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Biography

Edward J. Alam is a Professor in the Faculty of Humanities at Notre Dame University-Louiaze in Lebanon (www.ndu.edu.lb) where he has taught courses in Philosophy, History, and Religious Studies since 1996. His long-time association with the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (www.crvp.org) as its General Secretary (2009-2012) and now as its representative in the Middle East, greatly enriched his appreciation of non-western (Indian, Chinese, African) philosophical achievements, enabling him to travel and teach extensively in many parts of the world from the year 2000 to the present. He served for 10 years on the Pontifical Council for Culture (2014-2023) and is presently Consultor on the Holy See's Dicastery for Education and Culture. He presently holds the Endowed Chair of Religious, Cultural, and Philosophical Studies at his university and is a founding member of the International Institute of Ethics and Contemporary Issues (<https://iieci.ucu.edu.ua/en/main/about/>) Professor Alam is published widely in his field and holds memberships on a number of editorial boards internationally.

Peer-reviewed Journals

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Exhibitions, Competitions and Creative Work

International

- Director of the Study Abroad in Lebanon (SAIL) Program – World History through the eyes of Lebanon, a two-week intensive on-site course with students and Faculty from abroad. To date: Nigeria, Ukraine, Brazil, and Iran.

Esteemed indicators

- IIECI: Member of the Board of the International Institute of Ethics and Contemporary Issues, Lviv- Ukraine.

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