

**Academic Studies on Muhammad Iqbal Conducted in Türkiye: Findings; and
Assessment of the Allama Muhammad Iqbal Factor in Academic Cooperation between
Türkiye and Pakistan**

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Abstract

The intellectual system of Muhammad Iqbal (1877-1938) was not limited to his era or merely shaping the founding philosophy of Pakistan; it also offered a powerful vision for the revival and unity of the Islamic world. The preservation and relevance of this vision are directly linked to the studies that have been and will be conducted on Iqbal. This research article examines the extent of academic studies conducted in Türkiye on Muhammad Iqbal and the degree to which they address Iqbal's system of thought; it also addresses how the Allama Muhammad Iqbal factor can be made more effective in terms of academic cooperation between the two countries. In this context, in the paper has analyzed not all academic studies on Iqbal in Türkiye, but only master and doctoral theses; and has examined selected dimensions of Iqbal's philosophy; the relationship between science and religion, the philosophy of self, modernization, national independence. The study has examined the secondary literature on Iqbal in Türkiye using qualitative, historical and comparative methods. These texts have evaluated not in depth but in broad terms in terms of theme and form, using content analysis and narrative analysis techniques. This research plays a pioneering role and provides a foundation for academics from both countries interested in the field to undertake new studies. Furthermore, this article makes concrete proposals on how the Allama Muhammad Iqbal factor can be made more effective in creating a catalyst for revitalization and cooperation between Turkish and Pakistani academia. In conclusion, this study argues that research on Iqbal in Türkiye can not only enrich the general intellectual heritage, but also serve as a facilitating for closer academic cooperation and joint projects with intellectual circles in Pakistan; and that all of these could serve as a catalyst for the academies of both brotherly countries to act together in the face of current challenges.

Keywords: Allama Muhammad Iqbal, academic studies, Iqbal factor in academic cooperation, Türkiye, Pakistan, philosophy of self

The amity between Türkiye and Pakistan goes far beyond bilateral relations between states. This amity is based not so much on cooperation between governments as on the unity and solidarity of the peoples of the two countries. This deep affection, which began before the founding of both countries, has successfully passed the tests of history, geography and politics to reach the present day. Allama Muhammad Iqbal (1877-1938), one of the founding figures of Pakistan, is a personality who is not only important in his own country but also highly respected in Türkiye. During his lifetime, Iqbal's special interest in Anatolia and its people earned him a special place in the hearts of the Turkish people. Therefore, while it is expected that the bonds between these two countries, which have long had strong emotional ties, would be very strong in many areas, from language to culture, economy to politics, education to the military, unfortunately, it is noticeable that relations in some areas are very weak. One of these areas is academia. Although in recent years there has been a rapprochement between the Turkish and Pakistani academic communities, as exemplified by Ibn Haldun University (Türkiye) and Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU, Pakistan), and various memoranda of understanding (MoUs) have been signed (joint research, publications, seminars, student/staff exchanges, etc.), these positive developments have not yet reached a level that reflects the friendship between these two countries. Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) such as joint research, publications, seminars, student/staff exchanges, etc. have been signed between the Turkish and Pakistani academic communities in recent years, as exemplified by Ibn Haldun University (Türkiye) and Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU, Pakistan), these positive developments have not yet reached a level that reflects the friendship between the two countries (*Ibn Haldun University Signs MoU with Allama Iqbal Open University - IHU, 2022*). Furthermore, Turkish universities carry out joint projects with many European universities through the Erasmus Programme of European Union that provides non-reciprocal financial support to higher education institutions to enable them to develop and implement joint projects and to facilitate short-term student and staff exchanges (*Part A: General Information about the Erasmus+, n.d.*). However, there are no similar joint projects with Pakistani universities in this context.

Academic world has a significant impact on societies, not only in accelerating scientific research but also in cultural transmission, strengthening communication languages, and intellectual, moral, and socio-political revitalization. However, there are certain factors that can further enhance this impact. The Muhammad Iqbal factor can also play an important role in creating a catalyst for revival and unity between Turkish and Pakistani academia. For

Muhammad Iqbal's system of thought was not limited to shaping the philosophy of his era or merely the founding philosophy of Pakistan; it also offered a powerful vision for the revival and unity of the Islamic world. Keeping this vision alive and relevant is directly linked to the work that has been and will be done on Iqbal.

Research Methodology

This research article contributes to this vision by investigating which dimensions of Iqbal's thought system are addressed in academic studies in Türkiye. In this context, the Systematic Literature Review (SLR) method has been chosen to systematically and transparently examine postgraduate theses on Muhammad Iqbal in Türkiye. The research process has been structured on the basis of pre-determined search strategies, inclusion and exclusion criteria, and data analysis steps. The main research question has been formulated as follows: "Which dimensions of Iqbal's thought system do postgraduate theses on Muhammad Iqbal in Türkiye address, and what potential do these studies offer in terms of academic cooperation between Türkiye and Pakistan?" In this context, rather than encompassing all academic works produced on Muhammad Iqbal in Türkiye, the study has been limited to master's and doctoral theses registered in the Türkiye National Thesis Centre database.

During the data collection process, Türkiye National Thesis Centre database has been systematically searched. The search utilized the keywords "İqbal" and "İkbâl", which have been evaluated alongside their various spelling variations. The search has been not restricted to a specific time period; all theses registered and accessible in the database up to December 2025, the date of this article, have been included in the scope.

In the study has been based on the following 'inclusion' and 'exclusion' criteria:

- Inclusion criteria:
 - Being registered in the Türkiye National Thesis Centre database
 - The subject matter being directly related to Muhammad Iqbal
 - Being a master's or doctoral thesis
- Exclusion criteria:
 - Works that refer to Iqbal only indirectly
 - Theses for which the full text is unavailable

- Undergraduate-level works and other academic publication types (articles, books, etc.)

