

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL

Name Abul Fadl Mohseen Ebrahim
Date of birth December 19, 1951
Present position Honorary Professor, School of Religion, Philosophy and Classics Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Howard College Campus University of KwaZulu-Natal.

NRF Rated: Category C3

INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

1. Appointed in 2010 by the International Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (UK) on its Ethics Committee and this Committee meets twice a year in various parts of the world.
2. Appointed on the Editorial Board of an International Journal in July 2010 - *Diversity in Health Care*. Birmingham. UK.
3. Invitation to visit Virginia Commonwealth University in 2013 to participate in its Global Islam initiative.
4. Invited as a Visiting Academic by University of Brunei Darussalam's Sultan Omar `Ali Saifuddien Centre for Islamic Studies from 10 - 23 November 2012.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Presented with an Award by the Islamic Medical Association for Outstanding Service to the Organisation at its 32nd Annual Convention in Johannesburg, Gauteng 27 – 29 April 2012.

Languages

Read	Write	Speak
Arabic	Arabic	Arabic
Creole	Creole	Creole
English	English	English
French	French	French
Urdu	Urdu	Urdu
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Area of General Interest

1. Islamic Law
2. Bioethics
3. Islamic Ethics

Career at the University

1985 – Junior Lecturer
1989 – Lecturer
1992 – Senior Lecturer
1995 – Associate Professor
1999 – Full Professor

Publications

Books

1. **1988.** *Biomedical Issues – Islamic Perspective.* Durban. Islamic Medical Association of South Africa. **(164 pages). (164 pages). ISBN. 0-620-12340-0.**
2. **1991.** *Abortion, Birth Control & Surrogate Parenting – An Islamic Perspective.* Indianapolis. American Trust Publications. (130 pages). **ISBN 0-89259-110-2.**
3. **1993.** *Biomedical Issues – Islamic Perspective.* Kuala Lumpur. A.S. Noordeen. **Revised Edition. (197 pages). ISBN 967-9963-75-6.**
4. **1998.** *Organ Transplantation – Contemporary Islamic Ethical and Legal Perspectives.* Kuala Lumpur. A.S. Noordeen. **(146 pages). ISBN 983-065-062-6.**
5. **2001.** *Organ Transplantation, Cloning, Euthanasia and Animal Experimentation: An Islamic View, Islamic Foundation, Leicester, UK, (136 pages). ISBN 0 86037 331.*
6. **2004.** *Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Ethical Dilemmas – Guidelines for Muslim Families.* Durban. The Islamic Medical Association of South Africa. 2004. **(60 pages). ISBN 0-9584177-7-6.**
7. **2008.** *An Introduction to Islamic Medical Jurisprudence.* Durban. The Islamic Medical Association of South Africa **(220 pages). ISBN 978-0-9802737-0-0.**
8. **2011.** *Reproductive Health and Islamic Values – Ethical and Legal Insights.* Durban. The Islamic Medical Association of South Africa. **(107 pages). ISBN 978-0-9802737-24.**

Chapters in Books

1. **1995.** **A thousand word article** on "Abortion" in *Encyclopedia of the Modern Muslim World.* Oxford University Press, New York, USA. Editor-in-Chief John L. Esposito.

2. **1998.** "Death in Islam", a chapter in *Death: Medico, Religious and Social Perspectives*. Amsterdam (**Pp. 25:36**). ISBN 90-58383-601-2.
3. **1999.** "The Living Will: A Study of Its Legality in the Light of Islamic Jurisprudence" in **Knowledge is Light**. USA. ABC International Group Inc. Edited by Zailan Morris. (**Pp.195-208**). ISBN 1-871031-07-9.
4. **2000.** "Status of Embryo in the Light of Islamic Jurisprudence" in *Law and Medicine*. Oxford. Oxford University Press. Current Legal Issues Volume 3. (**Pp.245-256**). ISBN 0-19-829918-4.
5. **2001.** "Biology-Creation and Stages of Life" in *Encyclopaedia of the Qur'an*. E.J. Brill. Leiden. The Netherlands. General Editor: Jane Dammen McAuliffe (**Pp. 229-232**).
6. **2001.** "Islamic Medical Ethics" in *Encyclopedia of Ethics* - 2nd Edition. New York and. Routledge. Second Edition. Edited by Lawrence C. Becker and Charlotte B. Becker (**Pp. 894-896**).
7. **2002.** "Religio-Ethics and Assisted Reproductive Technologies" in *Bioethics – Ethics in the Biotechnology Century*. Ed. by Abu Bakr Abdul Majeed. Malaysia. Institute of Islamic Understanding (**Pp. 93-106**). ISBN 983-9099-94-9.
8. **2002.** "Islam and the Elderly" in *Caring for the Elderly*. Durban. Islamic Medical Association of South Africa (**66 pages**). ISBN 0-9584177-5-X.
9. **2005.** "Objectives of Shari`ah and Legal Maxims" in *Islamic Law (Shari`ah) – An Introduction to the Principles of Islamic law*. Ed. by Advocate Muhammad Abdullah Vahed. Durban. Al-Noor Publishers. 2005: **72-83**.
10. **2005-6.** "End of Life Issues: Making Use of Extraordinary Means to Sustain Life" in *FIMA Year Book – Scientific, Ethical and Islamic Dimensions*. Amman. Jordan. Society for Islamic Medical Sciences. (**Pp. 49-77**). ISBN 969-8695-01-X.
11. **2006.** Co-author. "The State of Philanthropy amongst the Muslim Diaspora in South Africa" in *Religious Pluralism in the Diaspora*. Leiden. Koninklijke Brill NV. (**Pp.189-219**). Edited by P. Kumar. ISBN 13 978 90 04 15250 2.
12. **2007.** "Islam and HIV/AIDS" in *FIMA Year Book – Scientific, Ethical and Islamic Dimensions*. Amman. Jordan Society for Islamic Medical Sciences. (**Pp. 01-16**). ISBN 969-8695-01-X.
13. **2008.** "Towards resolving the dilemma of Muslim women on the issues of abortion as a result of rape related impregnation" in *FIMA Year Book – Scientific, Ethical and Islamic Dimensions*. Amman. Jordan Society for Islamic Medical Sciences. (**Pp. 53-59**). ISBN 969-8695-01-X.

14. **2011.** “Islamic Medical Jurisprudence: Sources and Modus Operandi” in *Islam and Bioethics*. Eds. Arda, Berna and Rispler-Chaim, Vardit. Turkey. Ankara University. Pp. 47-54.
15. **2012.** Ethics of Fertility Treatment: A case Study of Nadya Suleman’s Feat. In *Islam and Knowledge – Al Faruqi’s Concept of Religion and Islamic Thought*. Ed. By Imtiyaz Yusuf. London. I.B. Taurus.
16. **2012.** Co-Author. “South African Faith-Based Organisations (FBOS)” in *Philanthropy in South Africa*. Centre for Civil Society. (**In the Press in South Africa**).

Booklets

1. **1989.** Co-author. *The Shari`ah and Organ Transplants*. Durban. Islamic Medical Association of South Africa Durban. Islamic Medical Association of South Africa. (**21 pages**). **ISBN 0-620-13472-0**.
2. **1990.** Islamic Jurisprudence and Blood Transfusion. Durban. Islamic Medical Association of South Africa Durban. Islamic Medical Association of South Africa. (**28 pages**). **ISBN 0-620-14866-7**.
3. **1992.** Co-author. *Islamic Guidelines on Animal Experimentation*. Durban. Islamic Medical Association of South Africa. (**33 pages**). **ISBN 0-620-16780-7**.
4. **1994.** Co-author. Ethics of Medical Research – Some Islamic Considerations. Durban. Islamic Medical Association of South Africa. (**13 pages**). **ISBN 0-9583957-1-3**.
5. **1995.** *Death and Dying: Advising Patient and Family* (co-author). Durban. Islamic Medical Association of South Africa. (**21 pages**). **ISBN 0-9583957-3-X**.
6. **1996.** *Muslim Marriage*. Mobeni, Durban. Iqra Publishers. (**28 pages**). **ISBN0-620-20837-6**.
7. **2007.** *Doctor-Patient Relationship – Role of the Muslim Doctor*. Durban. The Islamic Medical Association of South Africa (**27 pages**). **ISBN 978-0-9584177-0-9**.

