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Brief Profile:

Dr Zahid received his PhD from the University of Manchester in international securities regulation. His thesis was on globalisation of securities markets. Prior to this, with an LLB Honours from the University of Dhaka, he completed an LLM from Dalhousie University, Canada, specializing in business law.

Dr Zahid took up the present position in March 2009. Before this, he worked as a Senior Research Associate at the Focal Research Consultants Ltd, Halifax, Canada and participated in a number of government-funded research projects. Earlier, he taught at the University of Dhaka and Islamic University (of Bangladesh). As well, Dr Zahid was a law tutor for some time at the University of Manchester.

□ Selected Publications

- “Corporate Social Responsibility to Employees: Considering Common Law Vis-à-vis Islamic Law Principles” *Pertanika Journal of Social Science and Humanities (Pertanika JSSH)*, (June 2012) vol. 20 (S), 87-99;
- “Blue Sky Theory in Canadian Securities Regulation: An Overview”, *Company Lawyer*, (April 2012) vol. 33(5), 157-160;
- “Corporate Personality from Islamic Perspective” accepted to be published in *Arab Law Quarterly* (2012)
- “The Nexus between Life, Business and Climate from Islamic Perspective of Justice and Public Interest” accepted for publication in the *International Journal of Civil Society Law*, October (2012) issue;
- “The Securities Market Integration in Asia: What would be the Theoretical Approach?” *Suffolk University Law Review*, (2011) vol. 44:891- 906;
- “Pharmaceutical Patents and Access to Essential Medicines in Sub-Saharan Africa,” *African Journal of Biotechnology*, (2011) vol.10(58):12376-12388;
- “Directors’ Obligations towards Creditors under the CSR Regime: Common Law versus Islamic Principles,” *US-China Law Review*, (2011) vol. 8(11) (November issue 2011), 981-993;
- “International Securities and Capital Markets” (**American**) *International Lawyer Year-in-Review 2011* vol. 45 (1):253 (Md Anowar Zahid, *et el.*)

- “Corporate Social Responsibility from a *Shari’ah* Perspective”, *International Journal of Civil Society Law*, (July, 2010) vol. 8(3):79-92;
- “Custom as a Source of *Siyar* and International Law: A Comparison of the Qualifying Criteria”, *International Journal of Civil Society Law*, (January 2010) vol. 8(1): 36-55;
- “Considering Custom in the Making of *Siyar* (Islamic International Law)”, *Journal of East Asia and International Law*, (Spring 2010), volume 3(1):123-135;
- “*Pacta Sunt Servanda*: Islamic Perception”, *Journal of East Asia and International Law*, (Autumn 2010), volume 3(2):375-385;
- “True and Fair View” versus “Fair Presentation” Accountings: Are They Legally Same or Different? *European Business Law Review*, (2008) vol. 19(4):677-690;
- “International Securities Offerings: A Quest for a Transatlantic “Passport” Prospectus” (UK) *International and Comparative Corporate Law Journal*, (2006) vol. 5(1):75-124;
- “Prospectus Disclosure and the Role of the Securities Commissions in Ontario and Bangladesh: A comparative study”, (2002) (UK) *International and Comparative Corporate Law Journal*, vol. 4(2):163-2000;
- ‘The Proposed Prospectus Directive: A Defective Proposal in Need of a Rethink’, (August 2002) *The Company Lawyer*, vol. 23(8):250-252.

□ Recent Conference Papers

- “*Shari’ah* as the Applicable Law in an International Commercial Contract: A Review of the Approaches to Settlement of Disputes” presented at the Australia and New Zealand Society of International Law (ANZSIL) Annual Conference held in Wellington, New Zealand, on 5-7th July 2012.
- “Corporate Social Responsibility to Employees: Considering Common Law vis-à-vis Islamic Law Principles” presented at the 14th International Conference of the American Society for Business and Behavioral Sciences (ASBBS) held in Paris on 24-26 June 2011.
- “Considering Corporate Personality from Islamic Perspective,” Proceedings of the 2nd International Conference on Business and Economic Research (2nd ICBER 2011) at http://www.internationalconference.com.my/proceeding/2ndicber2011_proceeding.
- Looking at Directors’ Responsibilities with Regard to Unsecured Creditors: Malaysian Law & Practices, presented at the Tuanku Ja’afar Law Conference 2010 held in Kuala Lumpur.
- “A Search for an Integrated Securities Market in Asia: What would be the Theoretical Approach?” presented at the 7th Asian Law Institute Conference on Law in a Pluralist Asia: Challenges and Prospects, 25 and 26 May 2010, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