The theses identified in accordance with these criteria have been subjected to a review of their titles, abstracts and full texts, following which the final sample has been determined. The selected theses have been analyzed using systematic data extraction methods. In this context, the following categories have been identified for each thesis: the year of completion and the academic level at which it was prepared (master's or doctoral); the thesis title, language and page count; the names of the academic author and supervisor; the university, institute and department in which the thesis was prepared; and the themes around which it was structured. During the analysis process, qualitative content analysis and narrative analysis techniques have been used in conjunction. Accordingly, the theses have been thematically coded, and similar approaches and trends have been categorized and classified. The data obtained have been evaluated using graphs to reveal the general structure of studies on Iqbal in Türkiye. The analyzed data has been synthesized within a thematic and conceptual framework; this has enabled the identification of the intellectual dimensions on which the literature on Iqbal in Türkiye focuses, thereby laying the groundwork for the identification of its weaknesses. In the final stage, the findings have been interpreted within the context of Türkiye–Pakistan academic relations, and concrete recommendations were presented on how Allama Muhammad Iqbal could be utilized more effectively as an intellectual factor capable of strengthening academic cooperation between these two countries.

As for the limitations of the methodology followed in this study, the most fundamental limitation is that the data set has been restricted solely to the Türkiye National Thesis Centre. This resulted in articles, books and international publications being excluded from the scope. However, this deliberate choice ensured that the research possessed a more systematic structure and a clearer focus.

Identification of Thesis Studies on Muhammad Iqbal Conducted at Universities in Türkiye

Muhammad Iqbal, who was accorded a distinguished position in the Islamic world due to his ideas and the role he played during his lifetime, has naturally been the subject of academic studies in various disciplines at different universities internationally. The topics addressed in postgraduate theses conducted on him at universities in Türkiye constitute an important resource in terms of revealing, understanding, interpreting, and relating this intellectual legacy

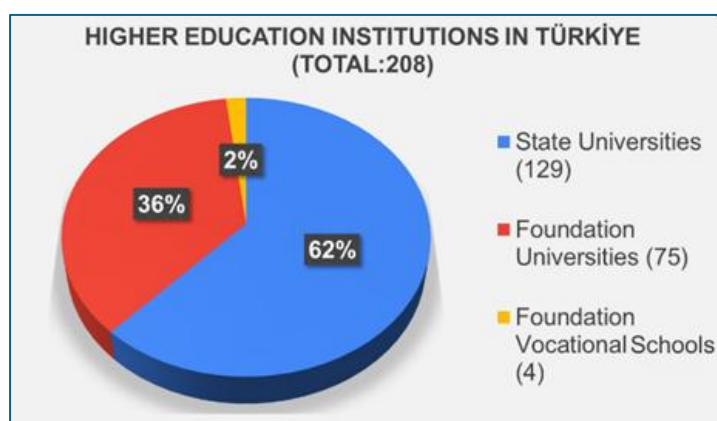
to current debates. Therefore, identifying the thesis studies on Muhammad Iqbal conducted at Turkish universities, presenting a general framework, and then making an analysis based on the findings obtained from this will increase the visibility and functionality of this valuable resource.

A Brief Overview of Turkish Universities

According to the YÖK Information Management System, as of December 2025, there are a total of 208 higher education institutions in Türkiye, including 129 state universities, 75 foundation universities, and 4 foundation vocational colleges/foundation vocational schools. (*Yükseköğretim Bilgi Yönetim Sistemi*, 2025) There are state universities in all provinces of Türkiye. With this number, Türkiye ranks 25th among the countries with the most universities worldwide.

Graph 1

Higher education institutions in Türkiye



Findings: A List that Including Various Criteria of Academic Studies on Iqbal

The presentation of data on theses completed in Türkiye based on various criteria (year of study, title, type, etc.) will facilitate both the assessment of the current state of Iqbal research in Türkiye and the preparation of a guiding framework for future studies. Therefore, the year in which these thesis studies were completed and the academic levels (master's, doctorate) at which they were prepared; the title, language and number of pages of the thesis; the names of the academic who prepared the thesis and their supervisor; the university, institute and department in which the thesis was prepared; and the themes around which it was structured are presented below in a list.

Table 1*List of Academic Studies on Iqbal in Türkiye*

YEAR: 2025				
SEARCHED WORDS: İKBAL / İKBÂL				
THE SCAN RESULTED IN 49 RECORDS				
NATIONAL THESIS CENTER				
No	Year- Thesis type	Title (English translation and Original title)	Language- Number of pages	Author - Supervisor Where - Subject
1	<u>2025</u> Master	English translation: <i>Prophet Muhammad in Modern Islamic Thought (Special to Prophet Roger Garaudy, Nurettin Topçu and Muhammad Iqbal)</i> *** Original title: <i>Modern İslam Düşüncesinde Hz.Peygamber (Roger Garaudy, Nurettin Topçu ve Muhammed İkbâl Özeline)</i>	Turkish 110 p.	Author: AYŞE ŞATIR Supervisor: DR. LECTURER AHMET ACARLIOĞLU Where: Kahramanmaraş Sütçü İmam University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Islamic History and Arts Subject: Religion (Şatır, 2025)
2	<u>2025</u> Master	English translation: <i>Liberty of will in Muhammad Iqbal</i> *** Original title: <i>Muhammed İkbâl'de İrade Hürriyeti</i>	Turkish 129 p.	Author: ALİ YILMAZ Supervisor: PROF. DR. NAİM ŞAHİN Where: Necmettin Erbakan University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of

