not more than 300 words

- (b) Title page with the following details:
  - Title of the research paper
  - Name and email address of the researcher
  - Current affiliation and designation of the contributor
- (c) Brief CV (curriculum vitae) of not more than one page
- (d) Softcopy of the paper if the abstract is approved
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## **5. GENERAL RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS**

- 5.1 The submissions are subject to the rigorous review and evaluation by the Academic Committee of the Conference for the approval.
- 5.2 The Academic Committee may require a contributor to make amendments to the submission before its final approval.
- 5.3 The Academic Committee may reject the submissions without any obligation to provide justification for non-approval.
- 5.4 The selected papers will be approved for presenting in the Conference.

## **6. PARTICIPANTS:**

Researchers, religious scholars, legal research scholars, and research students of higher education from Pakistan and abroad.

## **7. CONFERENCE VENUE**

Quaid-e-Azam Auditorium, Faisal Masjid Campus, International Islamic University Islamabad, Pakistan.

## **8. IMPORTANT DATES**

Last date for submission of abstracts	10 September 2023
Abstracts' acceptance intimation date	15 September 2023
Last date for submission of complete papers	15 October 2023
Dates of the Conference	23-24 November 2023

**9. REGISTRATION FEE**

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**10. CONFERENCE LANGUAGES**

Arabic, Urdu and English

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