



The Institute of Ismaili Studies  
**Minutes of the Board of Governors**  
**Held on 21<sup>st</sup> July at AKC and on Zoom**  
**Meeting No. 05/22**

<b>Governors Present:</b>	Professor Ali Asani Dr Nadia Eboo Jamal Ms Karina Govindji Mr Rahim Karim Mr Alykhan Kassam Mr Amyn Kassim-Lakha	Professor Tashmin Khamis Mr Naguib Kheraj Dr Sharofat Mamadambarova Mr Habib Motani Professor Nacim Pak-Shiraz
<b>Governors Absent:</b>	Dr Arif Jamal, Dr Shogufa Mir Malekyar & Professor Farid Panjwani	
<b>Quorum present:</b>	Yes	
<b>Others present:</b>	Dr Farhad Daftary (permanent guest) Ms Selina Ramji (permanent guest) Nadine Chambers, Dr Laila Halani, Dr Shainool Jiwa, Dr Shiraz Kabani and Wasim Moosa (for items four and five)	

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The meeting was called to order at 14.00pm.

1. *Conflicts of interest*

- a) There were no declarations of interest over and above the current standing list of interests notified to the Board.

2. *Director's Report*

- a) The Director's Report for June 2022 was noted.

3. *Board Retreat debrief*

- a) We should review the organisational structure of IIS as part of the strategic planning exercise.
- b) We need to engage more extensively as part of the resource allocation exercise.

4. *Briefing session – Department of Academic Research and Publications, Central Asian Studies*

- a) The paper was considered.
- b) It was noted that collaboration with UCA, especially in partnership with the Humanities Project or with the AKTC, should be further explored.
- c) We may wish to establish an Advisory Group for this area of work.
- d) We should consider the orientation of the work of this Unit moving forward.

5. *Briefing Session – Ismaili Special Collections*

- a) The submissions were considered.
- b) The importance of completing the cataloguing and analysis of IIS' manuscripts in a timely manner was noted.

- c) The strategy for the Oral History project would benefit from being streamlined.
- d) Moving forward, we should explore ways in which this work can be made more visible and accessible.

6. *Any other business*

- a) The proposed Membership of the Academic Council was noted and approved by the Governors.

*Selina K Ramji*  
*IIS Board Secretary*  
*22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022*