

DEEN Support Services
2020 Global Conference on Disability and Islam – August 18, 2020

Abstract Submission Guidelines

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Conference Theme: *Towards a better understanding of disability in Islam*

The Islamic tradition is clear on the rights of persons with disabilities in society. However, this tradition remains misunderstood and under-studied, resulting in misperceptions about disability within Muslim communities.

This virtual, multi-disciplinary conference will bring together the work of service providers, academics, Islamic scholars, individuals with lived experience, and advocates and provides a platform for participants to share and explore a range of perspectives, experiences and research about Muslims living with disabilities in Muslim majority countries and in minority contexts.

The goal of this conference is to advance our understandings of Islam and disability, the needs of Muslims with disabilities within an Islamic context, and the responsibilities of Muslim communities to support individuals with disabilities.

Abstract Submission

- Abstracts must be no longer than 250 words in length
- Abstracts must be submitted as a Word document by email to research@deensupportservices.ca
- Abstracts must clearly indicate the theme of your submission for the conference. Sample themes are below
- Along with your abstract, please provide a 75-word (maximum) biography for each presenter
- Along with your abstract, please provide a 50-word (maximum) description for insertion in the agenda if your abstract submission is accepted for presentation at the conference
- Format: You may present a lecture, panel, interactive session, or (accessible) poster
- Previously presented papers will be considered
- Abstracts must clearly indicate preferred presentation type and format options:
 - a) 60 Minute Session (lecture/panel/interactive session)
 - b) 15-20 minute Oral Paper/ Innovation in Practice
 - c) Poster Presentation (accessible digital poster displayed for the duration of the conference with dedicated time for discussion with delegates)

Sample Submission Themes

- Marriage, Disability and Islam
- Disability and Islamic Jurisprudence
- Disability and Islamic Spiritual Practise
- Inclusion of Muslims with Disabilities in Muslim Spaces
- Developmental Disability and Music Rehabilitation
- Quran Memorization and People with Disabilities
- Arts/Culture for Muslim with Disabilities
- Parenting and Disability
- Zakat and People with Disabilities
- Domestic Violence and Muslims with Disabilities
- Leadership and/ of Muslim with Disabilities
- Sports and Recreation and Muslim with Disabilities
- Eugenics and Disability in Islam
- Islamic Scholarship and Muslims with Disabilities
- Islamic Law and Disability (inheritance, custody, etc)
- Mental Health and Healing

Important Dates

July 15, 2020	Abstract Submission Deadline
July 22, 2020	Notification of Acceptance/Rejection
August 5, 2020	Final Paper Submission
August 18, 2020	Conference Date

Conference Outcomes

- The first issue of DEEN's annual Journal on Disability and Islam. All submitted papers will be considered for publication. Paper selection for the journal will be based upon peer review and conference presentation.

- Launch of DEEN's Global Network on Disability and Islam that will bring together service providers, academics, researchers, Islamic scholars, individuals with lived experience of disability, and disability advocates. The goal of this network is to continue dialogues initiated at the conference and provide opportunities for global learning and peer-support.

About DEEN Support Services

DEEN is a registered Canadian charity founded by Muslims with Disabilities. DEEN operates programs & services grounded in the Islamic tradition which respond to the unique cultural and spiritual needs of individuals with disabilities and their families. DEEN serves all individuals with disabilities regardless of religion, language and culture. As a leader in serving persons with disabilities, DEEN, and its parent organization, Canadian Association of Muslims with Disabilities CAM-D, also regularly conduct community-based research on the needs of Muslims living with disabilities in Canada.

DEEN's work is guided by the motto "Nothing About Us, Without Us." For more information, visit our website at <http://www.deensupportservices.ca/about-us/>