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### **EDUCATION:**

**Postgraduate Diploma in Integrated Knowledge (Islamization of knowledge) – 2<sup>nd</sup> level**  
International Islamic University Malaysia

#### **Ph.D., History and Civilisation,**

International Islamic University Malaysia, October 2014

Thesis: *Pan-Islamism in Russia 1905-1930: An Analysis of Its Origins, Features and Impact*

Supervisor: Prof. Abdullahil Ahsan

#### **M.A., History and Civilisation,**

International Islamic University Malaysia, November, 2007

Thesis: *Ideas of Muslim Unity at the Age of Nationalism: A Comparative Study of the Concept of the Ummah in the Writings of Musa Jārullāh and Said Nursi*

Supervisor: Prof. Abdullahil Ahsan

#### **Postgraduate Diploma, Oriental Literature,**

Kazan State University, September, 1997

Qualification: Lecturer on Oriental Literature

#### **B.A., Fiqh and Usul al-Fiqh,**

International Islamic University Malaysia, 2002

**B.A., Tatar Language, Literature and History,**  
Kazan State University, June, 1994,  
Obtained: First Class Diploma  
Specialization: High-School Teacher

**Teaching Experience:**

**Head of Research**

Faculty of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences  
August 2017- present

**Head of Department**

Department of History and Civilization, IIUM  
January 2017 – August 2017

**Lecturer: Department of History and Civilisation**

Faculty of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences,  
International Islamic University Malaysia,  
Full-time since February 2015- present  
Part-time since Sept. 2013 – January 2015

Teaching the Undergraduate subjects of Introduction to History and Civilization (1<sup>st</sup> year);  
Osmanli History (3<sup>rd</sup> year); History of Russia and Muslim Eurasia (3<sup>rd</sup> year), Modern History of  
the Arab World (4<sup>th</sup> year), and Islamic Civilization (4<sup>th</sup> year); and the subject of Islam in the  
Modern World at Postgraduate level.

**Lecturer: Tatar and Oriental Literature**

Kazan State University, Russia, 1996-1997

Taught 16 hours per week, three different courses on history of Tatar and Persian literature, 25-30  
students in each class. Delivered lectures, graded papers and supervised the annual research papers  
of 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> year students.

**Teacher: Tatar Literature**

Academic College at Kazan State University, Russia, 1996-1997

Taught pre-university courses on classical literature for 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade students. For two years,  
served as a curator of the class.

**Research Experience:**

**Full-time Research Fellow,**

International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS) Malaysia, 2013 – 2015

Write and edit books, monographs, book chapters and academic articles on Islamic political thought, Islamic history, civilisational studies, current issues and gender problems.

**Part-time research assistant,**

Institute on Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS), Malaysia, 2008 June/ 2009/January

Prepared and delivered a public talk at the IAIS entitled *Islam in Russia*, and developed it into a monograph under the same title. Published an article entitled *Defining Civilisation and Religion*.

**Part-time research assistant,**

Al-Zaytouna Centre for Studies and Consultation, Beirut, Lebanon, 2005-2007

Compelled and analyzed the news appeared in Russian Media and recent research works published inside Russia on the Palestinian issue. Translated and published a book entitled *The Issue of Palestine* written by Mohsen Salleh into Tatar language.

**Analyst:**

**Freelance Writer Experience,**

Islamonline.net, onislam.net, islamawareness.net, *Milenia Muslim* (Malaysia), *Yeni Asya* (Turkey), 2007 - present

Wrote various articles on history of Islam and status of Muslims in Russia and Central Asia, human rights issues in Russia and many other topics related to Islam and Muslims.

**SCHOLARLY PROGRAMS ATTENDED:**

**Islamic Conference (OIC) YOUTH FORUM for Dialogue and Cooperation:** Cairo, Egypt. May-June, 2008.

**Summer School MUSLIMS IN THE WEST:** University of Erfurt, Germany. 15-29 July, 2007.

**VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAM:** “Musa Jarullah: Career, Scholarship and Impact.” Centre for Islamic Studies (ISAM), Istanbul, Turkey. 15 November- 15 December, 2005.

**RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARD:**

1. **Textbook Project** funded by IIIT. Title: “History of Russia and Muslim Eurasia in a Broader Context.” Duration, July 2017- July 2019 – in progress.
2. **“History and Civilization from an Islamic Worldview.”** Funded by Idrak Public Union, Azerbaijan. – in progress.

3. **A Framework of Good Governance in Regulating Religious Extremism to Improve National Security in Malaysia** (FRGS: Funded by the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia) – August 2017-August 2019.
4. **“Informal Islamic Education in Post Soviet Russia.”** Funded by University of Sarajevo, Bosnia. – in progress.
5. **Joint Project: International Grant** under the title: “Islam and Politics: The Illusion of an Islamic State.” Funded by Institute for Islamic Studies, University of Vienna, Austria. 2016-2017- completed
6. **Joint Project: International Grant** under the title: “Managing Muslim-Minorities in an Increasingly National Security -Dominated Environment: The Case of the Case of the Relationship Between Russian State, Islam to Russian and Muslim Russians.” Funded by King Faisal Centre for Research and Islamic Studies. 2017- completed
7. **Research Initiative Grant Scheme (RIGS).** Title: “The Role of Islam and Nationalism in Constitutional Reforms in the Cases of Malaysia and Turkey.” MOHE, 2016-2017 – in progress.
8. **Rector’s Fellowship Grant.** Title of Research: “Ideas of Muslim Unity at the Age of Nationalism: A Comparative Study of the Concept of the *Ummah* in the writings of Musa Jārullāh and Said Nursi.” Duration: July 2006-June 2007. International Islamic University, Malaysia. - completed

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### **1. Books and Monographs:**

Mohammad Hashim Kamali, Karim Crow and **Elmira Akhmetova** (eds.). (2017). **Islam and Diplomacy: The Quest for Human Security.** Malaysia: Pelanduk Publications. (296 pages).

Akhmetova, Elmira. (2013). **Islam in Russia: Historical Facts and Modern Developments.** Malaysia: IAIS Publications. (83+vi pages).

Akhmetova, Elmira. (2009). **Ideas of Muslim Unity at the Age of Nationalism: A Comparative Study of the Concept of the *Ummah* in the Writings of Musa Jārullāh and Said Nursi** (developed from M.A. thesis). Germany: Lap Lambert Academic Publishing. (152 pages+ 9 pages).

## **Translation into Tatar from Arabic:**

Akhmetova, Elmira (transl.) (2005). **Palestina Mas'alase [The Issue of Palestine]**. Kazan, Russia: Politagrafiya Nashriyat Kombinaty.

## **2. Book Chapters:**

Akhmetova, Elmira. (2017). **Nation State and Nationalism in the Thought of Said Nursi**. In Ian Markham and Zeyneb Sayilgan (eds.), *The Companion to Said Nursi Studies*. USA: Wipf and Stock Publishers.

Akhmetova, Elmira. (2017). **Diplomacy in Islam: An Historical Review**. In Mohammad Hashim Kamali, Karim Crow and **Elmira Akhmetova** (eds.), *Islam and Diplomacy: The Quest for Human Security*. Malaysia: Pelanduk Publications. (pp. 60-76).

Akhmetova, Elmira. (2016). Genetically Modified Food and the Well-being of Humanity: An Islamic Perspective. In Mohammad Hashim Kamali, Osman Bakar and Daud Batchelor (eds.), *Islamic Perspectives on Science and Technology*. Singapore: Springer.

Akhmetova, Elmira. (2016). **Russia**. In Oliver Scharbrodt & others (ed.), *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe 2015, vol. 8*. Leiden: Brill. NV.

Akhmetova, Elmira. (2015). **Russia**. In Oliver Scharbrodt & others (ed.), *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe 2015, vol. 7*. Leiden: Brill. NV.

