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Bio and Research Statement/ Bio et Énoncé de recherche

Zijad Delic is a PhD candidate in Religious Studies (University of Ottawa) under the supervision of Professor Peter Beyer. This thesis is an attempt to research some of the social theories of Islam (Ijtihad or Independent reasoning, Maqasid or purposefulness of Islamic law and Fiqhul Aqalliyyat or Jurisprudence of Minorities) as methodological infrastructures which are in close interaction with the social conditions in which they arise. In this research, the purpose of the Sociology of Religion translates into the study of the interactions of Islamic law (Shari'a) and Canadian Muslims with larger Canadian society (Interfaith, Loyalty and Citizenship of Canadian Muslims, Gender equality, Women and Religion) and how these interactions between the two influence the adaptation and changes of Canadian Muslims in the process on one side and how the Islamic authority contributes towards more effective and authentic understanding of Islam within the liberal system and participation of Canadian Muslims with others in the diverse democratic liberal society, on the other side.

Zijad has a Doctorate (EdD) Degree in Education from Simon Fraser University, BC and a Master Degree in Education from University of Oregon, OR, USA.