

Lifelong Learning Centre Seminar Series

Credit crises, recessions and increasing wealth inequality: can Islamic finance offer an alternative to modern economic problems?

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This seminar is FREE to attend

Wednesday 25 April 2012, 5.30 - 7.30pm
(Please see over for further details)



Title: Credit crises, recessions and increasing wealth inequality: can Islamic finance offer an alternative to modern economic problems?

Synopsis

The seminar will explore the lender-borrower relationship in Islam and the philanthropic nature of lending to see how this can have profound implications for financial dealings and the health of an economy.

This will be an interactive session aimed at developing an insight into faith-based economics. We will question current paradigms, including an exploration of the purpose of lending and the links between loans and economic growth. We will discuss in detail how a change in the purpose of lending can potentially create a different economic reality. The seminar will conclude with a discussion on modern problems including severe recessions and job losses, the impact of finance on our environment and the issue that worries us all from time to time: what are we leaving for our children and grandchildren?

The seminar is open to all and participants do not need prior knowledge of economics.

Biography

Sitara Akram has an MBA with specialisation in finance, from the Institute of Business Administration in Karachi, Pakistan. She has previously worked as a financial analyst and as a credit evaluation officer. While in Pakistan, she taught finance and economics at various Higher Education institutions, including the University of Central Punjab.

Sitara moved to the UK in 2006. She has been working as Centre Administrator since June 2008 at the Lifelong Learning Centre, University of Leeds. In addition, Sitara has delivered seminars on Islamic finance and has been teaching the Islamic Finance module since 2010.

Venue

Parkinson Building, Seminar Room 1.08
University of Leeds
Leeds
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There will be an opportunity to network over refreshments from 5.00pm.

Interested?

This seminar is FREE to attend and open to anyone with an interest in this topic— however, in order to help us organise refreshments we would be grateful if you could book a place by contacting Rebecca Edwards on 0113 343 6892 / r.m.edwards@leeds.ac.uk