

SYNOPSIS

1st day

COLLOQUIUM: INTERACTIVE LECTURES:

1. "Introduction to the Worldview of Islam,"
by Dr. Syamsuddin Arif.

This lecture expounds on some of the salient elements of the Worldview of Islam as elaborated by Professor Dr. Syed Muhammad Naqib al-Attas in his important book *Prolegomena to the Metaphysics of Islam & Islam and Secularism*.

2. "Islamic Epistemology and Axiology,"
by Dr. Syamsuddin Arif.

This lecture elaborates on the concepts of "knowledge" and "value" in Islam and how they are applied in the Islamic Gift Economy, with special reference to the classical concept of "*tadbir al-manzil*" = "household management."

3. "Analysing the Current Financial System,"
by Syed Hoque.

This presentation explores the intellectual and socio-historical roots of the currently mainstream fiat money system in relation to the ongoing financial meltdown and the steady decline of the hegemonic US Dollar, within the conceptual and evaluative framework of the Islamic conception of money and its proper role in the creation of legitimate wealth and prosperity for the common good.

4. “Rethinking Banking:
Credit System versus Debt-Free System
with special case study of
Dinar-Dirham versus Fiat Money Economy,”

by Syed Hoque.

This paper explores the viability of debt-free financing by using real money such as dinars and dirhams and other forms of alternative money with clearly definable intrinsic value.

2nd Day

COLLOQUIUM: INTERACTIVE LECTURES:

6. “The Islamic Gift Economy:
An Introduction,”

by Dr. Adi Setia.

This presentation introduces the audience to an Islamic macroeconomic vision in which economics is defined as the provisioning of natural and cultural abundance for ensuring the well-being of the common good, with special reference to the market-welfare economics of *waqf*.

7. “*Waqf*: Concept & Practice of Market-Welfare Community Investment,”

by Dr. Magda.

This paper outlines the history of *waqfs* or the institution of charitable endowments in Islam, and how this august institution can be revived in today’s world as a decentralised, grass-root market-welfare system of community investment.

8. "The Economics of Sustainable Living,"
by Dr. Adi Setia.

In this presentation the speaker outlines how current economics as taught in the modern academia and practiced in the socio-natural world is in the final analysis a kind of macroeconomic ponzi scheme in which the prosperity of the present generation are bought by selling off the capital of future yet unborn generations, and in which the social and natural commons are enclosed for serving the interests of a small circle of well connected political economic elite, and he then goes on to elaborate that an economics of sustainability is one in which the private interests of the market is systematically and thoroughly embedded and integrated into the public, common interests of the community.