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A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Dr. Abdul Azim Islahi, born on 20.4.1950, has studied Arabic and Shariah Sciences at Madrasah-Al-Islah, a noted seat of learning in India. He graduated from University of Lucknow and received M.A. (Economics) and Ph.D. from Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. His Ph.D. thesis is on "Economic Views of Ibn Taimiyah".

Dr. Islahi started his teaching career at King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, in 1977 where he taught Economics with Islamic perspective to the students of Engineering. He was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1982 and worked on the same position till 1988. In 1989 he joined Department of Economics, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, as Associate Professor where he taught History of Islamic Economic Thought at the post-graduate level. He has also guided there Ph. D. researches on Islamic economics, banking and finance. Presently he is working at the Centre for Research in Islamic Economics, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. He knows five languages, Arabic, English, Hindi, Persian and Urdu.

B. RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC WORKS

Dr. Islahi has been engaged in research and teaching of the History of Islamic Economic Thought and is considered as an authority on the subject. Following is a brief account of his major works in this area:

1. His most outstanding work is "*Economic Concepts of Ibn Taimiyah*" (Islamic Foundation, UK, 1988, republished in 1996). The work attracted appreciation by reviewers and citations from the scholars.
2. The Center for Research in Islamic Economics published his three works, *Economic Thought of Ibn al Qayyim* (1984), *History of Islamic Economic Thought: A Bibliography* (1997) and *Economic Thought of Al-Ghazali* (1998, in coauthorship of Dr. S.M.Ghazanfar). All are refereed works. Earlier he authored *History of Economic Thought in Islam: A Subjectwise Survey* (1996) published by Aligarh Muslim University.
3. In 1999, Dr. Islahi published a valuable work in Urdu, *Share Bazar mein Sarmayahkari: Maujudah Tariqa-i-kar aur Islami Nuqta-i-Nazar* (Investment in the Share Market From the Islamic Point of View), which is the only work of its nature in this widely read and spoken language on the sub-continent.
4. He has also presented a collection of Ibn Taimiyah's Economic Texts, *Al-Nusus Al-Iqtisadiyyah Al-Mukhtarah Min Kalam Shaikh Al-Islam Ibn Taimiyah* (2001).
5. His many research papers and articles have appeared in professional and refereed international journals such as *History of Political Economy* (North Carolina, USA), *History of Economic Ideas* (Pisa, Itali), *Journal of Research in Islamic Economics* (Jeddah), *Journal of Islamic Economics* (Malaysia), etc.

C. DEVELOPMENT OF THE STUDY COURSE

6. Dr Islahi has developed and introduced a course of study on History of Islamic Economic Thought at the postgraduate level in the Department of Economics, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh. He has also developed a diploma course on Islamic Banking and Finance, for introduction at AMU, Aligarh which is under consideration.
7. In 1992 he organized a Workshop on Islamic Economics at Aligarh Muslim University and the next year in 1993, the First all India Conference on “Relevance of Islamic Economics in the Indian Context” at Bangalore, the capital of Karnataka state of India. In October 1999, he organized national level seminar on “Islamic Economics: Issues and Challenges” at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

F. MEMBERSHIP OF ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

8. Dr. Islahi is Life Member of various academic and professional associations such as:
 - International Association for Islamic Economics, UK,
 - Academic Committee Islamic Economics Research Center, KAU.
 - Academic Committee Islamic Research and Training Institute, IDB, Jeddah.
 - Indian Economic Association,
 - Iqra Educational Foundation, Aligarh.
 - Institute of Objective Studies, New Delhi
 - Member of the Editorial Board of *JKAU – Islamic Economics*
 - “ “ Editorial Board *Majallah Ulum al-Quran*, Aligarh
 - “ “ *Hamdard Islamicus*, Karachi

G. SUPERVISION AND EXAMINATION OF RESEARCH WORKS

Dr. Islahi has also supervised and evaluated as well as conducted viva voce examinations on research dissertations. For Example:

1. Supervised Ph. D. thesis on “Development of Islamic Banking and Finance in South East Asia – A Case Study of Malaysia” (2001) by Cahtchawan At the Dept. of Economics, Aligarh Muslim University.
2. Supervised Ph. D. Thesis on “Public Finance In Early Islamic Thought” (2000), by Sabahuddin Azmi, AMU, Aligarh
3. Supervised M. Phil. Dissertation on “Abu Yusuf’s Contribution to the Theory of Public Finance” (1998) by Sabahuddin Azami, Department of Economics, AMU, Aligarh
4. Evaluated Ph. D. thesis (2000) on “Development of Interest Free Banking” by Khiyar Abdalla Khiyar and conducted his Viva Voce examination at Dr. B.S. Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad.