

SENIOR TEACHING ASISTANT AHMED ČOLIĆ, MA



Ahmed Čolić, MA, is a Senior Assistant at the Chair of Religious Pedagogy and Religious Psychology (Pedagogical group of subjects) at the Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo. He obtained his bachelor's degree in Islamic Theology in 2015 and a bachelor's degree in Religious Pedagogy in 2016, both from the Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo. He also obtained his master's degree in Religious Pedagogy from the same institution in 2019.

Currently, he is working on his second master's thesis at the Department of Pedagogy at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Sarajevo, and on his doctoral dissertation in the field of Religious Pedagogy at the Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo. He has authored several professional and scientific papers and one book chapter. Some of his notable works include: "Stress: Sources, Reactions, and Coping," a chapter in the publication *From Individual to Institutional Responsibility: Enhancing the Quality of Students' Mental Health and Study Experience*, ed. Amela Dautbegović (Sarajevo: Faculty of Philosophy, University of Sarajevo, 2023, pp. 33–60). "Islamic Religious Education in Bosnia and Herzegovina Maktabs through the Prism of Mu'allims" (*Nazhruna: Jurnal Pendidikan Islam*, 2023, Vol. 6, No. 3, pp. 321–335, SCOPUS); "Educational Approaches of Muhammad, Peace Be Upon Him, Through the Prism of the Theory of Confluent Education" (*Proceedings of the Faculty of Islamic Studies*, 2023, No. 27, pp. 207–236); "Experiences in Teaching Islamic Religious Education in Bosnia and Herzegovina from 1992 to 2002." (*Proceedings of the Faculty of Islamic Studies*, No. 28, pp. 247–269).

His academic and research interests revolve around religious pedagogy, the methodology of religious upbringing, and the methodology of religious education.

CONTACT

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EDUCATION

Degree program	Timeframe
PhD in Islamic Studies (Religious Pedagogy) <i>Institution:</i> Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo <i>The dissertation title:</i>	October 2021 – in progress
MA in Educational Sciences (Pedagogy) <i>Institution:</i> Faculty of Philosophy, University of Sarajevo <i>Master's thesis title: Activities of Parents and Preschool Children in Their Free Time.</i> (Thesis is in the final stage of completion)	October 2016 – in progress
MA in Islamic Studies (Religious Pedagogy) <i>Institution:</i> Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo <i>Master's thesis title: Methodology of Religious Education for Children: A Case Study of Religious Education in Maktabs</i> Public defense took place on September 25, 2019.	October 2015 – September 2019
BA in Religious Pedagogy <i>Institution:</i> Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo	October 2015 – September 2016
BA in Islamic Theology <i>Institution:</i> Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo	September 2007 – June 2011

WORK EXPERIENCE

Position	Timeframe
Senior Teaching Assistant <i>University of Sarajevo – Faculty of Islamic Studies</i>	September 2020 - present
Teaching Assistant <i>University of Sarajevo – Faculty of Islamic Studies</i>	January 2016 – September 2020
Imam and Muallim at the Bradići Jamaat	May 2014 – Januar 2016

(part-time engagement) Islamic Community Council of Sarajevo	
Assistant Imam, Khateeb, and Muallim (part-time engagement) ICNAB – Jamaat ICNP, Phoenix, USA	September 2013 – December 2013
Imam and Muallim at the Gorica Jamaat (part-time engagement) Islamic Community Council of Sarajevo	January 2013 – April 2013

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Role	Timeframe
Member and Secretary of the Commission for Extracurricular Activities with Students	Since November 1, 2023
Member of the Examination Recognition Committee	Since October 12, 2022
Member of the Commission for the Evaluation and Defense of the master's thesis of candidate Kerima Karavdić	Public defense on April 6, 2022
Member and Secretary of the Self-Evaluation Team for Study Programs at the Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo	February 2, 2022 – Present
Member of the Committee for the Evaluation and Defense of the Master's Thesis of candidate Armin Mejrić	Report on October 31, 2021; Defense on November 15, 2021
Member of the Faculty Council as a representative of senior assistants	November 9, 2021 – Present
Member of the Committee for the Evaluation and Defense of the Master's Thesis of candidate Fuad Smajić	Report signed on January 4, 2021; thesis defense conducted on January 20, 2021.
Member of the Committee for the Evaluation and Defense of the Bachelor's Thesis of candidate Senad Majetić	December 10, 2020.
Member of the Committee for the Implementation of the University of Sarajevo's Instruction on Pedagogical-Psychological and Methodological-Didactic Subjects in the Study Program for Islamic Religious Education and Religious Pedagogy at the Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo	Decision made on January 16, 2019 - 2020.
Member of the Faculty Council as a representative of assistants.	2017 – 2020
Member of the Commission for the Management of the Faculty's Website.	2017 – 2018

Member of the Commission for the Professional Development of Religious Education Teachers	2016 – 2020
Member of the Faculty Council as a representative of second-cycle (graduate) students	2016 – 2017

