



ISLAMIC RESEARCH & INFORMATION CENTER

"Call on God with Clear Insight"

[Holy Quran 12:108]

A group of Muslim graduate students established the **Islamic Research and Information Center (IRIC)** as a non-profit NGO in Washington D.C., USA in 1990.

Our vision is to introduce Islamic teachings to the public in the West, with particular emphasis on researchers and academia based on the Holy Quran and the Traditions of the Holy Prophet of Islam (PBUH) and His Progeny (AS).

IRIC attracted highly qualified and talented researchers and experts to undertake projects related to contemporary Islamic issues in the West.

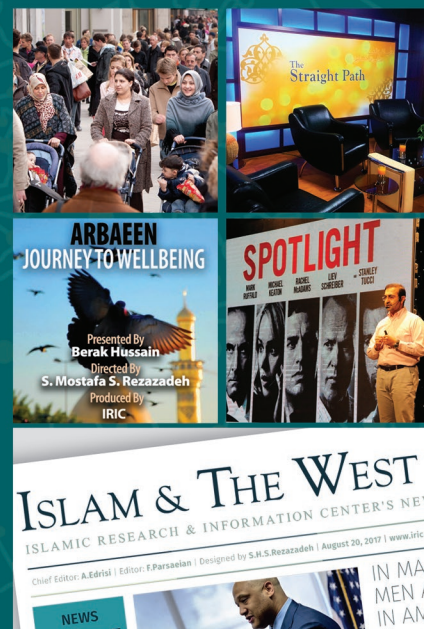
MEDIA & INFORMATION

In order to provide an opportunity to enhance, deepen and enrich understanding of Islamic issues and illustrate a true image of Islam for English-speaking people, both Muslims and non-Muslims, IRIC has produced several video programs, clips, infographics, podcasts, and documentaries.

Our media productions are categorized into three main areas as follows:

- *Introducing Islam and its cultural heritage and civilization*
- *Exploring challenges and opportunities of Muslims in the West*
- *Analyzing and producing content for Islamic studies and media productions about Islam in the West*

Also, IRIC publishes a weekly electronic newsletter in order to inform researchers about the religious & cultural events and the related activities on Islam & the West.



RESEARCH

In collaboration with scholars and experts, IRIC has conducted studies on Islam and Muslims within Western societies.

Research projects are mainly focused on:

- *Islamic studies with emphasis on academic Shia studies in the West*
- *Cultural-religious studies of Muslim communities in Western societies*
- *Muslim youth, their challenges and opportunities*

The results of research projects are published in the "Islam from the viewpoint of the West" journal, the "Muslims in the West" book series, and the "Academic Shia studies in the West" book series. Also, some specialized reports and scientific articles have been prepared and published based on the above-mentioned subjects for those interested in this field.



E-LEARNING & EDUCATIONAL COURSES

In order to train interested individuals to properly introduce & promote the actual teachings of Islam in English, IRIC has developed a series of courses related to Islam and the West in five categories:

- *Understanding the Western culture and civilization*
- *The History of Islamic studies in the West*
- *Islam and contemporary issues*
- *Islamic teachings and principles*
- *Skills for presenting Islam to non-Muslims*



CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIUMS & FESTIVALS

IRIC has held seasonal symposiums, research seminars, and conferences in collaboration with other research institutes that share similar goals and objectives. The goal is to discuss and provide Islamic viewpoints and responses to contemporary problems and issues that human beings and societies, especially Muslim communities are facing today. Holding such seminars and conferences for many years has proved to be successful in representing the true image of Islamic teachings and viewpoints. Human rights, Muslim women, Islam & environment, compatibility of Islam & science, interfaith dialogue, peace and violence, tolerance and coexistence, etc. were among the subjects which have been addressed.

Also, on some special occasions, IRIC has held festivals to commemorate Islamic rituals and encourage Muslim youth to produce content and contribute to promoting Islam.



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

IRIC is interested to strengthen its cultural and scientific cooperation with other academic centers, organizations, and Islamic institutes in the West to hold international conferences, support Islamic studies in the institutions of higher education, produce appropriate films and TV programs, and undertake mutual projects.

IRIC, as a registered cultural & religious NGO in the U.N., has achieved "Special Consultative Status" with the United Nations Economic & Social Council since April 2015, which provides an infrastructure to represent Islamic viewpoints and positively contribute to the programs and deliberations of the world body.



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