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The Arbain Pilgrimage: An Embodiment of Spiritual Values and Scientific Progress

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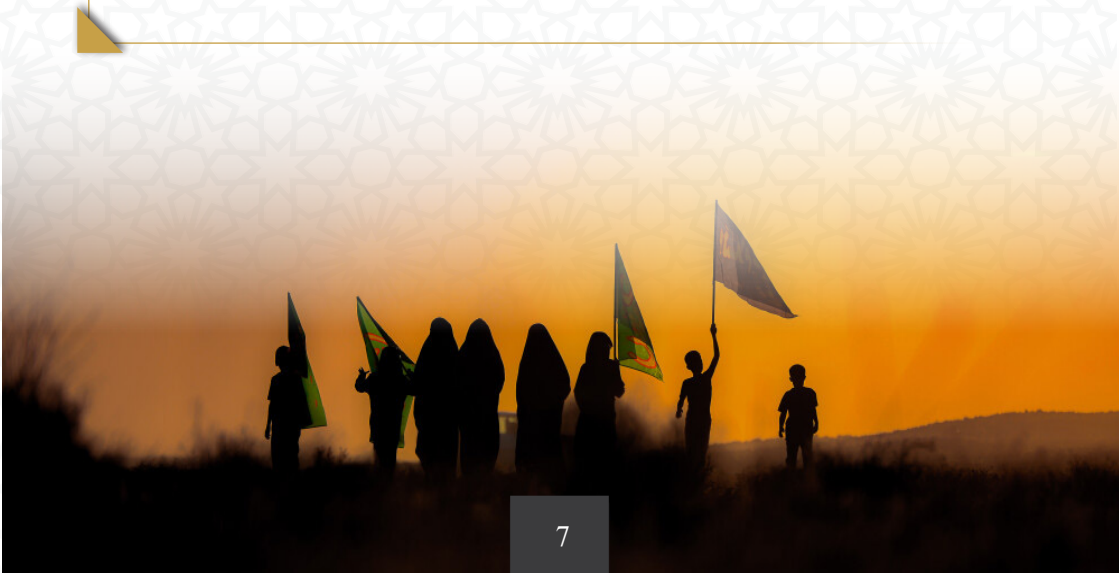
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Conference Vision

The Ninth International Scientific Conference on the Arbain Pilgrimage serves as a leading platform for promoting the values of humanity and justice, inspired by the principles of the Husseini revolution. The conference focuses on supporting the oppressed and the vulnerable while fostering the exchange of cultural and intellectual knowledge across different religions and cultures. It also aims to shed light on the civilizational project represented by the Arbain Pilgrimage.

Conference Message

The conference offers a unique opportunity to bring together minds and expertise to explore the spiritual, religious, and humanitarian dimensions of the Arbain pilgrimage, as well as its cultural and social impact on humanity and global civilizational development. The conference seeks to build bridges of communication between cultures and to reject violence and extremism in all its forms.

Conference Objectives

1. **Strengthening the Civilizational Project:** Highlighting the significance of the civilizational project embodied by the Arbain Pilgrimage, and affirming its supreme human values in the face of intellectual challenges.
2. **Encouraging Studies and Research:** Supporting research related to the Arbain pilgrimage across its various fields, to further academic understanding and exploration.
3. **Highlighting the Role of Human Values:** Extracting the lessons and ethical principles necessary to build a just society, in accordance with the reform project advocated by Imam Hussein, peace be upon him.
4. **Promoting Cultural Cooperation:** Encouraging open dialogue on cultural and



social issues while respecting the uniqueness and diversity of others.

5. **Reviewing the Practices of Previous Regimes:** Analyzing the treatment of the Arbain pilgrimage by past regimes, and the methods employed to suppress or hinder the pilgrimage.
6. **Providing a Suitable Scientific Environment:** Creating a space that encourages communication and fosters new insights, to find sustainable solutions to various challenges.
7. **Documenting Intellectual Output:** Publishing the intellectual contributions of researchers in the Center's peer-reviewed scientific journal, ensuring the dissemination of valuable academic work.
8. **Strengthening Religious and National Affiliation:** Promoting the highest human values and making the Arbain pilgrimage a cultural occasion that unites the entire Iraqi community, as well as the broader Islamic and human communities.
9. **Field Opportunities for Researchers:** Providing opportunities to explore the culture of the Arbain pilgrimage and the system of human values embodied by the pilgrims, through direct engagement.
10. **Research into the Use of Modern Technology:** Investigating the application of modern technologies to improve public services for Arbain pilgrims, such as the use of artificial intelligence and other technological innovations.
11. **Studying the Phenomenon of Mass Crowds:** Analyzing the phenomenon of the millions of pilgrims who participate in the annual Arbain pilgrimage, and providing the necessary visions and programs to manage such large-scale gatherings effectively.