				Philosophy and Religious Sciences / Department of Philosophy of Religion Subject: Religion; Philosophy (A. Yılmaz, 2025)
3	2024 Master	English translation: <i>The concept of time in Islamic thought: Comparison of Ibn Arabi and Muhammad Iqbal</i> *** Original title: <i>İslam Düşüncesinde Zaman Kavramı: İbn Arabi ve Muhammed İkbâl Mukayesesi</i>	Turkish 186 p.	Author: SEVİL GÜNGÖR Supervisor: DR. LECTURER ABUZER DİŞKAYA Where: Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University / Graduate Education Institute / Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences / Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences Subject: Religion; Philosophy (Güngör, 2024)
4	2024 Master	English translation: <i>The revision of Islam with Muhammed Iqbâl</i> *** Original title: <i>Muhammed İkbâl ile İslam'ın Yeniden İhyâsı</i>	Turkish 123 p.	Author: AZİZE KÖSE Supervisor: DR. ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR CUMALİ KÖSEN Where: Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University / Institute of Postgraduate Education / Department of Basic Islamic Sciences

				Subject: Religion (Köse, 2024)
5	2023 Master	English translation: <i>A comparison of Muhammad Iqbal's and Aliya İzzetbegoviç's ideas on religious renewal</i> *** Original title: <i>Muhammed İkbâl ile Aliya İzzetbegoviç'in Dinî Yenilenme Düşüncelerinin Mukayesesi</i>	Turkish 117 p.	Author: ERHAN ASLAN Supervisor: PROF. DR. RUHATTİN YAZOĞLU Where: Atatürk University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies Subject: Religion; Philosophy (Aslan, 2023)
6	2023 Master	English translation: <i>The relationship between faith and mind in Muhammad Iqbal</i> *** Original title: <i>Muhammed İkbâl'de İman-Akıl İlişkisi</i>	Turkish 152 p.	Author: ÖMER RASİMOĞLU Supervisor: ASSOC. PROF. DR. KASIM MÜMİNOĞLU Where: Muş Alparslan University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy Subject: Religion; Philosophy (Rasimoğlu, 2023)
7	2022 Master	English translation: <i>The relationship Muhammad Iqbal in the context of the problem of evil</i>	Turkish 85 p.	Author: MEHMET ÇAKMAZ

		*** Original title: <i>Muhammed İqbal'de Kötülük Problemi Bağlamında Allah-Âlem İlişkisi</i>		Supervisor: ASSOC. PROF. DR. HASAN OCAK Where: İğdır University / Graduate Education Institute / Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences / Department of Philosophy of Religion Subject: Religion; Philosophy (Çakmaz, 2022)
8	2022 Master	English translation: <i>The relationship between religion and science in Muhammad Iqbal and Sayyid Hussein Nasr</i> *** Original title: <i>Muhammed İqbal ve Seyyid Hüseyin Nasr'da Din Bilim İlişkisi</i>	Turkish 100 p.	Author: BÜŞRA AKMAN Supervisor: PROF. DR. İLHAN YILDIZ Where: Çankırı Karatekin University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy Subject: Religion; Philosophy (Akman, 2022)
9	2022 Master	English translation: <i>Animal metaphors in Muhammad Iqbal's works: Examples of Bang-i-Darā, Bāl-i Jibrī, Zarb-i-Kalim and Armughān-i-Hijāz</i> ***	Turkish 292 p.	Author: NEZAHAT KÖÇER Supervisor: ASSOC. PROF. DR. HAKAN KUYUMCU Where: Selçuk University / Mevlana Research Institute / Department of Mevlana and

		<p>Original title: <i>Muhammed İkbâl'in Eserlerinde Hayvan Metaforları: Hareket Zili, Cebrail Kanadı, Musa Vuruşu ve Hicaz Armağanı Örneği</i></p>		<p>Mevlevi Studies / Department of Mevlana and Mevlevi Studies</p> <p>Subject: Eastern Linguistics and Literature (Köçer, 2022)</p>
10	<p>2021</p> <p>Doctorate</p>	<p>English translation: <i>The question of I and the other in Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel and Muhammed Iqbal</i></p> <p>***</p> <p>Original title: <i>Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel ve Muhammed İkbâl'de Ben ve Öteki Sorunu</i></p>	<p>Turkish</p> <p>160 p.</p>	<p>Author: YUSUF ODABAŞ</p> <p>Supervisor: PROF. DR. BURHANETTİN TATAR</p> <p>Where: Ondokuz Mayıs University / Graduate Education Institute / Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences / Department of Islamic</p> <p>Philosophy</p> <p>Subject: Philosophy (Odabaş, 2021)</p>
11	<p>2021</p> <p>Master</p>	<p>English translation: <i>Philosophical thought in Muhammad Iqbal</i></p> <p>***</p> <p>Original title: <i>Muhammed İkbâl'de Felsefi Düşünce</i></p>	<p>Turkish</p> <p>78 p.</p>	<p>Author: ŞEREF KAYA</p> <p>Supervisor: PROF. DR. İBRAHİM ÇETİNTAŞ</p> <p>Where: Kahramanmaraş Sütçü İmam University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences</p>

				Subject: Religion (Kaya, 2021)
12	2020 Master	English translation: <i>The influence of Muhammad Iqbal's philosophy of self on morality and politics</i> *** Original title: <i>Muhammed İqbal'in Benlik Felsefesinin Ahlak ve Siyaset Üzerindeki Etkisi</i>	Turkish 101 p.	Author: GÜLFEM AKYILDIZ Supervisor: ASSOC. PROF. DR. MUHAMMET ENES KALA Where: Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy Subject: Philosophy (Akyıldız, 2020)
13	2020 Master	English translation: <i>Knowledge philosophy in Muhammad Iqbal and Henri Bergson</i> *** Original title: <i>Muhammed İqbal ve Henri Bergson'da Bilgi Felsefesi</i>	Turkish 107 p.	Author: ŞEYDA ERCEYİŞ Supervisor: PROF. DR. VELİ URHAN Where: Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University / Graduate Education Institute / Department of Philosophy / Turkish-Islamic Philosophy Subject: Philosophy (Erceyiş, 2020)
14	2020	English translation: <i>The problem of human</i>	Turkish	Author: BEDİRHAN GÜVEN