Articles in Journals

1. **1991.** “The Moment of Death” in *al-`ilm*. Durban. Department of Islamic Studies. University of Durban-Westville. Vol. 11. (**Pp. 84-86**).
2. **1992.** “Islamic Teachings and Euthanasia” in *al-`ilm*. Durban. Department of Islamic Studies. University of Durban-Westville. Vol. 12. (**Pp. 89-96**).

3. **1993.** “Rape-Related Pregnancy: A Case Study” in *al-`ilm*. Durban. Department of Islamic Studies. Vol. 13. (Pp. 41-44).
4. **1993.** “An Islamic Response to Patients with the HIV Disease” in *The Journal of the Islamic Medical Association of North America*. Illinois. Volume 25. April 1993. Number 2. (Pp. 75-78). ISSN 0899-8299.
5. **1994.** “Defective Foetuses: A Case Study” in *al-`ilm*. Durban. Department of Islamic Studies. University of Durban-Westville. Vol. 14. (Pp. 79-84).
6. **1995.** “Organ Transplantation: Contemporary Sunni Muslim Legal and Ethical Perspectives” in *Bioethics*. Oxford. Blackwell Publishers. (Pp.291-302). ISSN 0269 9702.
7. **1995.** “Inclusion of Organ Donation in One’s Will” in *al-`ilm*. Durban. Department of Islamic Studies. University of Durban-Westville. Vol. 15. (Pp. 66-70).
8. **1996.** “Counselling the Family of the Terminally Ill During Sickness and Death” in *The Journal of the Islamic Medical Association of North America*. Illinois. Volume 28. January 1996. Number 1. (Pp.21-23). ISSN 0899-8299.
9. **2009.** “Severe Spiral Cord Injury: A Case Study” in *The Maghreb Review – A quarterly journal on the Maghreb, the Middle East, African and Islamic Studies*. London. Vol. 34. No. 1. (Pp. 61-66). ISSN 0309-457X.

Co-Curricular Activities

I. Lectures and Seminars in South Africa

1. **1995.** Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Islamic Medical Association of South Africa, Cape Town Technicon, Cape Town, July 07-09..
Paper: The Moment of Death: The Islamic Position.
2. **1996.** Seminar: Death & Dying, Chatsworth Hospice, Durban, 15 May.
Paper: Death & Dying: An Islamic Perspective.
3. **1996.** Seminar: 3rd Year Social Work Students, UDW, 15 September.
Paper: Social Dimensions of Islam.
4. **1997.** Seminar: 17th Council Meeting of the Islamic Medical Association of South Africa, 11 October.
Paper: The Euthanasia Bill in Light of Islamic Teachings.
5. **1998.** Convention: 18th Annual Convention of the Islamic Medical Association of South Africa, Cape Town, 25 - 27 April.
Paper: An Insight into the IMA Response to the Euthanasia Bill.

