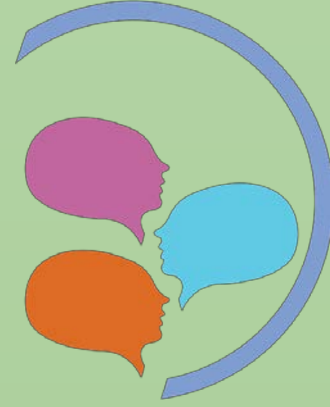
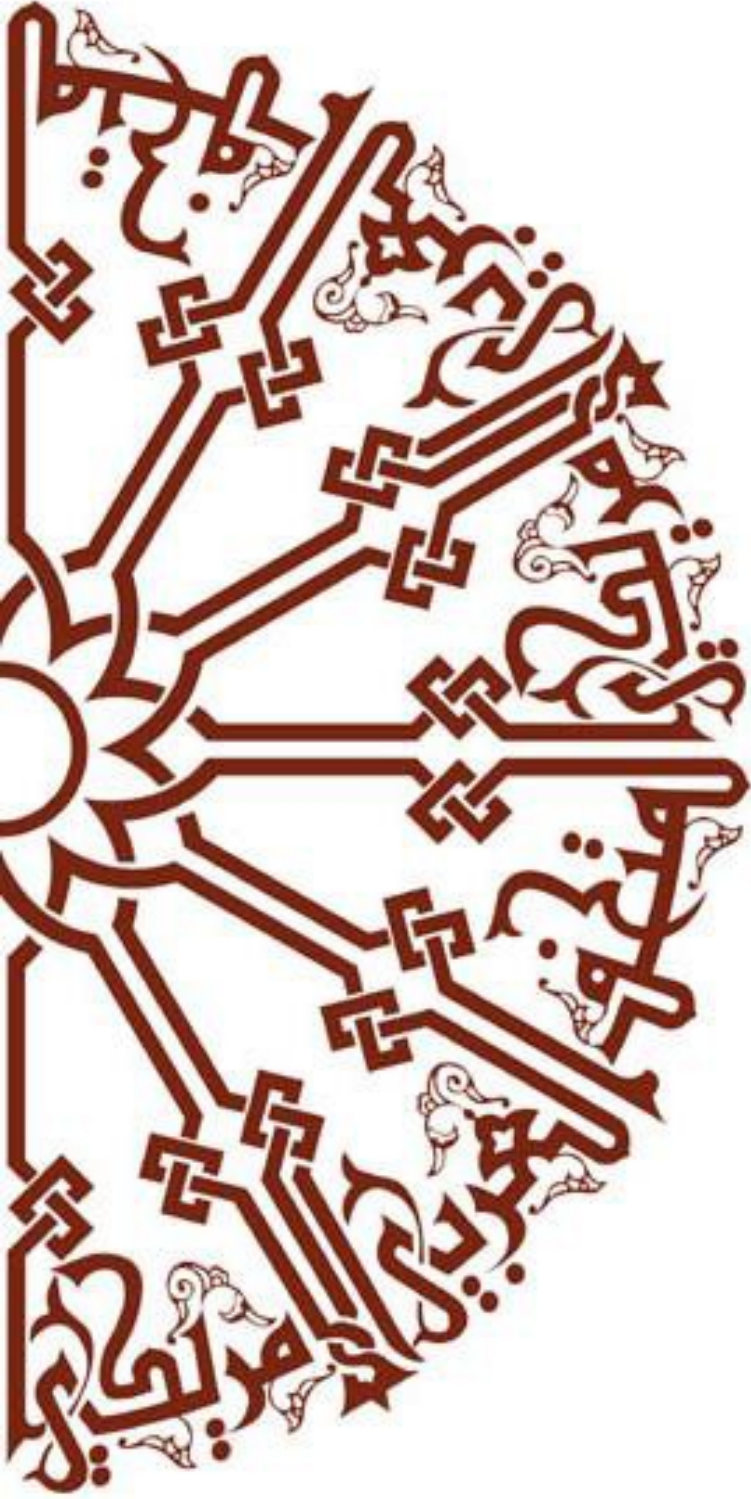




