

Rami Koujah

Education

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Ph.D. in Near Eastern Studies, 2024

M.A., 2020

- Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship (2023-2024)
- Laurance S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship (2022-2023)
- Center for Human Values first-year prize
- Dissertation: "Rights, Responsibilities, and the Legal Construction of the Human: An Intellectual History of Personhood in Islamic Law"
 - Bayard and Cleveland Dodge Memorial Prize for best Ph.D. dissertation
 - Julien Mezey Dissertation Award (The Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities)
 - The Tokat Institute for Advanced Islamic Studies Ph.D. Dissertation Award

Stanford Law School, Stanford, CA

Juris Doctor, 2018

- Abraham M. Mora Law Scholarship
- Religious Liberty Clinic, Winter 2018
- Thesis: "Reevaluating the 'Hybrid Rights' Doctrine: The Case for Religious Expression"

University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

M.St., Oriental Studies, 2014 (with Distinction)

University of California–Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

M.A., Islamic Studies, 2013 (Departmental Scholar Honors)

B.A., Arabic, 2013 (cum laude)

Irvine Valley College, Irvine, CA (2008-2010)

Academic Work Experience

Boğaziçi University, Faculty of Law

Assistant Professor, 2026 –

Harvard Law School

PIL–LC Research Fellow at the Program in Islamic Law Fellow, 2025 – 2026

Yale Law School

Abdallah S. Kamel Center Fellow, 2024 – 2025

Drew University, Madison, NJ

Adjunct (History), 2019 - 2022

Harvard Law School, Islamic Legal Studies Program

Research Editor for the Islamic Law Blog, June 2022 - June 2023

Student Editor, June 2019 - August 2019

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Adjunct, January 2016 - June 2016

Al-Maktoum College of Higher Education, Dundee, UK

Teaching Fellow, October 2014 - July 2015

Books

Islamic Legal Personhood: A Genealogy of Rights, Responsibility, and the Juridical Construction of the Self (under contract with Harvard University Press)

The Cambridge Handbook to Islamic Law, co-editor (under contract with Cambridge University Press)

The Promise of Shari‘a, co-editor with Josef Linnhoff (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2025)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“Theorizing (Islamic) Law: Concepts, Categories, Translation,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Islamic Law* (forthcoming)

“Understanding Rights in Islamic Law,” in *The Cambridge Companion to Islamic Law* (forthcoming)

“Maqāṣid al-Sharī‘a as Virtue Jurisprudence,” in *The Spirit of Islamic Law*, ed. Rami Koujah and Josef Linnhoff (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2025): 73-98

“Approaches to Islamic Law and Ethics: Theory and Practice,” in *Islamic Ethics*, ed. Mohammad Jafar Amir Mahallati, 2 vols. (forthcoming; peer reviewed)

“Islamic Legal Reform or Re-formation? The Transmutations of Critique in Rume Ahmed’s *Sharia Compliant: A User’s Guide to Hacking Islamic Law*,” *Islamic Law and Society*, 28:3 (2021): 283-315 (peer reviewed)

“Public Interest as a Normative Claim of Islamic Jurisprudence,” in *Locating the Shari‘a: Legal Fluidity in Theory, History and Practice*, ed. Sohaira Siddiqui (Leiden: Brill, 2019): 127-150 (peer reviewed)

“On the Purposiveness of God’s Actions and its Implications in Legal Theory,” *Islamic Law and Society* 24:3 (2017): 171-210 (peer reviewed)

Book Reviews

Routledge Handbook of Islamic Law. Edited by Khaled Abou El Fadl, Ahmad Atif Ahmad, Said Fares Hassan. Oxon and New York: Routledge, 2019. Pp. 449. Cloth, \$157.65, Paper, \$52.95. N.p. *Religious Studies Review*, 47:2 (2021): 193-197

“A Critical Review Essay of Anver M. Emon’s *Islamic Natural Law Theories*,” *UCLA Journal of Islamic and Near Eastern Law* 14:1 (2015): 1-28

Selected Presentations

“The Invention of Islamic Legal Personhood,” *Yale Law School Abdallah S. Kamel Center for the Study of Islamic Law and Civilization Workshop*, November 2024

“The Evolution of Legal Personhood in the Ḥanafī School,” *The Third Annual Ḥanafī Workshop*, Istanbul, June 2023

“Maqāṣid al-Sharī‘a (Objectives of Islamic Law) as Virtue Jurisprudence,” *British Association for Islamic Studies*, June 2022

“Maqāṣid al-Sharī‘a (Objectives of Islamic Law) as Virtue Jurisprudence,” *Maqāṣid and Ethics: Foundations, Approaches, and Applied Fields* – Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics, December 2021

“How to Get Away with Murder: Homicide and Culpability in Islamic Law,” *British Association for Islamic Studies*, June 2021

“At the Juncture of Reason and Revelation: al-Ghazālī’s Reintegration of Ethical Reasoning into Legal Theory,” *Revisiting al-Ghazali: Reason and Revelation* – Zaytuna College, March 2016

“On the Genesis and Development of Maqāṣid al-Sharia (Objectives of Islamic Law),” VIII *International Conference of the International Society for Islamic Legal Studies Coinciding with the 6th Annual Conference of the Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society (LUCAS)* – University of Leiden, November 2015

“On the Purposiveness of God’s Actions and its Implications on Islamic Legal Theory,”
British Association for Islamic Studies – University of London, April 2015

“Ethics in the Qur’an,” *Academic Training Program for UAE and Malaysian female university students* – Al-Maktoum College of Higher Education, February 2015

“Legal Maxims and the Ontology of *Maṣlaḥa* (Public Welfare) in Shafi‘ī Legal Philosophy with a Focus on al-Izz b. ‘Abd al-Salam,” *British Association for Islamic Studies* – University of Edinburgh, April 2014

“*Maṣlaḥa* (Public Welfare), Revelation, and Islamic Natural Law Theories,” *Sharia Workshop for the Islamic Reformulations Project* – University of Leiden, November 2013

“Ethics and Islamic Law: The Intersection of Human Disposition and Legal Theory,”
Islamic Law and Society – University of Oxford, February 2014

Selected Awards and Honors

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Center for Human Values first-year prize at Princeton (2018-2019)

Abraham M. Mora Law Scholarship (Stanford Law School)

Non-Academic Work Experience

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, New York, NY

Summer Associate, June 2017 – August 2017

K&L Gates LLP, Dubai, UAE

Summer Associate, May 2016 – August 2016