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Dr Nizami is the *Founder-Director* of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, a Recognised Independent Centre of Oxford University. In 2012 the Centre was granted a **Royal Charter** by Queen Elizabeth II.

As an historian, Dr Nizami has for over twenty five years taught and supervised students. He is a member of the Faculties of History and Oriental Studies at Oxford University; Prince of Wales Fellow at Magdalen College and Emeritus Fellow of St Cross College, Oxford. His academic specialisation is the history of South Asia. He has been working on an *Atlas of Muslim Social and Intellectual History* (to be published by OUP New York) which has been supported by the Leverhulme Trust, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, New York. and the Carnegie Corporation New York. Dr Nizami is the Founder Editor of the *Journal of Islamic Studies*, published three times a year by Oxford University Press, Oxford, and provides a multi-disciplinary forum for the study of Islam and Muslim societies. He is also Editor of a series, *Makers of Islamic Civilization*, published by Oxford University Press and IB Tauris.

As a bridge-builder at an international level, Dr Nizami has been engaged in the promotion of dialogue and understanding between different cultures. For nearly two decades he has been the Convenor of an annual international meeting at *Ditchley Park*, about Islam and the West. He has lectured at the *World Economic Forum (Davos)* and served on the Steering Committee of the **C-100** which brought together one hundred world political and religious leaders, scholars and business executives, in order to improve relations between the Islamic and Western worlds. He has been involved with various initiatives at the **United Nations University (Tokyo); UNESCO (Paris); European Commission; European Parliament; Commonwealth Secretariat; and the Commonwealth Foundation**. He has been on the steering committees of scholarly projects at *Duke University*, the *University of California, Berkeley* and *New York University*. He has lectured widely in Europe, North America, the Middle East, Africa, Central, South and South East Asia. He has served on the International Advisory Panel of the *World Islamic Economic Forum* and on the *Global Experts Project of the Alliance of Civilizations*, an initiative of the United Nations.

At the national level he has contributed to academic activities *at various British universities*. He has served as the Chair of the *Council of Wilton Park*; *member of the Court of Oxford Brookes University*; and the *Academic Council of Cumberland Lodge*. He has lectured at *The Royal Commonwealth Society*; *The King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Foundation of St Catherine's*; *The Defence Academy* and other notable institutions. He has collaborated with the *Archbishop of Canterbury* on *interfaith* initiatives. In partnership with *The Prince's Charities* and the Oxford Centre, he has launched the *Young Muslim Leadership Programme* which encourages British Muslims to achieve a more informed understanding of the values of contemporary British society, to raise their aspirations, and enable them to play a more active role in British national life.

At the local level, Dr Nizami has served as a Director of *Oxford Inspires*; joint chair of the *Oxford Abrahamic Group*; a Patron of the *Oxford Amnesty Lectures*; and a Governor of *Magdalen College School*.

Education

D.Phil	History, University of Oxford (Wadham College, Oxford)
M.A.	University of Oxford
M.A.	History, Aligarh Muslim University
B.A. Hons	History, Aligarh Muslim University

Medals and other Honours

CBE (2007)

Class IV of the Order of the Crown of Brunei (1992)

University Medal for standing First in the order of merit at the M.A. History examination (1979)

University Medal for standing First in the order of merit at the B.A. Honours examination (1977)

K.N. Hasan Gold Medal for standing first in the order of merit at the B.A. Honours examination in History (1977)

Career

1977-79 **National Scholar**, Centre for Advanced Study in History, AMU, Aligarh

1979-82 **Oxford Overseas Scholar**, Wadham College, Oxford

1982-83 **Sir Bartle Frere Exhibitioner**, Oxford University

1983-85 **Rothman's Fellow** in Muslim History, St Cross College, Oxford

1985-97 **Fellow of St Cross College**, Oxford

1985- **Founder Director**, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

1990- **Founder Editor**, *Journal of Islamic Studies*, published by Oxford University Press

1997- **The Prince of Wales Fellow**, Magdalen College, Oxford

1997- **Emeritus Fellow**, St Cross College, Oxford

2004- **General Editor**, *Makers of Islamic Civilization*, (OUP/IB Tauris)