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Award	Institution	Description	Time of award
Recognition for the highest-rated assistant by students in the summer semester of the academic year 2022/2023	Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo	The highest-rated assistant in student evaluations of the teaching staff at the Faculty during the summer semester of the academic year 2022/2023.	November 1, 2023
Recognition for the highest-rated assistant by students in the winter semester of the academic year 2021/2022	Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo	The highest-rated assistant in student evaluations of the teaching staff at the Faculty during the fall semester of the academic year 2021/2022.	September 29, 2022
Recognition for the highest-rated assistant by students for the academic years: 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021, 2021/2022	Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo	The highest-rated assistant in student evaluations of the teaching staff at the Faculty.	2018 – 2022
University of Sarajevo Golden Badge	University of Sarajevo	Recognition for one of the top students in the first cycle of studies at the University of Sarajevo	November 2015

TEACHING

TEACHING AT THE FACULTY OF ISLAMIC STUDIES IN SARAJEVO

Study cycle	Courses
BA	1. Pedagogy 2. Religious Pedagogy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Social Pedagogy 4. Inclusion of Persons with Special Needs and Religious Education 5. Learning and Teaching in Preschool Education 6. Family Education 7. Didactics 8. Methodology of Religious Education I and II 9. Practicum in Methodology of Religious Education I and II 10. Methodology of Religious Education
MA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Creativity in Religious Education 12. Curriculum and Textbook Development in Religious Education 13. Methodology of Religious Education in Maktabs II

MENTORING/ COACHING EXPERIENCE

Institution and Program	Activity	Timeframe
University of Sarajevo - Faculty of Islamic Studies Didactic-Methodological Courses in the First and Second Cycle of Studies	Mentoring students in the first and second cycle of studies in the process of writing lesson plans and conducting demonstration lessons in preschool institutions, maktabs (Islamic schools), elementary, and secondary schools.	Since 2016

RESEARCH

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR/WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Ahmed Čolić (2023) A Religious Teacher as an Example of Constancy in Times of Intense Change. Professional Seminar for Religious Teachers. Islamic Community in Croatia, Zagreb, September 2, 2023.

Ahmed Čolić (2023) With Children About Faith: Islamic and Contemporary Approach. Professional Seminar. Islamic Community Majlis Osijek, Croatia, Osijek, June 10, 2023.

Ahmed Čolić (2023) Presentation of Assistants' Experiences in Conducting Exercises/Seminars. Professional Seminar for Employees of the Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo: Application of Innovative Teaching Methods in University Education. Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo, Tarčin, June 6, 2023.

Ahmed Čolić (2022) Experiences in Implementing Islamic Religious Education from 1992 to 2002. Scientific Conference with International Participation: Thirty Years of Islamic Religious Education in the Educational System of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Experiences,

Challenges, and Perspectives. Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo, and the Administration for Education and Science of the Riyasat of the Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, November 17th and 18th, 2022.

Ahmed Čolić (2022.) *Teaching Approaches in Bosnia-Herzegovina Maktabas: Encouraging the Internalization of Religious Content*. Projekat. ILM. Univerzitet u Tubingenu, Sarajevo, 06. septembar 2022.

Ahmed Čolić (2020) Methodology of Religious Education for Children. Professional Seminar for Imams, Khateebes, Religious Education Teachers, and Islamic Religious Education Teachers. Majlis of the Islamic Community Žepče, Žepče, January 22, 2020.

Ahmed Čolić (2019) Methodology of Religious Education for Children. Professional Seminar for Imams, Khateebes, Religious Education Teachers, and Islamic Religious Education Teachers. Majlis of the Islamic Community Zenica, Zenica, December 17, 2019.

Ahmed Čolić (2019) Communication Skills. Professional Seminar for Youth. Youth Network of the Majlis of the Islamic Community Novi Travnik, Rostovo, November 24, 2019.

Ahmed Čolić (2019) Collaboration Experiences – Barzinji Project 'Higher Education in Multiethnic Societies.' Round Table: Higher Education in Multiethnic Societies: The Barzinji Project Experience. University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, November 8, 2019.

Ahmed Čolić (2019.) *Ingredients to Successful Student Exchanges*. Colloquium: The Jamal Barzinji Project: Civil Discourse in Higher Education. Center for Islam in the Contemporary World, Shenandoah University, Winchester, Virginia, SAD, 16. septembar 2019.

Ahmed Čolić (2018) Workshops: "Communicate with Me!", "Religious Education Teacher, Empower Me!", "Me and My Prejudices?" and "We Are All Different and Need Others." Professional Seminar for Islamic Religious Education Teachers and Students of the Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo. Association of Religious Education Teachers Sarajevo, Federal Ministry of Education and Science, Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, September 29–30 and October 13–14, 2018.

Ahmed Čolić (2016) Public Engagement of Religions in Bosnia and Herzegovina: From Proper Religious Education to the Development of Interreligious Dialogue. Moderator at the Professional Seminar for the Development of Intercultural and Interreligious Competencies of Students. Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Sarajevo, May 13–15, 2016.