Conference Themes

The first theme: Human Studies and Research

The Arbain pilgrimage represents a unique humanitarian phenomenon on both the local and international levels, distinguished by its humanitarian characteristics. These are reflected in the significant events that enrich the religious and philosophical heritage of societies. This legacy is intrinsically linked to the historical sequence of events surrounding the pilgrimage, as well as its ongoing manifestations through history. Noble philosophical values emerge from the essence of Islam and the spirit of the eternal message of Prophet Muhammad, which have had a profound impact on poetry, literature, and culture, all of which are enriched by the legacy of the Arbain pilgrimage. Media and religious tourism also play a critical role in shaping the nature of the pilgrimage, its rituals, and its psychological, social, educational, and economic impacts. Additionally, they support the efforts of those who work to present the pilgrimage in the dignified manner it deserves, as well as recognizing the contributions of volunteers in organizing the event.

The human studies and research within the conference proceedings will focus on the following topics:

1. Thought and Beliefs: Studying the impact of religious and philosophical thought on society.
2. Philosophy: Discussing the philosophical values associated with the pilgrimage.
3. Language and Literature: Exploring the impact of poetry and literature in enhancing the culture surrounding the pilgrimage.
4. History: Analyzing historical events related to the Arbain pilgrimage.
5. Economy: Investigating the impact of the pilgrimage on the local economy.
6. Media: Examining the role of the media in covering the pilgrimage and its



influence on social attitudes.

7. Soft Power: Analyzing the effects of media and psychological campaigns on public perception and understanding of the pilgrimage.
8. Tourism: Exploring religious tourism and the factors that attract pilgrims.
9. Volunteer Work: Assessing the role of volunteers in organizing and facilitating the pilgrimage.

The second topic: The Arbain Pilgrimage and Contemporary Technological Applications of Applied Sciences

The Arbain Pilgrimage, along with contemporary technological applications and advancements in applied sciences, plays a vital and effective role in managing the various activities of the pilgrimage. Planning for this event before the pilgrimage season requires identifying technological, infrastructural, and logistical challenges, as well as developing strategies to ensure the smooth execution of the pilgrimage rituals within the designated timeframe and geographical scope. The goal is to avoid obstacles or disruptions, particularly in the areas of humanitarian services and related administrative and service functions. The application of modern technology and scientific knowledge in this context revolves around the following themes:

1. The Role of Cybersecurity: Ensuring the protection of peaceful coexistence among nations in accordance with the Arbain pilgrimage rituals.
2. Modern Technologies in Cybersecurity: Safeguarding data and digital identities during the Arbain pilgrimage.
3. Digital Crisis Management: Addressing the challenges of crisis management in the digital realm during the Arbain pilgrimage.
4. The Role of Artificial Intelligence: Countering potential cyber-attacks and enhancing security during the Arbain pilgrimage.

5. Artificial Intelligence Applications: Using AI to enhance identity protection and support community coexistence during the pilgrimage.
6. Big Data: Exploring the role of big data in understanding the civilizational challenges associated with the Arbain pilgrimage.
7. Pre-Planning and Design: Innovations in sustainable infrastructure and smart transportation to ensure the smooth flow of the pilgrimage.
8. Harnessing Communication Technologies: Utilizing fifth-generation (5G) networks in alignment with the era of globalization during the Arbain pilgrimage.
9. Achieving Food and Water Security: Ensuring adequate food and water supply during the pilgrimage through modern technological applications.
10. Securing Sustainable Energy: Leveraging scientific data and modern technology to secure sustainable energy, addressing emerging challenges during the pilgrimage, and ensuring energy sustainability for large-scale events.
11. Biotechnology Applications: Utilizing scientific advancements in global health to monitor and manage health-related concerns during the Arbain pilgrimage.
12. Applying Mathematical Models and Statistical Data: Using mathematical models and statistical analysis to understand the impact of the pilgrimage and assist in crowd management and advanced planning.