	Master	<p><i>freedom in Muhammad Iqbal's thought</i></p> <p>***</p> <p>Original title: <i>Muhammed İqbal Düşüncesinde İnsanın Özgürlüğü Problemi</i></p>	100 p.	<p>Supervisor: PROF. DR. KEMAL SÖZEN</p> <p>Where: Akdeniz University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies</p> <p>Subject: Religion; Philosophy (Güven, 2020)</p>
15	<p>2019 [The year of publication of the thesis is recorded as 2020 in the system, but the year of approval and publication in the printed copy is 2019.]</p> <p>Master</p>	<p>English translation: <i>The impact of Mevlana on the philosophy of Muhammed Iqbal</i></p> <p>***</p> <p>Original title: <i>Muhammed İqbal'in Düşüncesinde Mevlana Etkisi</i></p>	<p>Turkish</p> <p>112 p.</p>	<p>Author: BURHAN DURMAN</p> <p>Supervisor: DR. LECTURER ABDULLAH KARTAL</p> <p>Where: Harran University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences / Department of Islamic Philosophy</p> <p>Subject: Religion; Philosophy (Durman, 2019)</p>

16	2019 Master	English translation: <i>The place of Muhammad Iqbal's self thought and political philosophy</i> *** Original title: <i>Muhammed İqbal'in Benlik Düşüncesi ve Siyaset Felsefesindeki Yeri</i>	Turkish 124 p.	Author: ELİF ESRA ATALAN Supervisor: ASSOC. PROF. DR. YUNUS CENGİZ Where: Mardin Artuklu University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy Subject: Philosophy; Political Science (Atalan, 2019)
17	2019 Doctorate	English translation: <i>The political philosophy of Muhammad Iqbal</i> *** Original title: <i>Muhammed İqbal'in Siyaset Felsefesi</i>	Turkish 166 p.	Author: ENAMULLAH AHMADY Supervisor: PROF. DR. BAYRAM DALKILIÇ Where: Necmettin Erbakan University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences / Department of Philosophy of Religion Subject: Philosophy; Political Science (Ahmady, 2019)
18	2018 Master	English translation: <i>Religious psychology of Muhammad Iqbal</i> ***	Turkish [The language	Author: ZÜMRÜD AFET Supervisor: PROF. DR. HÜSEYİN CERTEL

		<p>Original title: <i>Muhammed İkbâl'de Dindarlığın Psikolojisi</i></p>	<p>of the thesis is recorded as English in the system, but the written language in the printed copy is Turkish.]</p> <p>83 p.</p>	<p>Where: Süleyman Demirel University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies</p> <p>Subject: Religion (Afet, 2018)</p>
19	<p>2017</p> <p>Master</p>	<p>English translation: <i>Immortality of ego according to Muhammad Iqbal</i></p> <p>***</p> <p>Original title: <i>Muhammed İkbâl'de Benliğin Ölümsüzlüğü</i></p>	<p>Turkish</p> <p>139 p.</p>	<p>Author: GÜLGÜN ÇIKIŞIR</p> <p>Supervisor: ASSIST. PROF. DR. ÖMER FARUK ERDEM</p> <p>Where: Necmettin Erbakan University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences / Department of Philosophy of Religion</p> <p>Subject: Religion; Philosophy (Çıkışır, 2017)</p>
20	<p>2017</p> <p>Doctorate</p>	<p>English translation: <i>The idea of immortality in Muhammad Iqbal</i></p> <p>***</p>	<p>Turkish</p> <p>[The language</p>	<p>Author: SAİM GÜNDOĞAN</p> <p>Supervisor: PROF. DR. METİN YASA</p>

		<p>Original title: <i>Muhammed İqbal'de Ölümsüzlük Düşüncesi</i></p>	<p>of the thesis is recorded as English in the system, but the written language in the printed copy is Turkish.]</p> <p>201 p.</p>	<p>Where: Ondokuz Mayıs University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences / Department of Philosophy of Religion</p> <p>Subject: Philosophy (Gündoğan, 2017)</p>
21	<p>2017</p> <p>Master</p>	<p>English translation: <i>The concept of time in the philosophy of Muhammad Iqbal</i></p> <p>***</p> <p>Original title: <i>Muhammed İkbâl Felsefesinde Zaman Kavramı</i></p>	<p>Turkish</p> <p>118 p.</p>	<p>Author: BÜŞRA COŞANAY</p> <p>Supervisor: ASSISTANT PROF. DR. MURAT ERTEN</p> <p>Where: Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy</p> <p>Subject: Philosophy (Coşanay, 2017)</p>
22	<p>2016</p> <p>Doctorate</p>	<p>Original title: <i>Overcoming nihilism through Sufism:</i> <i>Muhammad Iqbal, his philosophy, and political theology</i></p>	<p>English</p> <p>205 p.</p>	<p>Author: FEYZULLAH YILMAZ</p> <p>Supervisor: ASSISTANT PROF. DR. NEDİM NAMİ NOMER</p>

		*** Turkish translation: <i>Nihilizmi Sufizm ile Aşmak: Muhammed İktbal'in Felsefesi ve Siyaset Teolojisi</i>		Where: Sabancı University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Political Science Subject: Political Science (F. Yılmaz, 2016)
23	2016 Master	English translation: <i>Process theology and Muhammad Iqbal</i> *** Original title: <i>Süreç Teolojisi ve Muhammed İktbal</i>	Turkish 51 p.	Author: GÜLSÜM ATAR Supervisor: PROF. DR. TUNCAY İMAMOĞLU Where: Atatürk University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences Subject: Philosophy (Atar, 2016)
24	2015 Master	English translation: <i>Contributions to the understanding of the self in the psychology of religion: An Example of Muhammad Iqbal</i> *** Original title: <i>Din Psikolojisinde Nefs Anlayışına Katkılar: Muhammed İktbal Örneği</i>	Turkish 98 p.	Author: BÜŞRA HAZİNOĞLU Supervisor: PROF. DR. ALİ ULVİ MEHMEDOĞLU Where: Marmara University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences /

