

<b>Module Code</b>	AP-1406			
<b>Module Title</b>	Issues in Contemporary Islamic Thought			
<b>Type of Module:</b>	Breadth			
<b>Modular Credits:</b> 4	<b>Student Workload:</b>	8 hours per week		
	<b>Contact hours:</b>	2x2 hours per week		
<b>Prerequisite:</b>	None			
<b>Antirequisite:</b>	None			
<b>Aims/Objectives/Rationale:</b>				
<p>This module would introduce the students to issues discussed by contemporary Muslim thinkers. The aim of this course is to provide a mosaic of Islamic thinkers and their various responses to contemporary issues. Issues such as science and technology, progress and society, knowledge and ways of development in Muslim societies are the most discussed about by Muslim thinkers. In the heart of all these issues lie philosophical issues connected to metaphysics, epistemology and ethics. Since the advent of western technology Muslim societies had to respond to these issues within their geographical area and beyond. The responses have been varied and in fact are still continuing.</p>				
<b>Module Content :</b>				
<p>Inherent in the module are the discussion of issues which are connected to the development within muslim societies and the muslim's conception of development. Islamisation of knowledge, Occidentalism, dewesternisation of knowledge, science and (or) Islamic science, nature of science (is it neutral or subjective) and Islamic sociology are some of the issues discussed. This course aims to provide the students with these responses by well known muslim thinkers such as Iqbal Lahori, Ismail Faruqi, Naquib al-Attas, Hassan Hanafi, Ali Shari'ati and Hossein Nasr. In discussing each of the thinkers students would be provided with background reading materials containing biographical information as well as their contribution to their fields.</p>				
<b>Assessment</b>	Examination:	<b>50%</b>	<b>Coursework:</b> Weekly writings (paragraphs) based on topics discussed in class (10%) One Essay (20%) A group presentation in class for a particular issue. (20%)	<b>50 %</b>
<b>Textbook(s)/References :</b>				
Al-Attas, S. M. N. (1993). <i>Islam and secularism</i> . Kuala Lumpur: International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization. Allawi, A. (2009). <i>Crisis in Islamic civilization</i> . Yale: Yale University Press. Iqbal, M. (1999). <i>The reconstruction of religious thought in Islam</i> (Reprinted). Lahore: Sh.Muhammad Ashraf. Nasr, S. H. (2007). <i>Islam, science, Muslims and technology: Seyyed Hossein Nasr in conversation with Muzaffar Iqbal</i> . Kuala Lumpur: IBT.				