Akhmetova, Elmira. (2014). **Russia**. In Jorgen Nielsen & others (ed.), *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe 2014, vol.6*. Leiden: Brill. NV.

Akhmetova, Elmira. (2013). **Russia**. In Jorgen Nielsen & others (ed.), *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe 2013, vol.5*, (pp. 547-569). Leiden: Brill. NV.

Akhmetova, Elmira. (2012). **Russia**. In Jorgen Nielsen & others (ed.), *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe 2012, vol.4*, (pp. 495-517). Leiden: Brill. NV.

Akhmetova, Elmira. (2011). **Russia**. In Jorgen Nielsen & others (ed.), *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe 2011, vol.3*. Leiden: Brill. NV.

Akhmetova, Elmira. (2010). **Russia**. In Jorgen Nielsen & others (ed.), *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe 2010, vol 2*, (pp. 435-457). Leiden: Brill. NV.

### **3. Encyclopedia articles:**

Akhmetova, Elmira. (2014). "**Russia.**" *The [Oxford] Encyclopedia of Islam and Politics*. USA: Oxford University Press.

### **4. Academic Articles:**

Akhmetova, Elmira. (2016, October). **Women in Islamic civilisation: their rights and contributions.** *Islam and Civilisational Renewal*, vol. 7, no. 4, pp. 474-491.

Akhmetova, Elmira. (2015, January). **Women's Rights: The Qur'anic Ideals and Contemporary Issues.** *Islamic Civilisational Renewal*, vol.6, no. 1, pp. 58-75.

Akhmetova, Elmira. (2015). **Rusia, pasado, presente Y futuro.** *Vanguardia Dossier* (56). , pp. 88-93. ISSN 1579-3370.

Akhmetova, Elmira. (2014, July). **The Arab Spring, Democracy and Citizens' Rights.** *Islamic Civilisational Renewal*, vol.5, no.2, pp. 334-350.

Akhmetova, Elmira. (2013, October). **The Impact of Nationalism on Civilisational Development and Human Security: Works of Said Nursi and Musa Jarullah.** *Islamic Civilisational Renewal*, vol.4, no.3, pp. 615-633.

Akhmetova, Elmira. (2008). **Musa Jarullah Bigiev: Political Thought of a Tatar Muslim Scholar.** *Intellectual Discourse*, vol. 16, no.1, pp. 49-71.

Akhmetova, Elmira. (2008, October). **Defining Civilisation and Religion.** *IAIS Journal of Civilisation Studies*, vol1, no.1, pp. 43-66.

### **5. Viewpoints, Short Articles and Analyses (some examples):**

1. Akhmetova (2016). *Orlando Shooting not due Islam.* New Straits Times.
2. Akhmetova. (2015, February 26). **Islam, Extremism and Moderation.** New Straits Times, p.13.
3. Akhmetova. (2015, January 8). **Arab Spring, IS and Democracy.** New Straits Times, p. 17.
4. Akhmetova. (2014, November). **Lessons from the Arab Spring: Expectations and Current Realities.** Diplomatic Voice, IDFR Bulletin.