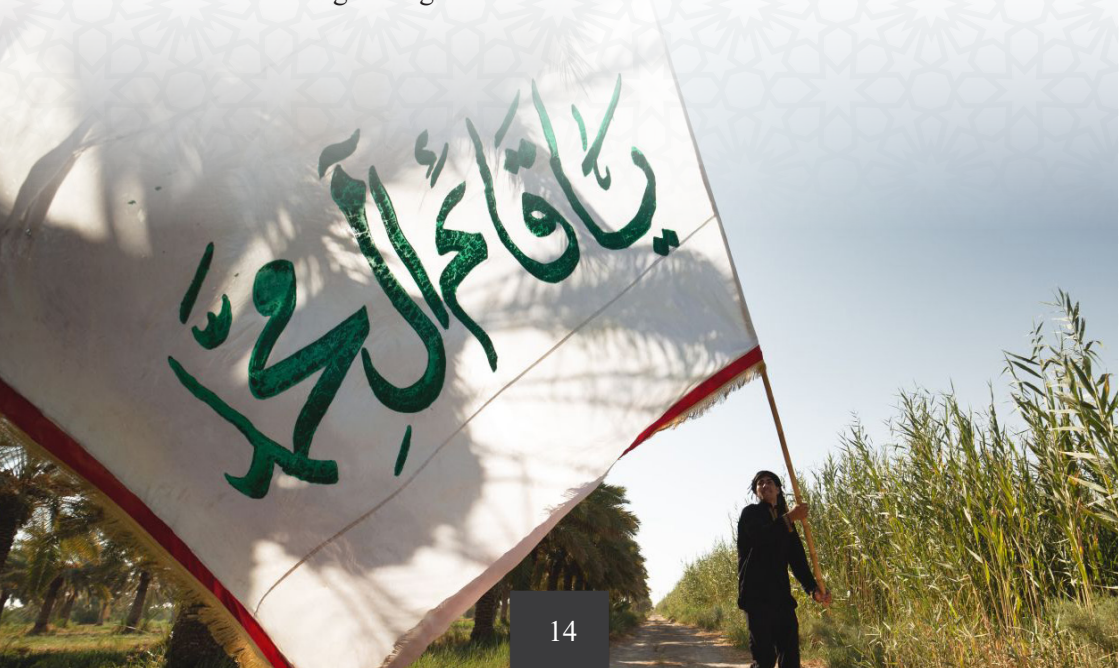
The third topic: Sociology and the Arbain Pilgrimage

The Arbain pilgrimage is a humanitarian phenomenon in which the highest values and morals are embodied at their fullest. This pilgrimage derives its honor and significance from the position of Imam Hussein ibn Ali, peace be upon him, and his martyrdom on the holy land of Karbala, all for the sake of upholding the religion of his grandfather, Prophet Muhammad, may God bless him and



his family. From this perspective, various trends and methodologies emerge to study the nature of the Arbain pilgrimage, the moral values it represents, the rights of the pilgrims, the customs and traditions associated with the pilgrimage, and its psychological effects. The goal is to derive insights that enhance collective spirit and contribute to the success of gatherings and processions, based on the following principles and disciplines:

1. Sociology of the Arbain Pilgrimage and the Development of Methodologies for Studying the Phenomenon.
2. Study of the Customs and Traditions of Pilgrims and Their Impact on the Arbain Pilgrimage.
3. The Psychological Effects of the Arbain Pilgrimage on Pilgrims.
4. Strengthening the Collective Spirit of the Arbain Community through High Moral Values.
5. Study of the Challenges Facing the Human Rights of Pilgrims During the Arbain Pilgrimage.
6. Husseini Processions: Understanding How They Operate and the Principles Followed in Organizing Them.