				Department of Psychology of Religion Subject: Religion (Hazinoğlu, 2015)
25	2014 Doctorate	Original title: <i>Becoming a genuine muslim self a kierkegaardian reading of Muhammad Iqbal</i> *** English translation: <i>Hakiki Müslüman Benlik Haline Gelme Muhammed İqbal Üzerine Kierkegaardci Bir Okuma</i>	English 200 p.	Author: SEVCAN ÖZTÜRK Supervisor: PROF. DR. ALAN WILLIAMS Where: The University of Manchester / Overseas Institute / Department of Theology Subject: Philosophy (S. Öztürk, 2014)
26	2014 Master	English translation: <i>Muhammed Iqbal's understanding of knowledge</i> *** Original title: <i>Muhammed İqbal'in Bilgi Anlayışı</i>	Turkish 90 p.	Author: ZELİHA OKUMUŞ Supervisor: ASSOC. PROF. DR. NEBİ MEHDİYEV Where: Kırklareli University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy Subject: Philosophy (Okumuş, 2014)
27	2014	English translation: <i>The problem of evil and</i>	Turkish	Author: ALPER KORKMAZ

	Master	<p><i>theodicy in Muhammad Iqbal</i></p> <p>***</p> <p>Original title: <i>Muhammed İqbal'de Kötülük Problemi ve Teodise</i></p>	124 p.	<p>Supervisor: ASSOC. PROF. DR. MUSA KAZIM ARICAN</p> <p>Where: Cumhuriyet University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences / Department of Philosophy of Religion</p> <p>Subject: Religion; Philosophy (Korkmaz, 2014)</p>
28	2014 Master	<p>English translation: <i>The elements of the philosophy of self according to Muhammad Iqbal</i></p> <p>***</p> <p>Original title: <i>Muhammed İqbal'de Benlik Felsefesinin Unsurları</i></p>	Turkish 197 p.	<p>Author: HASAN HÜSEYİN KARGIN</p> <p>Supervisor: ASSIST. PROF. DR. HAMDİ ONAY</p> <p>Where: İnönü University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies</p> <p>Subject: Religion; Philosophy (Hasan Hüseyin Kargin, 2014)</p>
29	<u>2013</u> Master	<p>English translation: <i>The process philosophy of Muhammad Iqbal</i></p> <p>***</p>	Turkish 119 p	<p>Author: FERHAT ONUR</p> <p>Supervisor: ASSISTANT PROF. DR. ŞAHİN EFİL</p>

		<p>Original title: <i>Muhammed İqbal'in Süreç Felsefesi</i></p>		<p>Where: İnönü University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy</p> <p>Subject: Philosophy (Onur, 2013)</p>
30	2012 Master	<p>English translation: <i>Freedom of self in Muhammad Iqbal</i></p> <p>***</p> <p>Original title: <i>Muhammed İqbal'de Benliğin Hürriyeti</i></p>	Turkish 189 p.	<p>Author: TEVFİK CAN KÜÇÜKŞAHİN</p> <p>Supervisor: ASSOC. PROF. DR. FATİH TOKTAŞ</p> <p>Where: Dokuz Eylül University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences / Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences</p> <p>Subject: Religion; Philosophy (Küçükşahin, 2012)</p>
31	<u>2011</u> Master	<p>English translation: <i>Muhammad Iqbal studies in Türkiye</i></p> <p>***</p> <p>Original title: <i>Türkiye'de Muhammed İqbal Çalışmaları</i></p>	Turkish 178 p.	<p>Author: MUSTAFA SARPER ALAP</p> <p>Supervisor: PROF. DR. CELAL SOYDAN</p> <p>Where: Ankara University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Eastern Languages and Literature /</p>

				Department of Urdu Language and Literature Subject: Eastern Linguistics and Literature (Alap, 2011)
32	2010 Master	English translation: <i>The analysis of central themes in Muhammad Iqbal's thought (ego-love-God)</i> *** Original title: <i>Muhammed İkbâl</i> <i>Düşüncesinde Merkezi Temalar (Ego-Aşk-Tanrı)</i>	Turkish 100 p.	Author: SİNAN DEDELER Supervisor: ASSOC. PROF. İSMAİL LATİF HACİNEBİOĞLU Where: Süleyman Demirel University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies Subject: Religion; Philosophy (Dedeler, 2010)
33	<u>2009</u> Master	English translation: <i>Muhammad Iqbal's concept of destiny</i> *** Original title: <i>Muhammed İkbâl'in Kader Anlayışı</i>	Turkish 109 p.	Author: EYYUP YILDIRIM Supervisor: ASSOC. PROF. DR. RAMAZAN ERTÜRK Where: Erciyes University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences / Department of Philosophy of Religion

				Subject: Religion (E. Yıldırım, 2009)
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37	2004 Master	English translation: <i>Godlike knowledge in Muhammad Iqbal's philosophy</i> *** Original title: <i>Muhammed İqbal'de İlâhi Bilgi</i>	Turkish 162 p.	Author: ALİ KÜRŞAT TURGUT Supervisor: ASSOC. PROF. DR. HALİFE KESKİN Where: Çukurova University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Basic Islamic Sciences Subject: Religion (Turgut, 2004)
38	2003 Master	English translation: <i>Understanding of education in modern Islam thought (Fazlur</i>	Turkish 102 p.	Author: TÜLAY ÖZTÜRK Supervisor: ASSOC. PROF. DR. RECAİ DOĞAN