6. **1998.** Colloquium: Department of Arts, Culture, Science & Technology, CSIR Centre, Pretoria, 7 September.
Paper: An Islamic View on Cloning.
7. **1999.** Seminar: AIDS Seminar organised by Independent Practitioners Association of Ladysmith and the Islamic Medical Association of South Africa, 14th February, Windsor Secondary School, Ladysmith.
Paper: Muslims and the AIDS Crisis.
8. **1999.** Convention: 19th Annual Convention of the Islamic Medical Association of South Africa, Natal Medical School, Durban.
Paper: Towards an Islamic Living Will.
9. **2002.** Convention: 22nd Annual Convention of the Islamic Medical Association of South Africa 5-7 July. Durban Technikon.
Paper: Medical and Ethical Challenges.
10. **2004.** Convention: 24th Annual Convention of the Islamic Medical Association of South Africa 9-11 April. Lord Charles Hotel and Conference Centre. Somerset West. Cape Town.
Paper: Termination of Pregnancy.
11. **2004.** Seminar on Death and Dying: Chatsworth Hospice, Durban. 26 May.
Paper: Death and Dying in Islam.
12. **2005.** Seminar: 169th Birth Anniversary of Sri Ramakrishna, Durban, 26 February.
Paper: Promoting Unity & Peace in a Pluralistic Society – An Islamic Perspective.
13. **2005.** Mutli-Disciplinary Symposium: From Abortion to Religious Conviction, College of Medicine SA, Steve Biko Lecture Theatre, Nelson R Mandela School of Medicine, Durban, 13 May.
Respondent: **Islamic Stance on Abortion.**
14. **2006.** Convention: 26th Annual Convention of the Islamic Medical Association of South Africa 28 – 30 April. Riverside Hotel and Conference Centre. Vaal River. Gauteng.
Paper: Rights of the Unborn Baby: Through the Eyes of a Muslim.
15. **2007.** Medical Ethics Workshop. Jamiatul Ulama – Fordsburg. 24 June.
Topics Discussed:
 - i. Sources of Islamic Medical Ethics**
 - ii. Contraception**
 - iii. Assisted Reproductive Technologies**
 - iv. Death and Dying**

16. **2007.** Symposium: Contemporary Ethics: Interface between theory & practice (In memory of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, former President of India). The Indian Consulate General, Durban. 25 October.
Paper: Business Ethics in Islam.
17. **2008.** Association for the Study of Religion in Southern Africa. Durban. University of KwaZulu-Natal, Howard College Campus. July.
18. **2008.** Seminar: Importance of Ijtihad in Islamic Jurisprudence. The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran. UNISA Senate Hall, Pretoria. 01 June.
Paper: The Role of Ijtihad in Bioethics.
19. **2008.** Convention: 28th Annual Convention of the Islamic Medical Association of South Africa 4-6 July. Coastlands Hotel, Durban.
Paper: Principles for Resolving Problems in Bioethics
20. **2011.** : 31st Annual Convention of the Islamic Medical Association of South Africa. 8-10 July. Coastlands Hotel, Durban.
Paper: Ethics of Fertility Treatment.

II. International Meetings/Congresses/Seminars/Conferences

Istanbul, Turkey

1. 1992. 2nd International Convention of the Islamic Medical Association of North America. July 30 – August 04.
Paper: Islam and Abortion.

Buenos Aires, Argentina

2. **1994.** 2nd World Congress on Bioethics: International Association of Bioethics, Monash University, Victoria, Australia. 24-26 October.
Paper: Organ Transplantation and the Ethico-Legal Dilemma of Muslims.

Tehran, Iran

3. **1995.** First Congress on Compliance of Medicine to Islamic Principles, Ministry of Health, Islamic Republic of Iran, Tehran, Iran, July.
Paper: Gender Question in Medical Examination.

North West Province, South Africa

4. **1996.** 11th World Congress on Medical Law. Sun City. 28 July - 1 August.
Paper: Islamic Jurisprudence and the End of Human Life.

San Francisco, USA

5. **1996.** 3rd World Congress on Bioethics. 22 – 24 November.
Paper: Mercy Killing in the Light of Islamic Teachings.

Cairo, Egypt

6. **1996.** Participation in the Expert Group Meetings as a member of the Steering Committee by Al-Azhar University's International Islamic Centre for Population Studies and Research. 26 - 30 December.

Istanbul, Turkey

7. **1998.** Seminar on Family Planning organised by Federation of Islamic Medical Associations and Hayat Foundation, 22 June.
Paper: Islam and Family Planning.

Tokyo, Japan

8. **1998.** IV World Congress on Bioethics. 4 – 7.
Paper: The Living Will: An Islamic Ethico-Legal Perspective.