- “Right to Life, Business and Climate Change: Islamic Perspective” Proceedings of the 13th International Conference of the American Society for Business and Behavioral Sciences (ASBBS) held in Frankfurt, Germany on 7th of August 2010. Available at www.asbbs.org
- Addressing Economic Meltdown: An Evaluation of Fiat and Credit Money from Islamic Perspective” (with Rohimi Shappie), proceedings of the 17th Annual Conference of American Society of Business and Behavioral sciences (ASBBS), Las Vegas, USA, on 18-21 February 2010 Available at www.asbbs.org
- “Corporate Social Responsibility: Approaching from the Objective of *Shari'ah* Perspective”, International Conference on Corporate Law 2009, held in April 2009 in Surabaya, Indonesia (Jointly organized by *Universiti Utara Malaysia* and Airlangga University, Indonesia)
- “Custom as a Source of Islamic Law: An International Perspective”, Second International Conference on Islamic Thought, held in October 2009, in the *Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)*, Bangi, Selangor, Malaysia. (Organized by Department of Islamic Theology and Philosophy, UKM)
- “The Appointment of Nominee in a Life Insurance Contract: A Quest for Comparative Justification from Islamic and Conventional Law Perspective”, International seminar on Muamalat, Islamic Economics and Finance 2009, Equatorial Hotel, Bangi, Selangor, Malaysia (Organized by Department of *Shari'ah*, UKM)
- “Islamic Conception of *Pacta Sunt Servanda*: An Introduction”, Inaugural Workshop and Seminar on *Siyar* and Islamic States Practice in International Law, Crystal Hotel, Bangi, Selangor, Malaysia (Organized by Faculty of Law, UKM)

□ **Funded Research Projects**

- Developing an Islamic Perspective of Corporate Social Responsibilities for Malaysia: Islamic Financial Institutions as a Case Study (UKM-DIPM-052-2011) [Leader: Dr Md Anowar Zahid] [2011-2012]
- Law of International Sale of Goods and Financing: A quest for an Islamic framework (UKM-GUP-2011-341) [Leader: Dr Md Anowar Zahid] [2011-2012]
- Sovereignty and Transformational Challenges Facing Islamic Financial System at the Central Bank Level: Towards A New Model and Framework Based on Malaysian and Saudi Arabian Experience (UKM-UU-05-FRGS0079-2010) [2010-2012] (Co-researcher)
- Social Impact of Biotechnology Development in Malaysia (UKM-AP-CMNB-21-2009) [2009-2011] (Co-researcher)

□ **Present PhD and LLM Supervision**

PhD theses:

- “Principles of International Commercial Arbitration as Applied in Malaysia”
- “Law of Mortgage Financing in Uzbekistan: A Critical Study with Special Reference to Malaysia”
- “Law Relating to Credit Card payment in E-commerce: Comparing Iranian Law with International law”

- “The Legal Effects of Change of Circumstances on International Construction Contract in Iran”
- “The Concept of Life Insurance and Family Takaful (Islamic Insurance): A comparative legal Study with Special Reference to Malaysia”
- The Applicability of the Principle of Good Faith in International Commercial Contracts: A Comparative Study from Western, Iranian and Islamic Perspectives

LLM theses:

- “State Sovereignty and International Investment Agreement: A legal Study”

□ **Postgraduate Thesis Examination as a Panel Member**

PhD theses:

- “Legal Aspects of Petroleum Foreign Investment under International Law with Special Reference to Developing States”

LLM theses:

- “NATO Interference in Afghanistan: Legality under International Law”
- “Mitigation of Risk in International Project Finance: Efficacy of State Guarantee Mechanism From Legal Perspective” (2011)
- LLM thesis on “*Muqassah* (debt compromise and clearance) in Islamic Banking: Concept and Its Application in Indonesia and Malaysia” (2010)

External Examiner for PhD Thesis

- “Implementing Competition Law and Policy in Malaysia: Transplantation and Localisation” (**Macquarie University, Australia**)

□ **Present Teaching Responsibility**

- **LLM Programme:**

UK 6135: Advanced International Trade Law (Semesters 1 & 2)

- **LLB Honours Programme:**

UK 4653: International Trade Law (Semester 1)

UK3162: Islamic Jurisprudence (Semester 2)

- **LLM (Executive) Programme:**

UUUK 6153: Securities Regulation (shared) (Semester 1)

UUUK 6113: Insolvency Law (shared) (Semester 1)

UUUK6163: Law of Taxation (Semester 2)

□ **Teaching and Research interests**

Corporate, Commercial, Financial and Islamic Law

(company, securities regulation, insolvency, corporate social responsibility (CSR), international trade, investment, banking, finance, money, insurance, taxation and Islamic law & jurisprudence)

□ **Research Agenda**

Comparative research on the Asian and Islamic values vis-à-vis Western counterparts in business and financial laws

□ **Affiliations**

Consultancy:

- Online ADR Neutral, Virtual Court House (USA)
- Advisor, Focal Research Consultants Ltd, Halifax, Canada
- Of-counsel, Loyal Law Firm, Beijing
- Member of the Advisory Board, GiFT, Malaysia

Editor/Reviewer of Research Journals:

- Reviewer and country correspondent, *Journal of East Asia and International Law*
- Member of the Editorial Board, *Jurnal Undang-Undang* ((Malaysian) Journal of Law)

Membership of Professional Bodies:

- Member, Canadian Tax Foundation (CTF)
- Member, Society of International Economic Law (SIEL)
- Advocate registered with the Bangladesh Bar Council