

## PROFESSOR AID SMAJIĆ



Dr. Aid Smajić is a professor of psychology at the Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo. He graduated in Psychology (2002) and Islamic Studies (2001). He obtained his master's degree at the International Islamic University in Malaysia, while he received his PhD in 2010 at the Department of Psychology at the University of Sarajevo. He is the author of several books and scientific studies, including *Work Stress among Bosnian Imams: Prevalence, Causes and Coping* (2022), *Religiosity and Ethnic tolerance in Bosnia and Herzegovina* (2016) and *Values and Value Orientations of Muslim Youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina* (2015). The areas of his academic and research interest include psychology of religion, group dynamics and intergroup relations, organizational psychology, systemic family therapy, Islamic spiritual care, and indigenous Islamic psychology and psychotherapy.

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## EDUCATION

Degree program	Timeframe
<p><b>PhD in Psychology</b></p> <p><i>Institution:</i> Faculty of Philosophy, University of Sarajevo</p> <p><i>The dissertation title:</i> Psycho-Social Aspects of Religiosity as a Determinant of Ethnic Tolerance</p>	2007 – 2010
<p><b>MA in Islamic Civilization (Religious Psychology)</b></p> <p><i>Institution:</i> International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC), Kuala Lumpur</p> <p><i>Master's thesis title:</i> Behavior therapy in the Works of Selected Early Muslim Scholars</p>	2001 – 2003
<p><b>BA in Social Sciences (Psychology)</b></p> <p><i>Institution:</i> Faculty of Social Sciences, International Islamic University Malaysia</p> <p><i>Degree:</i> Bachelor's Degree in Psychology</p>	1998 – 2002
<p><b>BA in Islamic Studies (Qur'an and Sunnah)</b></p> <p><i>Institution:</i> Faculty of Islamic Studies, International Islamic University Malaysia</p> <p><i>Degree:</i> Bachelor's Degree in Islamic Studies, Qur'an and Sunnah Studies</p>	1997 – 2001
<p><b>BA in Arabic Language</b></p> <p><i>Institution:</i> University of Zaytuna, Tunisia</p> <p><i>Degree:</i> Diploma in Arabic Language</p>	1996 – 1997
<p><b>Diploma in Arabic Language</b></p> <p><i>Institution:</i> Burghiba Institute for the Languages, Tunisia</p> <p><i>Degree:</i> Diploma in Arabic Language</p>	1996 – 1997
<p><b>Secondary Education</b></p> <p><i>Institution:</i> Ghazi Husrev-bey Madrasa, Sarajevo</p> <p><i>Degree:</i> Imam, Khateeb and Mu'allim</p>	1989 – 1996

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Position	Timeframe
<b>Professor</b> <i>Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo</i>	2022 – present
<b>Vice-Dean for International Cooperation</b> <i>Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo</i>	2017 – present
<b>Associate Professor</b> <i>Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo</i>	2016 – 2022
<b>Head of Chair for Religious Pedagogy and Religious Psychology</b> <i>Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo</i>	2015 – 2019
<b>Assistant Professor</b> <i>Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo</i>	2011 – 2016
<b>Senior Assistant</b> <i>Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo</i>	2007 – 2011
<b>International Relations Officer</b> <i>Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo</i>	2007 – 2008
<b>Assistant</b> <i>Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo</i>	2004 – 2007

## INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Role	Timeframe
Member of Advisory Board, <i>The Journal of Islamic Research</i> <a href="https://www.islamiarastirmalar.com/en-index.html">https://www.islamiarastirmalar.com/en-index.html</a>	2014 – present
Member of Editorial Board, <i>Context: Journal for Interdisciplinary Studies</i>	2019 – present

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

Award	Institution	Description	Time of award
Hafiz of the Qur'an	Riyasat of the Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina	Reward awarded for the memorization of the entire Qur'an	October 1994

## TEACHING

### TEACHING AT THE FACULTY OF ISLAMIC STUDIES IN SARAJEVO

Study cycle	Courses
<b>BA</b>	General Psychology with Personality Psychology Developmental Psychology Psychology of Religiosity Pedagogy Psychology Islamic Mission (Da'wa)
<b>MA</b>	Religion and Individual in the Postmodern Time Islamic Spiritual Care Islamic Spiritual Care: Practicum Conflict Resolution
<b>PhD</b>	Psychology of Religion: Selected Topics

### MENTORING/ COACHING EXPERIENCE

Institution and Program	Activity	Timeframe
Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo <b>Masters in Islamic Studies</b>	Mentored students in the preparation of research projects and the writing of master's theses	2013 – present
Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo	Mentored students in the preparation of research	2016 – present

<b>PhD in Islamic Studies</b>	projects and the writing of master's theses
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## INTERNATIONAL TEACHING MOBILITY

Institution	Host Institution	Course(s)	Timeframe
Erasmus	Istanbul University	Religion, Islam and Contemporary Psychology	2023
Erasmus	Tuebingen University	Islamic Practical Theology	2023
Erasmus	Erlangen University	Work Stress among Bosnian Imams	2022
Erasmus	Paderborn University	Islam and Islamic Educational Institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina	2022

## RESEARCH

### CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Psychodynamic Processes in Creating a Relationship with God among Christians and Muslims (2021). International conference *Theology and Psychology in Dialogue: What Kind of God We Believe in?* Đakovo: Faculty of Catholic Theology (University of Osijek) and Faculty of Theology (University of Ljubljana), 15. October 2021. Co-presenter dr. Sanda Smoljo-Dobrovoljski.