London, UK

9. **1999.** Colloquium organised by the Faculty of Laws, University College of London, UK, 5 - 6 July 1999.
Paper: The Fetus in Light of Islamic Jurisprudence.

Tripoli, Libya

10. **2000.** Invited to participate in an International Seminar on Islamic History and the Identity Crisis. The World Islamic Call Society. 24-26 January.

Singapore

11. **2000.** Public Seminars, The Muslim Converts' Association of Singapore, 13-17 July.
Papers:
 - (i) **Organ Transplantation**
 - (ii) **Sexual Morality in Islam**
 - (iii) **Family Planning**
 - (iv) **Death and Dying in Islam.**

Lusaka, Zambia

12. **2001.** Africa Forum Workshop. Makeni Islamic Centre, Lusaka, Zambia. 30th June.

- Papers:** (i) **Islam in Africa**
 (ii) **Islam and the Aids Crisis.**

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

13. **2001.** International Conference on “Ethics in the Biotechnology Century”, Institute of Islamic Understanding. 23 –24 October.
Paper: Religio-Ethics and Assisted Reproductive Technologies.

Masvingo, Zimbabwe

14. **2002.** Zimbabwe Medical Association (ZIMA) Congress. Theme: Future Health Care Delivery in Zimbabwe. 22 –25 August.
Paper: Profile of an African Health Care Professional.

Tashkent, Uzbekistan

15. **2005.** First National Bioethics Conference with International Participation. 8-9 September.
Paper: Human Rights and Rights of the Unborn.

Perth, Australia

16. **2005.** Guest of the Australian Islamic College, Kewdale, Perth. 4 -11 December.
(1) **Motivational talk to the learners – School Assembly, 7 December.**
Topic: “A Muslim is one from whom others are safe from his tongue and hands.”
(2) **Address to the Educators: “Our Role Beyond the Call of Duty”.**

Cairo, Egypt

17. **2006.** Organisation of Islamic Medical Sciences. International Conference on Human Genetic and Reproductive Technologies: Comparing Religious and Secular Perspectives. Intercontinental Hotel. 6 - 9 February.
Paper: Surrogacy: An Islamic Ethico-Legal and Social Perspective.

Penn State University, USA

18. **2006.** Islam and Bioethics: concerns, challenges and responses. The Nittany Lion Inn, March 27-28.
Paper: Human Rights and Rights of the Unborn.

Khartoum, Sudan

19. **2007.** Islam & Medical Modern Issues. Sudanese Medical Association. March 30– April 03.
Paper: Gene Therapy in Light of Islamic Medical Jurisprudence.

Istanbul, Turkey

20. **2007.** International Scientific Convention on Sexually Transmitted Diseases, HIV/AIDS & Bioethics. Federation of Islamic Medical Associations and Hayat Foundation. July 13-16.
Papers: (1) HIV/AIDS Crisis.
(2) The Pros and Cons of Gene Therapy.

Madinah, Saudi Arabia

21. **2008.** Noor Conference. 22-24 June.
Paper: Severe Spinal Cord Injury: A Case Study.
22. **2008.** The Egyptian Fertility and Sterility Society Thirteenth International Annual Convention on Reproductive Health: Lessons from the Past and Hopes for the Future. 16-17 October.
Paper: Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART) and the Dilemma of Infertile Muslims.

Cairo, Egypt

23. **2009.** The Egyptian Fertility and Sterility Society Fourteenth International Annual Convention on Reproductive Health: Lessons from the Past and Hopes for the Future. 23-24 September.
Paper: Ethics of Fertility Treatment: The Case of Nadya Suleman.

Antalya, Turkey

24. **2010.** 3rd International Conference on Islam and Bioethics. 14-16 April.
Poster Presentation: Islamic Medical Jurisprudence: Sources and *Modus Operandi*.

London, UK

25. **2010.** International Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (FIGO) Bi-Annual Meeting: 13-16 March 2010. Participation in Ethics Workshop.
26. **2010.** International Seminar on the Legacy of Ismail al-Faruqi: Thought and Institution. 06 - 07 June 2010.
Paper: Ethics of Fertility Treatment: The Feat of Nadya Suleman.
27. **2010.** International Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (FIGO) Bi-Annual Meeting: 13-16 November 2010. Participation in Ethics Workshop.

