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## “The Maqasid (Objectives) of the Islamic Law”

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**Conference Room - Building D, Second Floor**

### *Abstract*

What are the main objectives of Islamic Law (Shari'ah)? Why are some actions in the revealed law commanded and others prohibited? Is it morally justifiable to kill some people in order to save others? This lecture is an attempt to answer the above questions through the understanding of the theory of Maqasid as an essential part of the logic of Islamic legislation, and as a non-technical introduction to understanding Islam.

### *About the Speaker*

Dr. Mashhad Al-Allaf holds a doctoral degree from the USA in Modern Philosophy: Science & Metaphysics (1995). His bachelor's and master's degrees concentrated on the Philosophy of Science. He has taught at Washington University, St. Louis University, and Webster University and is the author of several works, including *Operationalism between Einstein and Bridgman* (2014 Arabic), *The philosophy of Islamic Civilization; al-Ghazali's Perspective* (2013 Arabic), *The Basic Ideas and Institutions of Islam* (2008 English), *Locke's Philosophy of Science and Metaphysics* (2007 English), and *The Essential Ideas of Islamic Philosophy* (2006 English). In 2012, Dr. Al-Allaf contributed a chapter to *Bloomsbury Companion to Islamic Studies*, edited by Dr. Clinton Bennett. Some of his articles were translated into Italian, Spanish and Bosnian languages. Dr. Al-Allaf taught different courses in the USA (for about 20 years) on Logic, Ethical Theories and Applied Ethics, Medical Ethics, Business Ethics and Engineering Ethics. He also taught courses on Islamic Sciences, and Philosophy of Science and Technology. His current research focuses on integrative studies and multiculturalism, as well as Applied Ethics, Islamic Theory of Science, and Love and Romance in Islam. Dr. Al-Allaf, had a research Fellowship from Cambridge University, UK, for the Academic years 2011 and 2012.