Psychological Consequences of Pandemic COVID-19 among Students at the University of Sarajevo (2021). International conference *Crimen Forensis Securitas 21 Pandemic Covid 19 – The Response of Science to the Challenge of the Century*. Sarajevo: Faculty of Criminology and Security Studies (University of Sarajevo), 4-5. October 2021.

Religiosity and Ethnoreligious Coexistence in Bosnia (2020). On-line international conference *Unity with Diversity: Moving toward Civilizational Development*. Kuala Lumpur: International Islamic University Malaysia, University of Sarajevo, Shenandoah University, Bridgewater College, Jamal Barzinji Project, 18-19. November 2020.

Muslim Spiritual Care in the Time of Covid-19: Bosnian Perspective (2020). *What is Spiritual Care in Light of Covid-19 from the Perspectives of Different Religious Traditions?*, webinar series. International Association for Spiritual Care, 21. juli-11. Avgust 2020.

Religious Reception of Freud (2019). Roundtable aft 80 years after the death of Sigmund Freud *The Role and Importance of Freud Psychoanalysis in Criminal Studies*. Sarajevo: Faculty of Criminology and Security Studies (University of Sarajevo), 26. December 2019.

Place for Implicit Religiosity in Ethno-Religious Cexistence and Tolerance: A Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina (2019). International Conference *Monotheistic Believing and Pluralistic Societies from an Islamic Perspective*. Erlangen: Department for Islamic-Religious Studies at Friedrich-Alexander University in Erlangen, 7-9. November 2019.

Muslim Chaplaincy and Spiritual Counseling in Bosnian Prisons: Case Study of Tuzla Muftuluk (2019). International conference *Islamic Social Work? From Community Services to Commitment to the Common Good*. Switzerland: Swiss Center for Islam and Society (University of Fribourg), 11-12. September 2019.

Religiosity and Ethnic Tolerance in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2010). *Annual Convention of Association for Study of Nationalities*. New York: Association for Study of Nationalities and Columbia University, 15-17. April 2010.

Religiosity as a Determinant of Ethnic Tolerance in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Theoretical Framework (2009). *Congress of International Association for Psychologists of Religion*. Wien: International Association for Psychologists of Religion and University of Wien, 23-27. August 2009.

Psychology of Religion and Intercultural Dialogue and Tolerance (2007). International Conference *Dialogue or How to Overcome Clashes of Our Civilizations?* Celje: Faculty of Theology (University of Ljubljana), 8-11. November 2007.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

Project Title	Institution	Role in the Project	Timeframe
<i>Psychometric Validation of Cognitive Anxiety Scale 2 among Bosnian University Students</i>	International University in Sarajevo, University of Sarajevo, University of Texas at Tyler	Member of Research Team	January-August 2021
<i>Psychological consequences of the COVID-19 among students of the University of Sarajevo</i>	Faculty of Criminology and Security Studies at the University of Sarajevo	Member of Research Team	2021
<i>Mapping the Terrain: Advancing Education in Muslim Societies</i>	International Institute of Islamic Thought (Virginia) and Virginia University	National Coordinator for Bosnia and Herzegovina	2019-2020
<i>Mapping the Terrain: Advancing</i>	International Institute of Islamic Thought (Virginia)	National Coordinator for	2018-2019

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Work Stress among Bosnian Imams: Prevalence, Causes and Copying* (in Bosnian). Sarajevo: Faculty of Islamic Studies and el-Kalem, 2022.

*Study of Competences of the Cadre at the Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina: from the Acquired Competences to the Needed Ones* (in Bosnian), coauthored with Dina Sijamhodžić-Nadarević, Nedim Begović and Mirzeta Brkić. Sarajevo: El-Kalem and Faculty of Islamic Studies, 2022.

*Religiosity and Ethnic Tolerance in Bosnia and Herzegovina* (in Bosnian). Sarajevo: Faculty of Islamic Studies and el-Kalem, 2017.

*Values and Value Orientations of Muslim Youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina* (in Bosnian). Sarajevo: Centar za dijalog – Vesatija, 2016, [http://cdv.ba/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Vrijednosti-i-vrijednosne-orijentacije\\_Full-verzija.pdf](http://cdv.ba/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Vrijednosti-i-vrijednosne-orijentacije_Full-verzija.pdf).

*Bosnia and Herzegovina 2025: Scenarios on Future Developments* (in Bosnian and English). Paul Pach (Ed.), coauthored with group of authors. Sarajevo: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, 2012, <http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/bueros/sarajevo/09055.pdf>.