		<p><i>Rahman Muhammed Iqbal and Jammaladdin Afgani</i></p> <p>***</p> <p>Original title: <i>Modern İslam Düşüncesinde Eğitim Anlayışı (Fazlur Rahman Muhammed İqbal ve Cemalettin Afgani Örneği)</i></p>		<p>Where: Ankara University / Institute of Social Sciences / Primary School Religious Culture and Moral Sciences Teaching Department / Department of Religious Education</p> <p>Subject: Religion (T. Öztürk, 2003)</p>
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44	1998 Master	English translation: <i>According to Muhammad Iqbal the religious experience and cognitive value</i> *** Original title: <i>Muhammed İkbâl'e Göre Dini Tecrübe ve Bilgi Açısından Değeri</i>	Turkish 106 p.	Author: RIZA BAKIŞ Supervisor: ASSOC. PROF. DR. TURAN KOÇ Where: Erciyes University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Religious Sciences Subject: Religion (Bakış, 1998)
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46	1997 Master	<p>English translation: <i>Muhammad Iqbal's philosophy of state and society</i> ***</p> <p>Original title: <i>Muhammed İkbâl'de Devlet ve Toplum Felsefesi</i></p>	Turkish 105 p.	<p>Author: AHMET HÜNÜK</p> <p>Supervisor: PROF. DR. İSMAİL YAKIT</p> <p>Where: Süleyman Demirel University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences</p> <p>Subject: Philosophy (Hünük, 1997)</p>
47	<u>1995</u> Master	<p>English translation: <i>The God-universe relationship in Maurice Ne'doncelle and Muhammad Iqbal</i> ***</p> <p>Original title: <i>Maurice Ne'doncelle ve</i></p>	Turkish 57 p.	<p>Author: ALİ ÇAKMAK</p> <p>Supervisor: PROF. DR. MEHMET AYDIN</p> <p>Where: Dokuz Eylül University / Institute of Social Sciences</p>

		<i>Muhammed İqbal'de Tanrı-Alem İlişkisi</i>		Subject: Religion; Philosophy (Çakmak, 1995)
48	1992 Master	English translation: <i>The Philosophy of religion in Muhammad Iqbal</i> *** Original title: <i>Muhammed İqbal'de Din Felsefesi</i>	Turkish 82 p.	Author: CELAL TÜRER Supervisor: ASSOC. PROF. DR. MURTAZA KORLAELÇİ Where: Erciyes University / Institute of Social Sciences Subject: Religion (Türer, 1992)
49	1988 Master	English translation: <i>The God-universe relationship in Leibniz and Muhammad Iqbal</i> *** Original title: <i>Leibniz ve Muhammed İqbal'de Tanrı-Alem İlişkisi</i>	Turkish 59 p.	Author: VELİ URHAN Supervisor: PROF. DR. MEHMET AYDIN Where: Dokuz Eylül University / Institute of Social Sciences / Department of Islamic Civilization and Social Sciences Subject: Religion (Urhan, 1988)

Analysis of Thesis Studies on Muhammad Iqbal Conducted at Universities in Türkiye

The analysis of academic studies, one of the most fundamental elements constituting a country's intellectual capital, is important because of the benefits it will offer to that country in many respects. This is because academic studies not only generate knowledge but also contribute to understanding and solving the social problems of the country concerned. With a sound academic analysis, a country can thoroughly examine its history, cultural structure, social dynamics, and vulnerabilities; enhance its visibility and prestige on the international stage; and steer its bilateral relations with other countries; be they diplomatic, cultural, economic, or otherwise in the desired direction. Viewed from this perspective, the analysis of studies on Iqbal in Türkiye is also significant.

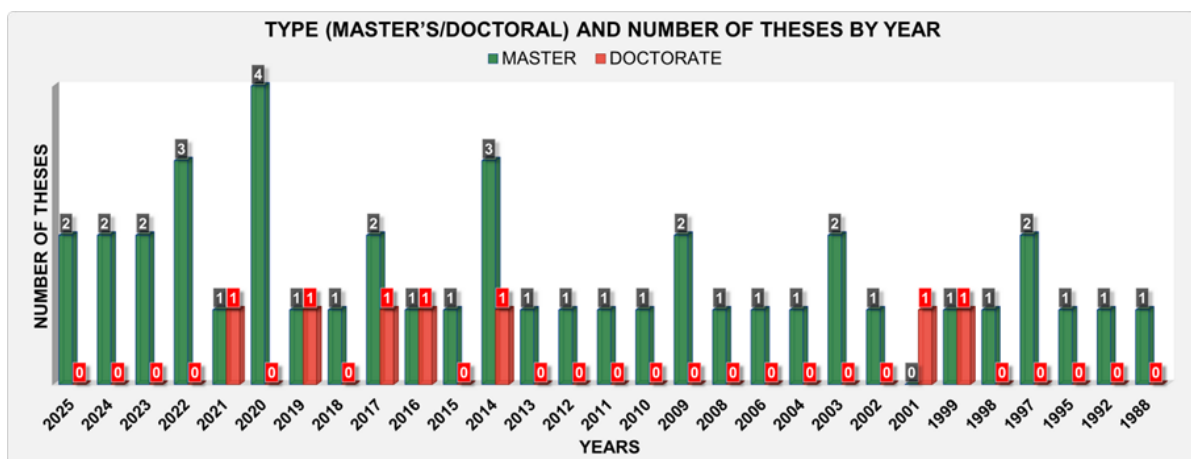
The list of thesis studies on Iqbal presented above shows that there has always been a special interest in Muhammad Iqbal at Turkish universities. Analyzing these academic studies in terms of form and theme is important both in terms of creating a foundation for future studies and facilitating cooperation between Turkish and Pakistani academia.

Formal Analysis of Studies on Iqbal.

When a search is conducted in the National Thesis Centre system using the keywords 'ikbal' and "ikbâl", it is seen that the first study on Muhammad Iqbal is a 1988 master's thesis entitled 'The God-universe relationship in Leibniz and Muhammad Iqbal'. The total number of master's and doctoral studies conducted between this date and 2025 is 49. The years with the highest number of studies are 2014 and 2020.