Ahmed Čolić (2013) Attitude Towards Neighbors. Expert Seminar for Students: "Students of the Faculty of Islamic Studies About Muhammad, pbuh." Association of Students of the Faculty of Islamic Studies, Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo, and the Majlis of the Islamic Community Sarajevo, Sarajevo, January 10, 2013.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Project Title	Institution	Role in the project	Timeframe
<i>Thirty Years of Islamic Religious Education in the Educational System of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Experiences, Challenges, and Perspectives</i>	The Faculty of Islamic Studies at the University of Sarajevo and the Administration for Education and Science of the Riyasat of the Islamic Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina	Member of the Organizing Committee and Conference Secretary; the conference was held on November 17th and 18th, 2022; Proceedings from the conference are currently being prepared.	April 2022 – present
<i>COIL Project – Collaborative Online International Learning</i>	Shenandoah University (Virginia, USA) and the University of Sarajevo	Member of the organizing team and participant in the project; four groups of students presented their projects	October 15th – December 10th, 2022
The "RESILIENCE PROJECT" acronym stands for "Religious Studies Infrastructure: tooLs, Experts, conNectiOns, and CEnters	The project within the EU Horizon 2020 research and development program involving FONDAZIONE PER LE SCIENZE RELIGIOSE GIOVANNI XXIII (FSCIRE)	Member of the research team at the University of Sarajevo	2019 – present
<i>Jamal Barzinji Project for International Cooperation to Advance Higher Education</i>	Center for Islam in the Contemporary World, Shenandoah University, Bridgewater College, University of Sarajevo, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM)	Member of the research team at the University of Sarajevo; organized visits for project participants to the USA, Malaysia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina; conducted several expert workshops, conferences, and roundtable discussions; authored several collaborative papers ...	2019 – present
<i>International Conference</i>	Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of	Secretary of the Organizing	2016 – 2017

<i>Rethinking Islamic Education in Europe</i>	Sarajevo, The International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT UK), Ilahiyat Faculty of Istanbul University, International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM), Center for Advanced Studies	Committee; the conference was held from September 14th to 16th, 2017; Proceedings from the conference have been published
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PUBLICATIONS

Book chapters

Ahmed Čolić and Aid Smajić (2023.) „Stres: izvori, reakcije i suočavanje.“ *Od individualne do institucionalne odgovornosti: unapređenje kvalitete mentalnog zdravlja studenata i iskustva studiranja* ["Stress: Sources, Reactions, and Coping." in *From Individual to Institutional Responsibility: Enhancing the Quality of Mental Health among Students and the Student Experience.*]. Ur. Amela Dautbegović. Sarajevo: Filozofski fakultet Univerziteta u Sarajevu. (str. 33–60.)

Samedin Kadić and Ahmed Čolić (2017.) „Drugi o nama.“ *Monografija: Fakultet islamskih nauka Univerziteta u Sarajevu 1977–2017* ["Others About Us." in *Monograph: Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo 1977–2017*]. Sarajevo: Fakultet islamskih nauka Univerziteta u Sarajevu i El-Kalem. (str. 267–272.)

Journal Articles

Ahmed Čolić, Mirzeta Brkić, Ammar Bašić and Reuf Ibreljić (2023). “Iskustva u realizaciji nastave islamske vjeronauke u Bosni i Hercegovini od 1992. do 2002. godine”. [Experiences in Teaching Islamic Religious Education in Bosnia and Herzegovina from 1992 to 2002]. *Proceedings of the Faculty of Islamic Studies*, No. 28 (pp. 247–269.)

Haris Cerić, Dina Sijamhodžić-Nadarević and Ahmed Čolić (2023.) “Poželjne osobine nastavnika vjeronauke”. [Desirable Qualities of Religious Education Teachers]. *Proceedings of the Faculty of Islamic Studies*, No. 28 (pp. 421–433.)

Ahmed Čolić (2023). “Odgojni pristupi Muhammeda, s.a.v.s., kroz prizmu teorije konfluentnog obrazovanja”. [Educational Approaches of Muhammad, Peace Be Upon Him, Through the Prism of the Theory of Confluent Education]. *Proceedings of the Faculty of Islamic Studies*, No. 27 (pp. 207–236.)

Dina Sijamhodžić-Nadarević and Ahmed Čolić (2023). “Islamic Religious Education in Bosnia and Herzegovina Maktabs through the Prism of Mu’allims”. *Nazhruna: Jurnal Pendidikan Islam*, Vol. 6, No. 3 (pp. 321–335) <https://doi.org/10.31538/nzh.v6i3.3584> [SCOPUS]

Ahmed Čolić (2022.) „Pedagoško i religijsko razumijevanje odgajaničeve prirode“ [Pedagogical and Religious Understanding of the Nature of the Student in the Process of his/her Upbringing]. *Proceedings of the Faculty of Islamic Studies*, No. 26. (pp. 261–283.)

Ahmed Čolić (2017.) „Didaktičko-metodički pristup basnama Mehmed-bega Kapetanovića Ljubušaka i mogućnosti primjene u vjerskoj nastavi“ [Didactic-Methodological Approach to the Fables of Mehmed-bey Kapetanović Ljubušak and Possibilities for Their Implementation in Religious Education]. *Novi Muallim*, Year XVIII, No. 72. (pp. 49–56.)

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