(i`mar al-ard) and establishment of a just order and civilisation therein.

Each of these higher objectives, or 
imāṣid, in the sphere of 
muʿamalat
requires elaboration and has far-reaching implications that reflect on the whole of the ethical groundings of the Islamic law of contracts and how they integrate Islam’s ideals of equity and justice in market regulations, contractual relations and finance.

International Workshop: Being Muslim in the World, Everyday Ethics and Cultures of Adab
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“Being Muslim in the World: Everyday Ethics and Cultures of Adab”, was presented 23–24 May 2012, at the Faisal Masjid Campus of the International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIUI). The Islamic Research Institute of IIUI, the Iqbal International Institute, the International Institute for Research & Dialogue, the Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict (Arizona State University), and the American Institute of Pakistan Studies – four prominent think-tanks specialising in Islamic world issues – joined forces last spring to convene an international workshop to explore the dynamics of Adab and everyday ethics, with a concern to identify concepts, issues, and directions of research for Islamic lived ethics. Fifteen scholars selected from the United States, Pakistan, India, and Malaysia conducted this intensive closed-door dialogue in the conference centre attached to King Faisal Mosque, near the Islamic Research Institute. Their interest was in exploring the dynamics of Adab and everyday ethics, with a concern to identify concepts, issues, and directions of research for Islamic lived ethics. The dominant focus was the historical and modern experience of Muslims in South Asian societies; i.e., India before partition (today’s India, Bangladesh and Pakistan). The conceptually illuminating exchanges were facilitated by the participation of Professors Muhammad Khalid Masud (Director, IRI), Mumtaz Ahmad (President IIUI), Yasmin Saikia (Center of Religion and Conflict, ASU), and the senior scholar C. Mohammad Na‘im (retired, University of Chicago). Malaysia and Indonesia also came into view with the presence of Dr Mohd. Zaidi bin Ismail (IKIM, Kuala Lumpur), and Dr Asna Husin (Ar-Raniry State Institute for Islamic Studies, Banda Aceh). On the morning of the second day a public session before a large group of IIUI students had papers on “Imagining Ethical Worlds” chaired by Dr Mumtaz Ahmad, with a keynote address from Professor Dr Muhammad Masoom Yasinzai (Rector, IIUI).
The wide scope of inter-related topics ranged from *tadbīr* as good governance, fatwas on the “ethics of smiling” (a tongue-in-cheek performance by Khalid Masud), and an imaginative overview of Don Quixote in relation to *Maqāmāt* literature by Noman ul-Haq (LUMS, Lahore). As the ethical bedrock and glue of civilisation in all personal transactions and communal ideals, *Adab* remains perhaps the single most valuable resource possessed by Muslims to guide them amidst currents of transformation sweeping them towards an uncertain future.