Graph 2

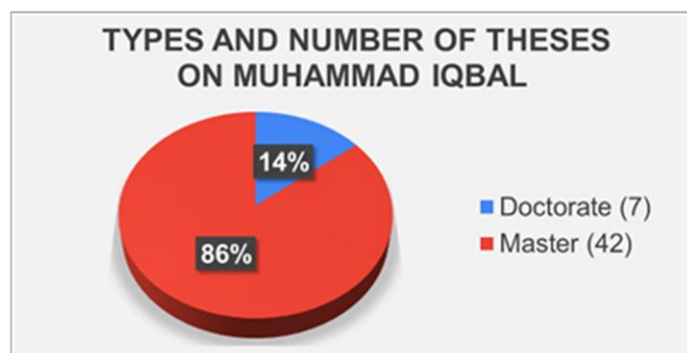
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Forty-two of these are master’s theses and seven are doctoral theses.

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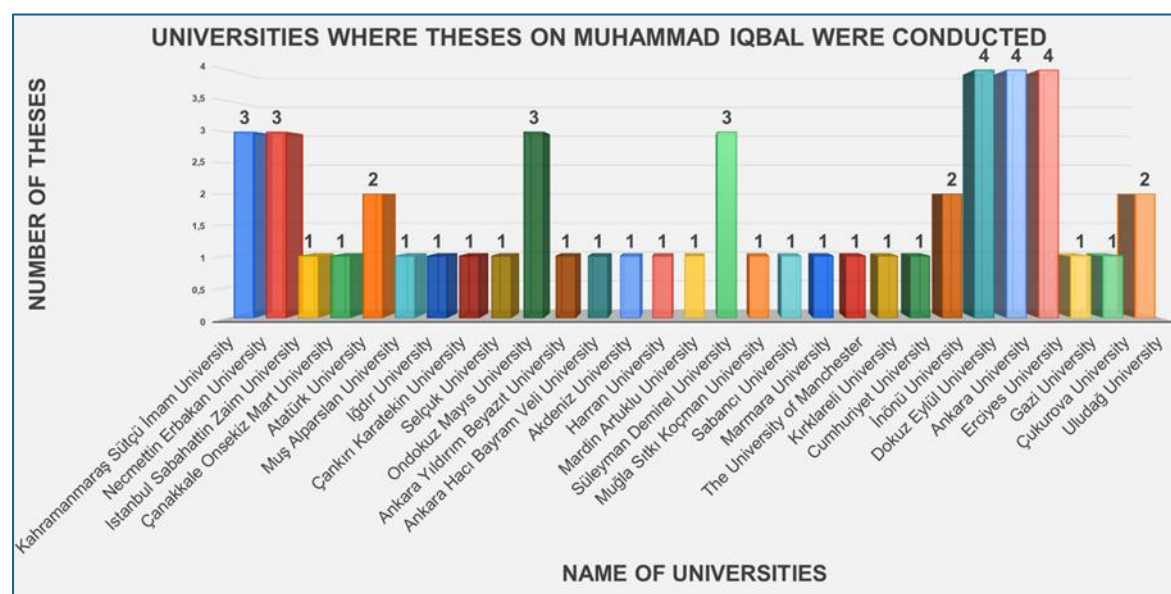
Types and number of theses on Muhammad Iqbal



These thesis studies were conducted at a total of 29 different universities, one of which was abroad. The study conducted at a foreign university was a doctoral study carried out at The University of Manchester in 2014 with a scholarship from the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Türkiye. The universities with the highest number of studies were Ankara University, Dokuz Eylül University and Erciyes University, each with three thesis studies.

Graph 4

Universities where theses on Muhammad Iqbal were conducted



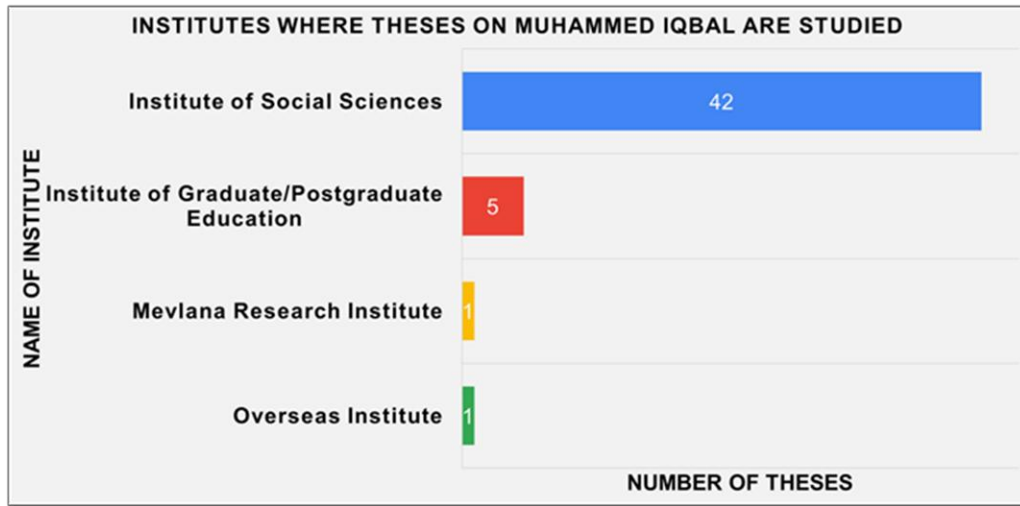
Thematic/Content Analysis of Studies on Iqbal.

Examining the content of theses on Muhammad Iqbal registered in the Turkish National Thesis Centre system is valuable both for compiling an inventory of academic studies

conducted to date and for guiding future research. In this context, looking at the studies whose formal analyses are presented above, it can be seen that the vast majority of them were conducted in the field of Social Sciences (Institute of Social Sciences) and in the main branches of Philosophy and Religious Sciences (Department of Philosophy and Religious Sciences/Studies).