Goa, India

28. **2011.** International Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (FIGO) Bi-Annual Meeting: 16-17 March.

Jakarta, Indonesia

29. **2011.** Federation of Islamic Medical Associations Annual Convention on Geriatrics. Jakarta. Indonesia. 16-18 September 2011.
Paper: The Elderly: Their Obligations, Rights and Status in a Muslim Society.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

30. **2011.** Institute of Advanced Islamic Studies. University of Malaya. Seminar on Sexual and Reproductive Health. Kuala Lumpur. 20th September 2011.
Paper: Islam and Sexual Health.

London, UK

31. **2012.** International Federation of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (FIGO) Bi-Annual Meeting: 21-23 March 2011. Participation in Ethics Committee Workshop.

Brunei

32. 2012. Sultan Omar `Ali Saifuddien Centre for Islamic Studies. University of Brunei Darussalam. International Conference on Transmitting Spiritual and Moral Values Across Generation in the 21st Century – The Challenge to Muslim Education. 12 -14 November 2012.
Paper: Introduction of Ethical and Moral Values in the Teaching Curriculum for Medical Students.
33. **2012.** University of Brunei Darussalam. Pengiran Anak Rashidah Sa'adatul Bolkiah Institute of Health Sciences. 20th November 2012.
Lecture to Health Sciences Students on Relevance of Medical Ethics to Contemporary Medical Education.
34. 2012. University of Brunei Darussalam. Sultan Omar Ali Saifuddien Centre for Islamic Studies. 21st November 2012.
Public Talk on **Islam and Public Health.**

Masters Students graduated in the last 5 years

A.K. Gabralla (2009): “Islamic Charity and International Disaster Relief: A CaseStudy of the Gift of the Givers in South Africa.”

Hoosen I. Bhayat (2007): “Challenges of Parenting in the 21st Century: An Islamic Socio-Ethico Perspective.”

Zubeida Bux (2007): “Challenges of Muslim Women in South Africa.”

Rafeek Hassen 2006: “Conversion and Cultural Alienation.”

Doctoral student graduated in the last 5 years

Syed Iqbal Mohamed 2007: “Muslim Women Contributions to the Reconstruction of the South African Society through Entrepreneur and Religious Effort.”

Current Doctoral Students

Fathima Hoosen: “Religious and Cultural Dimension of the Practice of Female Circumcision.”

Zubeida Bux: “The Changing Roles of Muslim Women in South Africa.”

Rafeek Hassen: “Islam and Interfaith Dialogue: An Exercise in Prosletyization or A Genuine Step in Building Bridges across the Religions?”

Allie A. Kebeje: “Terrorism and Islam: Perception or Reality?”

Membership to Associations

1. Ethics Committee of International Federation of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (FIGO).
2. Association for the Study of Religion in Southern Africa.
3. Islamic Medical Association of South Africa.
4. International Association of Bioethics, Centre for Human Bioethics, Monash University, Clayton, Victoria, Australia.

Countries visited

1 Argentina	17 Lesotho	33 Sudan
2 Australia	18 Libya	34 Syria
3 Brazil	19 Madagascar	35 Thailand
4 Brunei	20 Malaysia	36 Turkey
5 Cyprus	21 Maldives	37 United Arab Emirates
6 Egypt	22 Mauritania	38 United Kingdom
7 Ethiopia	23 Mauritius	39 U.S.A.
8 France	24 Morocco	40 Uzbekistan
9 Germany	25 Mozambique	41 Zambia
10 Hong Kong	26 The Netherlands	42 Zimbabwe
11 India	27 Pakistan	
12 Indonesia	28 Qatar	
13 Iran	29 Reunion	
14 Italy	30 Saudi Arabia	
15 Japan	31 Singapore	
16 Kenya	32 Sri Lanka	