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Short Biography

Professor Dr. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq is the Director General of the Islamic Research Institute and Professor of Shariah & Islamic Law at International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan, where he has been a Dean of the Faculty of Shariah and Law from 2010–14 and Chair of department of Shariah (Islamic Law) from 2008-2010. His present assignments include Director Paighamme Pakistan Center for Peace, Reconciliation and Reconstruction Studies, IRI and Director International Center of Excellence in Sirah Studies. He is also working as an editor of reputed research journal *Islamic Studies*. He was a Senior Fulbright Fellow and Professor at the Edward B. Brueggeman Center for Dialogue at Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH, 2013–14. He holds Ph.D. (1998) in Comparative Fiqh (Islamic Law) from the *Institute Supérieure de Théologie*, Ezzituna University, in Tunis. He has had post-doctoral fellowships at the University of Glasgow, U.K. (2005), University of Warsaw, Poland (2010), Deusto University, Bilbao, Spain (2013) and King Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz International Center for Inter religious and Inter Cultural Dialogue (KAICIID) Vienna, Austria (2015). He also taught and chaired the Islamic Law Dept. of Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad, 1999–2008. He has produced more than 100 PhD, LL.M, M.Phil., MS and MA scholars. He is active member of various important international professional organizations such as Secretariat of World and Traditional Religions Kazakhstan, International Justice Forum USA and International Moderation Forum, Jordan. He specializes in Islamic Law and Jurisprudence, International Islamic Law, Islamic Civilizational Studies, Human Rights in Islamic Perspective, Muslim Family laws and Interfaith Relations/Dialogue, Peace Studies in Islamic Tradition and Narrative Building. He has organized and presented at numerous conferences and workshops throughout Pakistan and abroad. He has authored and published dozens of research articles and books in Arabic, Urdu, and English languages. His post doctoral research at Glasgow University, UK, Xavier University, Cincinnati, USA and many of his articles are related to inter religious relations in the perspective of Islamic Law, which includes his publication ‘Muslims’ Participation in Interfaith dialogue Prospects & Challenges’, *Journal of Ecumenical Studies*, Temple University, USA, Fall, 2014, issue (49:4). He is leading the Govt. of Pakistan Project for Advancing National Narrative: Paigham e Pakistan. He has conceived and implemented various projects for promotion of peace, coexistence tolerance and inclusiveness among various segments of Pakistani society such as women, youth, faculty members, religious leaders, parliamentarians, Journalists and members of the civil society. He believes on ethics of disagreement and aims to promote culture of disagreement in an agreeable way. He has been given several awards and recognitions such as Best Teacher Award from Higher Education Commission of Pakistan 2010 and Ambassador for Dialogue and Peace Building by KAICIID, Austria in December 2015 and Medal of State from the President of Kazakhstan in 2016. HE Nursultan Nazarbayev,

Founding President Republic of Kazakhstan awarded him Medal of the Honour of the Congress of the leaders of world and Traditional Religions in 2018 in recognition of his efforts for promotion of global peace.