### Book chapters

Islamic psychology from Bosnian perspective: experiences and contributions of Muslim psychologists and thinkers, coauthored with Selvira Draganović, in Amber Haque and Abdallah Rothman (Eds.), *Islamic Psychology around the Globe*. Seattle, WA: International Association of Islamic Psychology, 2021, pp. 32-48.

Muslim chaplaincy and spiritual counseling in Bosnian prisons: case study of Tuzla Muftiluk, coauthored with Hajrudin Baturić, in Nuri Tinaz, Ali Ayten, Mahmut Zengin and Halil Eksi (Eds.), *Spiritual Counselling and Care in Health and Prison Services: Diverse Experiences and Practices*. Istanbul: Center for Values Education Press, 2020, pp. 175-190.

Bosnia and Herzegovina: country report, in Jorgen S. Nielsen, Samim Akgonul, Ahmet Alibašić, Brigitte Marechal and Christian Moe (Eds.), *Yearbook of Muslims in Europe*. Vols. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. Leiden: Brill, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, pp. 2:89-105, pp. 3:93-111, pp. 4:95-113, pp. 5:123-141, pp. 6:108-124, pp. 7:114-129, respectively.

*Bosnia and Herzegovina in a Search for Civic Culture of Public Accountability: Role of Religious Education in Public Schools* (in Bosnian and English). Sarajevo: Open Society Fund in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2011, [http://www.osfbih.org.ba/images/Prog\\_docs/PDFP/pdfp\\_10-11/Studies/ENG\\_67\\_Aid\\_Smajic.pdf](http://www.osfbih.org.ba/images/Prog_docs/PDFP/pdfp_10-11/Studies/ENG_67_Aid_Smajic.pdf).

## Journal Articles

Psychological consequences of the COVID-19 among students of the University of Sarajevo (in Bosnian), coauthored with Elvira Čekić, Dženana Husremović and Daniel Maleč, *Criminal Justice Issues: Journal for Criminalistics, Criminology and Security Studies*, 11:1 (2022), pp. 1-22.

Relationship between the anxiety level and religiosity among the students of the Faculty of Islamic Studies in Sarajevo (in Bosnian), coauthored with Mirzeta Brkić, *Zbornik radova Fakulteta islamskih nauka u Sarajevu*, 25 (2021), pp. 147-164.

Relationship between the specific symptoms of the PTSD and suicidality (in Bosnian), coauthored with Vildana Aziraj-Smajić, *Zbornik radova Islamskog pedagoškog fakulteta u Bihaću*, 13 (2021), pp. 199-218.

Indigenous Islamic psychology in Bosnian context: contributions of Muslim theologians, thinkers and psychologists (in Bosnian), coauthored with Selvira Draganović, *Context: Časopis za interdisciplinarne studije*, 8:1 (2021), pp. 65-86.

The role of the Islamic education in public schools in promoting positive values: prospects and challenges (in Bosnian), *Zbornik radova Fakulteta islamskih nauka u Sarajevu*, 24 (2020), pp. 315-334.

Religiosity as predictor of value orientations among the youth (in Bosnian), coauthored with Jadranka Kolenović-Đapo, *Zbornik radova 5. kongresa psihologa Bosne i Hercegovine sa međunarodnim učešćem*, 5 (2019), pp. 55-177.

A Religious encounter with the modern psychology: example of the Catholic Church (in Bosnian), *Context: Časopis za interdisciplinarne studije*, 4:1 (2017), pp. 7-26.

Islamic Leadership in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in Egdunas Raciū and Antonina Zhelyazkova (Eds.), *Islamic Leadership in the European Lands of the Former Ottoman and Russian Empires*. Leiden: Brill, 2017, pp. 68-88.

Religiosity and family orientation of Muslim youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina (in Bosnian), *Zbornik radova Fakulteta islamskih nauka u Sarajevu*, 19 (2015), pp. 191-218.

Socio-demographic variables and ethnic tolerance (in Bosnian), *Zbornik radova 4. kongresa psihologa Bosne i Hercegovine sa međunarodnim učešćem*, 4 (2017), pp. 259-278.

Religious orientations and political tolerance: testing the model of individual differences (in Bosnian), *Zbornik radova 3. kongresa psihologa Bosne i Hercegovine sa međunarodnim učešćem*, 3 (2013), pp. 251- 262.

Role of faith in shaping the attitude towards “the other” between religious ideals and Bosnian reality (in Bosnian), *Vrhbosnensia: Časopis za teološka i međureligijska pitanja*, 1 (2013), pp. 5-26.

„Islamisation of knowledge“ project: basic ideas, development and current state (in Bosnian), *Zbornik radova Fakulteta islamskih nauka u Sarajevu*, 16 (2012), pp. 253-268.

Psychology of religion and intercultural dialogue and tolerance, *Bogoslovni vestnik/Theological Quarterly*, 68:3 (2008), pp. 423-435.

Images of religious others in textbooks of religious education for the public primary schools in Bosnia and Herzegovina, *Islamic Studies*, 47:1 (2008), pp. 39-64.

Assertiveness training in the works of early Muslim scholars (in Bosnian), *Novi mualim*, 20 (2004), pp. 50-60.



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