

**International Society for Islamic Legal Studies
Call for Hosting
the XII Islamic Legal Studies Conference, 2028**

application deadline: 15 May 2026

Purpose & Profile

ISILS is the leading international professional association for scholars of Islamic law, and is committed to promoting its historical and comparative study. The Society convenes a triennial conference in collaboration with a host institution, usually a university or research institute.

Conference Format & Content

The conference generally consists of two components: (1) an invited panel or roundtable discussion, on a topic agreed upon in consultation with the host institution; and (2) approximately twenty peer-reviewed presentations addressing Islamic legal studies in its broadest sense. ISILS guarantees academic independence by appointing the paper-selection committee, while the host institution is responsible for conference logistics in close coordination with ISILS.

Roles & Responsibilities

Host institution: all on-site logistics; accommodation & meals for all speakers; travel + accommodation for invited speakers and ISILS Board; collaborates on promotion.

ISILS Executive Board: invites host proposals, selects host, sets dates with host, issues Call for Papers, appoints a paper-selection committee (3–5 persons including at least two Board members and the host’s ISILS member, if applicable), and advises throughout.

Host Selection Principles

Chosen for location suitability, participant recruitment potential, financing plan, and institutional expertise.

Proposal Guidelines (what to include, see checklist)

1. Host institution + organizing team (names & contacts);
2. Proposed dates (mindful of academic calendars, major field conferences, and religious holidays);
3. Rationale for hosting (local expertise, networks, prior conference experience/support);
4. Budget with breakdown (travel; 3-night accommodation; coffee/tea; 3 dinners (one conference dinner), 3 lunches, 3 breakfasts; plan for 20–30 attendees per meal; program spans ~2.5 days; include costs for 6 ISILS Board members (presenting or not));

5. Provisions on child care and for people with disabilities;
6. Benchmark total cost (in the past roughly \$18,000–50,000 depending on location and arrangements);
7. Funding sources (even preliminary);

Length & submission: keep to 2-3 A4 pages (including cost tables); send to ISILS Secretary Gianluca Parolin (gianluca.parolin@aku.edu), by 15 May 2026.

Process & Timeline (general principles)

ISILS invites proposals to host the conference, typically from members but not limited to them. The Executive Board reviews all submissions and selects the host institution by 15 July 2026. Once the conference dates are confirmed in consultation with the host, ISILS issues a Call for Papers with a fixed submission deadline. Following the selection of papers, the conference program is publicized by ISILS through its website and other media, and the host institution is encouraged to promote the event.