5. Akhmetova. (2014, September 24). **Ibn Sina: Legacy to Civilisations**. Iais.org.my. 8 pages.
6. Akhmetova. (2014, April). **Women and Corruption**. *ICR*, vol.5, no.2.
7. Akhmetova. (2014, 10 April). **Ukraine vs. Central Africa: Crises of Color?**. Onislam.net
8. Akhmetova. (2013, 21 August). **Ibn Khaldun: His Contribution to the Science of Civilisation**. Iais.org.my. 5 pages.
9. Akhmetova. (2013, 29 April). **Chechens: Long History of Struggle**. Onislam.net.
10. Akhmetova. (2012, 10 June). **Islam in Russia: History and Facts**. Onislam.net.
11. Akhmetova. (2012, 10 June). **Russian Muslims between Oil and Federalism**. Onislam.net.
12. Akhmetova. (2008, April). **Time to Burn Islamic Books: Russia 2008**. Islamonline.net
13. Akhmetova. (2008, April). **Why is Russia Opposing the Independence of Kosovo?**. *Milenia Muslim*, pp.52-55.
14. Akhmetova, Elmira. (2008, March 23). **Hürriyet İçinde Birliğe Çağırıldı** [Called to be United during Freedom]. *Yeni Asya*, Turkey.
15. Akhmetova. (2008, March). **Islam in the Volga Region. Between Embrace and Phobia**. Islamonline.net.
16. Akhmetova. (2008, March). **Next Open Letter to Mr. Putin?** *Milenia Muslim*, pp.58-62.
17. Akhmetova. (2008, February). **Between Hope and Despair: Russian Muslims are Defending Their Imam**. Islamonline.net.
18. Akhmetova. (2007, July). **Books of Said Nursi are Banned in Russia**. *Milenia Muslim*, pp. 50-52.
19. Akhmetova. (2007, July). **Biography of Said Nursi**. *Milenia Muslim*, pp. 52-53.

#### **PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS:**

1. **“History and Islam from An Islamic Worldview.”** 26-30 October, 2017. Paper presented at the 1<sup>st</sup> Forum of CIS Scholars of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Social Sciences, Istanbul, Turkey.
2. **“Informal Islamic Education in Post-Soviet Russia.”** 14-16 September, 2017. Paper Presented at International Conference on Rethinking Islamic Education in Europe. University of Sarajevo, Bosnia.
3. **“Maqasid-Based Good Governance in Theory and Practice: The Case of the Arab Spring in Egypt,”** 21-23 February, 2017. Paper presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Islamic Jurisprudence in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Good Governance within the Framework of Maqasid al-Shariah and Wasatiyyah Approach, IIUM, Malaysia.

4. **“Muslim minorities in Eastern Europe,”** 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017. A Paper presented at Seminar on Muslim Minorities in Europe, Kuala Lumpur, International Islamic University Malaysia.
5. **Gender issues in Muslim countries**, 10-16 January, 2016. Paper presented at UN Training on Women: Afghanistan's Exposure Visit On Gender Responsive Law Reform Process in the Context of Islam 2016, The International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS) Malaysia.
6. **Arabic language as a foundation of Islamic civilization: The Role of huffaz in building of Islamic civilization**, 11 February 2016. Presented at Forum on How Huffaz Changed the World Through Language, Kuala Kubu Bharu, Selangor Darul Quran Language Club, Darul Quran, Jabatan Kemajuan Islam Malaysia.
7. **The state and religion in post-independence Malaysia: 1957-2016**, 26-27 May, 2016 (Invited Speaker) at International Conference on Islam and Politics: An Illusion of an Islamic State, University of Vienna, Austria.
8. **The role of women as peace builders: the model of Russia**, 23-25 September, 2016. Presented at 1st World Muslim Women Summit & Exhibition 2016 (WISE 2016), Kuala Lumpur, International Institute for Muslim Unity (IIMU), International Islamic University Malaysia.
9. **Unity of Muslims as a prerequisite for successful Islamic civilisation: Risale-i Nur's approach**, 6-7 September, 2015. A Paper presented at International Conference on Empowering Islamic Civilization in the 21st Century (ICIC 2015), Universiti Sultan Zainal Abidin (UniSZA), Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia.
10. **Woman and Youth as the Citizens of An Islamic Government: The Qur'anic Perspective and Current Realities**, 13-15 March 2015. A Paper presented at Second International Conference on the Qur'an & Sunnah: Revelation and Science in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, IIUM, KL.
11. **Islam and Extremism**, 21 January 2015. A Panel talk presented at Roundtable Discussion on Extremism and Militancy with the Institute of South Asian Studies Singapore, ISIS, Malaysia.



