Muslim Global Civil Society:
A comparative analysis of the politics and culture of giving and sharing

In the current climate, a great deal of attention has been paid to radicalism and extremism in relation to Muslims across the world, whether as minorities in Western Europe and in the USA or in Muslim majority countries. Little, if at all, is discussed in relation to the positive contributions that Muslim social and cultural activism can bring to various communities and societies. This important collection is the first of its kind to provide a generalised global picture of the positive attributes of ‘Islamism’, where Muslims utilise interpretations of Qur’anic scripture and Islamic doctrine, as well as contemporary social and civil society movements, to generate a positive net gain to society, in particular in relation to physical charitable activities and civic participation in the democratic process in general.

This collection, edited by Associate Professor Tahir Abbas FRSA of Fatih University, Associate Professor Nuri Tinaz of the Turkish Religious Foundation Centre for Islamic Studies and Professor Talip Küçükcan of Marmara University is an opportunity to reflect upon and document these important issues in the current context. We are seeking social science and humanities scholars to first submit abstracts and then chapters that are theoretical, conceptual, empirical and policy-orientated in relation to the question of how Muslim communities organise their responses to the challenges of various forms of community, cultural and social development. In particular, proposals focusing on experiences in the USA, Western and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, South Asia and South East Asia are welcome.

Please submit an abstract of around 500 words and a 250-word biographical portrait to tahirabbas@fatih.edu.tr, nuri.tinaz@isam.org.tr and talip.kucukcan@marmara.edu.tr by 27 May 2011. Once a suitable number of proposed chapters are determined, we will be seeking to finalise a contract with a prominent US University publisher. Final chapters of around 6,500 words are to be submitted by 25 November 2011. Publication of the collection is planned for mid-2012.