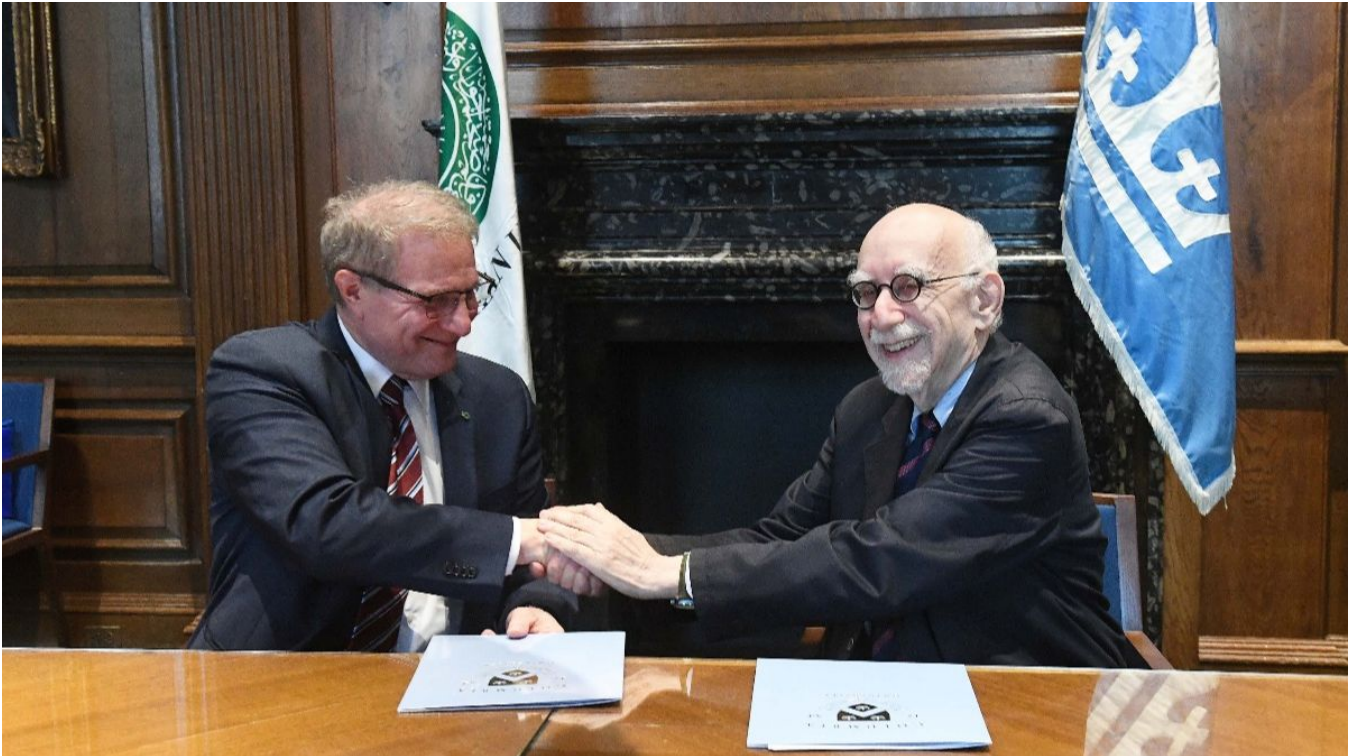




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Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations

Alumni News

May 2020



AKU-ISMC and Columbia University sign an agreement to launch a dual Masters Degree

This unique degree gives students the opportunity to study a topic of global significance at two of the world's leading universities. "This is an excellent opportunity for students to experience two world-class programmes which complement and add value to each other in many ways," AKU-ISMC Dean, Professor Leif Stenberg. [More >](#)

Alumni Spotlight - Yaser Mirdamadi '10



Yaser Mirdamadi joined ISMC in 2008 and the experience profoundly impacted his thinking and approach. The two-year MA encouraged him to think deeply about the complexity of religious and cultural diversity, a journey that led him recently completing his PhD at Edinburgh University. [More >](#)

ISMC faculty awarded £280k for research work in Gilgit



In March, Dr Jeff Tan and Professor Steven Lyon visited Gilgit, Pakistan to run a research training and capacity building workshop.

Dr Tan will lead a research project focussed on the Aga Khan Agency for Habitat's (AKAH) Water and Sanitation Extension Programme (WASEP) in Gilgit-Baltistan, Pakistan. [More >](#)

Professor Jonas Otterbeck speaks in Vancouver



Professor Jonas Otterbeck delivered a session AKU's generous supporters, alumni, former staff and volunteers in early March. The programme, which shared insight into AKU's research with the invited audience, saw Professor Otterbeck speak about Creativity in Islam as well as participating in a panel discussion about the importance of well-being.

Summer Programme - Gender in Muslim Contexts



Alumni are invited to apply for a groundbreaking online new summer programme.

This programme will enable you to develop your knowledge of how gender identities and relations play a central role in shaping the social and cultural dynamics of Muslim contexts. [More >](#)

[Alumni help share news about the MA programme](#)



We are so grateful to alumni for sharing information about our MA in Muslim Cultures. We know that learning about our MA programme from alumni is one of the most important elements of the decision-making process for prospective students. Please keep sharing your stories and your experiences as you continue to progress through your careers and studies.

AKU-ISMC's response to the COVID-19 pandemic



In response to the of COVID-19 pandemic, AKU-ISMC is delivering its courses via remote learning. We have postponed some of our events and many are now being delivered online. Click [here](#) to read more from Dean Leif Stenberg.

Update from Alumni Affairs

These are difficult times for all of us and now, more than ever, it is important to stay in touch and reach out to your fellow alumni. Join us on our alumni social media channels, [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to keep up-to-date with campus news, events in your area and the latest about your fellow alumni and former classmates.

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