12. **Pan-Islamism Revisited: The Case of Russian Pan-Islamism**, 10 & 11 December 2014.  
A paper was presented at workshop *Conceptualising the Umma*, Royal Commonwealth Society, University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus, Kuala Lumpur.
13. **GM Food Towards Enhancing the Well-Being of Humanity: Expectations and Realities**, 2014, 1-2 October. A paper was presented at *International Conference on Developing Synergies Between Islam and Science & Technology for Mankind's Benefit*, International Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies (IAIS) Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.
14. **Stability and Human Security in the Muslim World: A Critical View of Nationalism and Tribalism**, 2014, 18-19 August. A paper presented at *WCIT 2014: 2<sup>nd</sup> World Conference on Islamic Thought and Civilization: Rise and Fall of Civilization: Contemporary States of Muslim Affairs*, Casuarina@Meru, Ipoh, Perak, Malaysia.
15. **Sunni-Shiite Divide**, 2014, April, 22. A Training Lecture was delivered at *Third Seminar on Understanding of Islam for ASEAN Leaders*, Training School, Bellamy.
16. **The Role of Women in Islamic Life**, 2014, March, 4. A Training Lecture was delivered at *Afghan Religious Leaders Training*, IAIS Malaysia.
17. **The Role of the Prophethood in Building of a True Civilisation: Ideas of Al-Farabi, Ibn Sina and Said Nursi**, 2013, September, 22. Paper presented at *10<sup>th</sup> International Bediuzzaman Symposium: The Role and Place of Prophethood in Humanity's Journey*, IIKV, Istanbul, Turkey.
18. **Distortion of Reality: Problems of Defining Religion in Modern Social Sciences**, 2013, August, 25. Presented at *1<sup>st</sup> World Congress on Integration and Islamicisation of Acquired Human Knowledge (FWCII-2013)*, IIUM, Malaysia
19. **Status of Muslim Women in Russia: Reality and Prospects**, 2013, April, 27. Presented at *Symposium of Social Status of Muslim Women in Europe – Status and How to Improve It*. Zagreb, Croatia.
20. **Pan-Islamism in a Russian Context: Socio-Political Movement of Russia's Muslims (1905-1907)**, 2012, April, 19. Paper presented at *International Conference on Colonialism and Decolonization: Challenges and Prospects*, IIUM.
21. **Eurocentrism as a Main Challenge in Contemporary Islamic Studies**, 2011, November, 01. Keynote speech presented at *International Forum on Islam in a Multicultural World*, Kazan State University, Russia.

22. **Revelation and Culture**, 2010, October, 5. Paper was presented at round table discussion at *International Nursi Symposium on Knowledge, Faith, Morality and the Future of Humanity*, Centre of Education and Culture, Istanbul, Turkey.
23. **Problem of Racism in the Modern World and Its Solutions: Risale-i Nur Perspective**, 2010, October, 4. Paper was presented at *International Nursi Symposium on Knowledge, Faith, Morality and the Future of Humanity*, Centre of Education and Culture, Istanbul, Turkey.
24. **Nationalism in the Modern World from Viewpoint of Said Nursi**, 2007, November, 18. Paper was presented at *International Nursi Symposium on Justice: The Role of Justice in Building a Better World*, Centre of Education and Culture, Istanbul, Turkey.
25. **Historical Clarifications: Saracens vs. Franks. Origins of Mutual Misperceptions**. 2007, July 26. Paper was presented at Summer School (Muslims in the West) Erfurt University, Germany.

#### **PUBLIC TALKS:**

1. **Islam in Russia**, 2010, September, 25. BISAV, Istanbul, Turkey.
2. **Islam in Russia**, 2009, June, 15. IAIS, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

#### **SPECIAL SKILLS:**

Fluent in **English, Tatar** and **Russian** (written and spoken)

Moderately fluent in **Arabic, Turkish, Kirgыз, Uzbek, Kazakh**, and **Old Osmanli** (written and spoken)

Fair in **Bahasa Melayu**