

**Call for Papers:**

**The Madrasah and the Modern Academy:**

**Convergences, Departures and Possibilities for Collaboration**

The Markfield Institute of Higher Education (MIHE) and the University of Johannesburg (UJ) are hosting a two-day online conference on teaching Islam in the Madrasah and the Modern Academy.

**Conference Date:** December 14-15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Abstract Deadline:** September 1st, 2021

**Keynote Speaker:** Professor Abdulkader Tayob, University of Cape Town

**Description:**

In contemporary times, there has been an increased interest in the study of Islam. Two sites of investigation centre around the study and teaching of Islam in traditional seminaries (Madrasah) and the focus on Islam in Universities and institutes of Higher Education (Modern Academies). The relationship between these two spheres has occasionally been characterised by a mutual mistrust. However, due to an increasing number of Madrasah graduates entering the academy, as well as more critical developments within Islamic studies, discourses have emerged allowing a more nuanced dialogue between the differing modes of education. **The Madrasah and the Modern Academy** seeks to explore the convergences, points of departure, and possibilities for collaboration in the teaching of Islam. Further, the conference seeks to explore the curriculums, pedagogies, and purposes of the respected approaches employed within the Madrasah and University setting.

This Call for Papers invites proposals for papers that engage with questions surrounding the teaching of Islam in either/both the Madrasah and the University setting. The main themes that will be explored within the conference are:

- Pedagogical approaches utilized in Madrasah teaching;
- Pedagogical approaches utilized in the University setting;
- Navigating faith and criticality in the study/teaching of Islam;
- Contemporary Curriculum Developments in the Madrassa;
- Trajectories of Islamic Studies in the Academy;
- The Future of 'Islamic Education'
- Meanings of Collaboration between the Madrasah and the University.

For consideration of your proposal, please submit a 300-word abstract to [conf21@mihe.ac.uk](mailto:conf21@mihe.ac.uk), along with your full name and affiliation by September the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

Please note that selected presentations may be asked to contribute to a special issue/edited volume.

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