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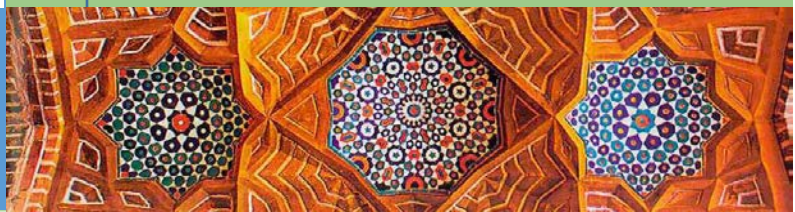


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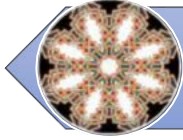
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## Van

Throughout centuries, a deeply-rooted appreciation of Van as a city has taken place due to its geography which is characterized by a rich historical and cultural heritage as reflected in Islamic and Oriental civilizations; with its strategic importance the city has become a place where great civilizations flourished and historical struggles have been experienced. Van is the gateway to Caucasus, Central Asia and Far East, intersected by Silk Road and located on the edge of Van Lake and nearby Ereğ Mountain; the city has significant resources both in historical and geographical terms. Due to its location, the natural beauties and historical heritage appreciated throughout history by various civilizations cohabiting in peace solidarity, make the city much more appreciable and valuable as well as a center of attraction for those looking for natural beauties and authenticity.

In May, apart from a multitude of other beauties, Van presents the unique beauty of spring months.



## AIMS AND PERSPECTIVES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE CONGRESS

In an age of global interconnectedness in which myriad individual and social narratives are unleashed and multi dimensional challenges quiver on the horizon, there exists an indispensably urgent need and growing tendency on the part of various intellectuals of the civilized world, to be conscientiously concerned about Islamic world and thus proposing a multitude of different remedies and solutions for the amelioration, betterment of human condition, adopting different policies and approaches for relieving human suffering and predicament on the global scale, and thus bringing peace and stability to Islamic world, which is deemed crucial for the enhancement of human civilization on earth as well as for the deliverance and salvation of mankind as a whole.

It is a fact that globalization has contributed in recent years to various geostrategical developments and events happening around different geographies of the world, making it necessary for building up dialogue across a wide spectrum of global landscapes as part of a historical legacy for peace and stability to be established through cooperation, which has been hailed as a convention lasting from the Ottoman times up to the present day. It is however unfortunate that spiraling insurgencies & conflicts especially in the Middle East, further complicate the existing problems wrought by economic instability, unfavorable circumstances making it difficult for developments to be made in science and technology, education, administration; furthermore, ethnic conflicts, sectarian conflicts, immigration, deprivation and misery, fragmentation, division and many other problems are gradually becoming more intense and pervasive in Islamic world, making us much more concerned about impending predicaments. Based on these premises, the elimination of these concerns could undoubtedly be possible only when the problems are identified correctly and the proposals for solutions are produced and implemented wisely.

As part of a precious initiative supported by our country we want to organize an international congress titled as *International Congress of 21st Century Islamic World: A Strategic Perspective (Opportunities, Possibilities, Developments, Challenges, Solution Proposals)* within joint initiative of Yüzüncü Yıl University, Van, Turkey and host a respectful delegation here, undertaking responsibility, The congress aims to strengthen the international co-operation, mutual understanding and dialogue, through sharing, dissemination and manifestation of quintessentially important ideas of academics- intellectuals from around the world, who closely follow the scientific and intellectual agenda of Islamic world and who are currently doing research on the Islamic world with a zest to share their views, thoughts, visions and research findings related to the issues to be addressed within the framework of topics mentioned in the following, Therefore we are overwhelmingly hopeful and have a firm belief that the congress will provide ample opportunity for establishing such conventions and



platforms prospectively in order to be able to build a much better world and contribute to paving the way for human flourishing.