The Fourth topic: The Position of the Ruling Authorities Towards the Arbain Pilgrimage

The Arbain pilgrimage is, in fact, a mass demonstration of millions, where pilgrims express their support for the lofty values for which Imam Hussein, peace be upon him, was martyred, and their commitment to the principles of the Husseini revolution against injustice and tyranny. This massive march has historically instilled fear in the unjust ruling authorities, who viewed it as a direct challenge to their oppressive rule and a serious threat to their thrones. As a result, they sought to suppress the participants and persecute them using the most heinous forms of oppression.

This repression and persecution were most violently manifested during the years of the former regime's rule, making it essential to document these historical events and conduct research on the most significant of them, particularly:

The Safar Uprising of 1977 and the political events intertwined with it, as well as their impact on the pilgrimage.

The fifth topic: Crowd Management and Security

The Arbain pilgrimage is a massive humanitarian event, characterized by the presence of millions of pilgrims in a single location over several weeks. This creates significant logistical, administrative, and security challenges. Effectively managing such a large-scale event requires the full mobilization of administrative, operational, and security resources within the areas that host the activities of the Arbain pilgrimage. In order to address these challenges, extensive research and study are necessary in the following areas:



1. **Developing Effective Strategies:** Organizing the movement of pilgrims, controlling congestion, and facilitating crowd flow.
2. **Study and Analysis of Security Threats:** Identifying and addressing security risks associated with the Arba'in pilgrimage, preparing emergency procedures, and developing plans to maintain public safety.
3. **Utilizing Artificial Intelligence Technologies:** Analyzing crowd movements and ensuring the efficiency and speed of security responses through AI technologies.
4. **Addressing Emerging Health Crises:** Providing first aid and basic healthcare, and training pilgrims to handle health emergencies during the pilgrimage.
5. **Information Security:** Ensuring the protection of sensitive data and maintaining the stability of the Arba'in community through information security measures.
6. **Analysis of the Role of Civil Society Organizations:** Examining how civil society organizations can be activated and involved in supporting the organization of the Arba'in pilgrimage.
7. **Study of Environmental and Logistical Impacts:** Analyzing the environmental and logistical challenges of organizing the Arba'in pilgrimage and developing sustainable solutions.



Terms and Conditions for Conference Participation

1. The research must not have been previously published, nor presented at other scientific seminars or conferences.
2. Graduate students are allowed to participate, provided that their research is based on their theses or dissertations, as long as it has not been previously published.
3. The research must address one of the main topics of the conference and focus specifically on the Arbain pilgrimage.
4. The research must adhere to scientific methodology and standards, demonstrating originality and objectivity in analysis, with reliance on field studies and statistical data.
5. The researcher must submit an abstract of the research in both Arabic and English, including the full title of the research, the researcher's name, academic degree, affiliation, and contact information (phone number, email), along with a brief academic CV, Deadline for submitting abstracts: 31/03/2025.
6. The researcher must submit the full text of the research online in Word format, not exceeding 25 pages (A4 size), including references and appendices. The research must be written in Simplified Arabic font (size 14 for the main text, size 12 for footnotes), with references automatically formatted at the end of the paper according to the APA citation style.
7. The researcher must upload their paper to the conference's online platform; otherwise, the paper will not be considered or accepted, Deadline for submitting papers:15/06/2025,The platform can be accessed via the following link:

<https://iscza-conf.com//openconf.php>.

8. Accepted papers will be published for free in the peer-reviewed journal *Arbain*, issued by the Karbala Center for Studies and Research.
9. Accepted papers will also be published in Scopus-indexed journals for researchers who wish to do so, after submitting an official request and commitment. The researcher will bear the publication costs. The Karbala Center for Studies and Research is not responsible for any failure in publication for any reason.
10. The maximum number of authors for a single paper is as follows: three authors are allowed for scientific research papers, and only two authors are permitted for humanities and social science papers. Any paper with more than the allowed number of authors will be disregarded.
11. The researcher may submit up to two papers in the conference, under the theme "Arbain Pilgrimage and Contemporary Technological Applications and Applied Sciences."
12. All accepted papers will be the intellectual property of the center and will not be returned to the author in any form.
13. The center will host researchers from both within Iraq and abroad, covering accommodation and meals during the conference. However, the researcher is responsible for transportation costs, whether within Iraq or internationally.



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