Aga Khan University Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations

The Aga Khan University (AKU) established the Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations (ISMC) in 2002. AKU-ISMC is a higher education institution with a focus on research, publications, graduate studies and outreach.

It promotes scholarship that opens up new perspectives on Muslim heritage, modernity, culture, religion and society. AKU-ISMC students use critical thinking to conduct innovative research into Muslim civilisations and religious traditions from primarily the perspectives of the social sciences and humanities.

The Institute aims to create opportunities for interaction among academics and other professionals so as to deepen understanding of the pressing issues of public life affecting Muslim societies.

The Institute is part of the Aga Khan University (established in 1983). The University is a unique hybrid, an institution of academic excellence that is also an agent for social development with campuses in South Asia, Europe and Africa.

The University operates on the core principles of quality, relevance, impact and access and prepares its students to lead change in their societies and to thrive in the global economy. Through its needs-sensitive admissions policy, the University offers the most promising leaders and thinkers of tomorrow the opportunity to serve and the skills to help communities solve their most pressing challenges.

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