We believe that mutual understanding and dialogue in mitigating conflicts and nurturing goodwill for peaceful co-existence of humanity would be the fundamental prerequisite for inclusive development of Islamic world as well as for the whole humanity, and that open, respectful, and equitable dialogue would be essential in these times of paradigmatic shifts and uncertainties in order to have an adequate understanding of the urgent need to express and emphasize the precious contributions of the Islamic civilization to the global- cultures on a universal basis. We would therefore like to promote better understanding and dialogue between Muslim people and people of other faiths and cultural backgrounds;

A deep insight into these ideas could be inculcated with various viewpoints, using a variety of quintessentially valuable arguments and perspectives. Presentations can have an interdisciplinary character, all participants representing different fields and disciplines are invited to honor the initiative. The Congress will be organized on 11-13 May 2017 in Van, Turkey. The countries included within the scope of the congress have been listed in the subsequent parts of this announcement. Conferences- presentations within the scope of the congress will be conducted in Turkish, English, Russian and Arabic, which will be accompanied by simultaneous translation.



## *Congress Topics*

### ECONOMY

- The economic potentials of Islamic countries,
- Investment opportunities,
- Factors affecting national income level,
- Opportunities for economic cooperation between Islamic countries, obstacles on the way to economic cooperation, proposals for solutions.

### GEOPOLITICS

- Geopolitical and geostrategic potentials,
- Extra-regional interventions in the Islamic world,
- Future visions of the international system concerning the Islamic world  
Geographical fragmentation and consequences,
- Reasons and factors preventing cooperative action in Islamic world  
Globalization and the Islamic World.

## SOCIETY AND POLITICS

- Sectarian issues,
- Ideological movements,
- Management-community relations,
- Political movements,
- Identity problems in Islamic World,
- Ethnic issues in Islamic World,
- Problems of management & administration in Islamic World,
- The reasons and factors affecting stability in management & administration
- Modernity and its effects on the Islamic world,
- National and international civil society movements and their effects on the society and state,
- Civil society movements interrelated with the international system,
- The causes of conflict, war and internal conflicts in the Islamic world and proposals for conflict resolution,
- Immigration in Islamic World.

## CULTURE, EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

- Science and technology in Islamic world,
- Cultural inventories of Islamic World
- Cultural and historical heritage,
- Problems faced by women and children in Islamic world,
- Education and health problems in Islamic World,
- Please in the Islamic world as reflected in the art and literature,
- The state of communication and media in the Islamic World,
- Overview of religious education in Islamic World.

CONGRESS LANGUAGE: Turkish, English, Russian, Arabic

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**10.05.2017**

HOUR	
07:00-21:00	RECEPTION OF GUESTS IN VAN AIRPORT
20:00-21:00	DINNER

11.05.2017	
HOUR	
07:00-08:00	BREAKFAST
09:00-10.00	INAUGURATION
10.00-12:00	CONGRESS SESSIONS
12:00-13:00	LUNCH
13:30-15:00	CONGRESS SESSIONS
15.00-15.15	BREAK
15.30-17.00	CONGRESS SESSIONS
17:30	EXCURSIONS TO VAN CASTLE THE OLD CITY OF VAN, VAN HOUSES, WATCHING SUNSET
19:30	RETURN TO HOTEL
20:00-21:00	DINNER
21:00	VAN AUTHENTIC FOLKLORE, MUSIC SHOW

12.05.2017

12.05.2017	
HOUR	
07:00-08:00	BREAKFAST
09:00-10:30	CONGRESS SESSIONS
10.30-10.45	BREAK
10.45-12.15	CONGRESS SESSIONS
12:15-13:15	LUNCH
13:30-15:00	CONGRESS SESSIONS
15.00-15.15	BREAK
15.15-16.45	CONGRESS SESSIONS
16:45-19.00	FREE TIME
19:00-20.30	CONCERT
20:30-21:30	DINNER
21.30	FINAL DECLARATION OF THE CONGRESS

13.05.2017	
HOUR	
07:00-08:00	BREAKFAST
08:15	DEPARTURE FROM THE HOTEL
09:30	EXCURSION TO ERCİŞ FISHERY
10:30	TRIP TO AHLAT
12:30-13:30	LUNCH IN AHLAT
14:00	EXCURSION TO SELJUKIAN CEMETERY
15:00	EXCURSION TO TOMBS HISTORICAL MONUMENTS IN THE OLD CITY
16:00-17:30	EXCURSION TO STAFF MANUFACTURING, HANDICRAFT BAZAAR
17:30	RETURN
20:30-21:30	FAREWELL MEAL

14.05.2017	
07:00-09:00	BREAKFAST
	DEPARTURE FROM THE HOTEL