Graph 5

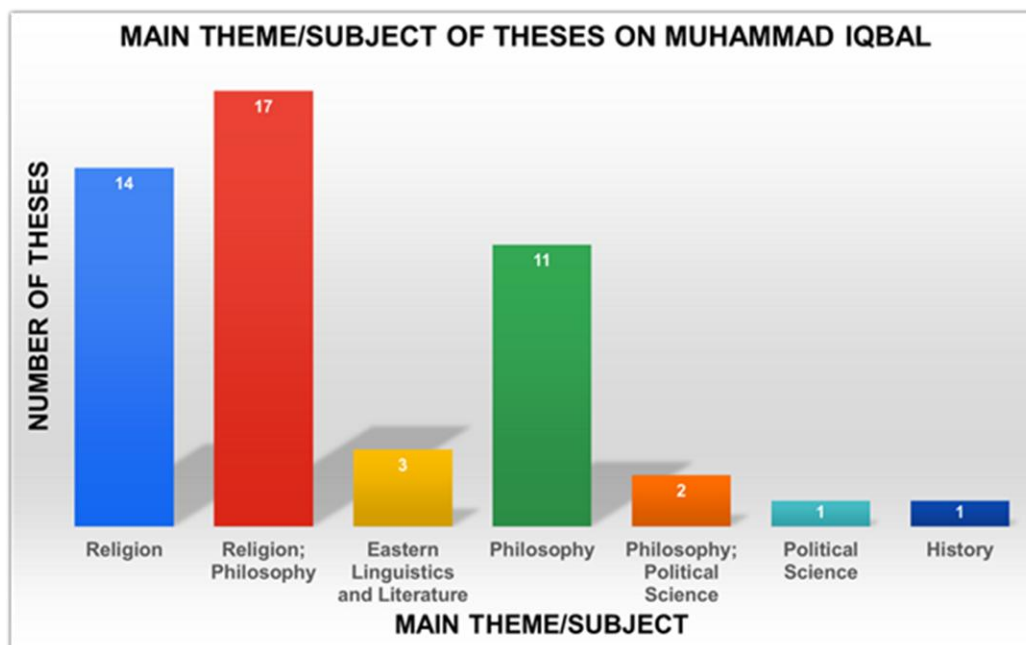
Institutes where theses on Iqbal are studied



Although some of the studies cover topics such as language, politics and history, the main themes are religion, philosophy and the philosophy of religion. The language of all the studies is Turkish, with the exception of two. The two non-Turkish doctoral studies are in English entitled ‘*Overcoming nihilism through sufism: Muhammad Iqbal, his philosophy, and political theology*’ completed at Sabancı University, and the other is another doctoral thesis entitled ‘*Becoming a genuine muslim self a kierkegaardian reading of Muhammad Iqbal*’ completed at the University of Manchester with a scholarship from the Turkish Ministry of National Education.

Graph 6

The main theme of theses on Iqbal



In these thesis studies conducted in Türkiye, the following dimensions of Iqbal's philosophy are seen to stand out: The relationship between God and the universe, The philosophy of self, The philosophy of process, The human model he envisaged, The understanding of knowledge, The theological views (Will, Freedom, Destiny, the Problem of Evil), The understanding of the Qur'an, The understanding of education, The political philosophy, The philosophy of religion, The relationship between religion and science, The relationship between faith and reason, The idea of religious renewal, The religious experience and piety.

This situation also demonstrates that many more unexplored dimensions of Iqbal's philosophy in Türkiye, such as 'Modernization' and 'National independence', await the attention of researchers.

Conclusion

Considering that the first thesis registered in the Turkish National Thesis System dates back to 1988, only 49 thesis studies on Iqbal have been conducted over a 37-year period; the absence of Pakistani students among those who conducted these studies; and the fact that there is still no Muhammad Iqbal Institute or Muhammad Iqbal Research Centre in Türkiye. These indicators suggest that the relationship between the Turkish and Pakistani academies is not as

strong as it should be between two friendly countries. The recommendations listed below may contribute to solving this problem.

- Firstly, an Allama Muhammad Iqbal Research Centre and an Allama Muhammad Iqbal Institute could be established within universities in Türkiye. In particular, the following academic activities could be carried out through the Allama Muhammad Iqbal Research Centre:
 - Postgraduate studies could be conducted.
 - Various studies/research projects could be conducted in fields such as history, literature, and sociology between Pakistan and Türkiye.
- Joint undergraduate degree programmes can be launched between Turkish and Pakistani universities.
- In postgraduate programmes, a bilateral cooperation protocol between universities can be established to allocate special quotas for students from both countries.
- Academic exchanges can be organised for joint scientific studies that will strengthen Pakistan-Türkiye relations.
- Urdu Language and Turkish Language departments may be opened at different universities in both countries, and student exchanges may be carried out through these departments. Concrete projects aimed at the employment of graduates from these departments may be brought to the agenda to encourage students to choose these faculties.
- Work may be carried out through the Erasmus Programme. The Erasmus Programme is a European Union programme. It provides non-repayable financial support to higher education institutions to enable them to develop and implement joint projects and to facilitate short-term student and staff exchanges. Pakistan is not part of the Erasmus Programme, but Türkiye is. Joint projects with universities in Pakistan can be carried out by taking advantage of this financial support through Erasmus+.
- Academics conducting master's and doctoral studies on Muhammad Iqbal in Türkiye, whose names are listed above, who are still active in this academic field, could be contacted and invited to events such as conferences and symposiums to encourage them to play a more active role in revitalizing academic life between Türkiye and Pakistan.

In conclusion, the lack of sufficient and dynamic communication between Turkish and Pakistani academia should not lead to despair and anxiety; on the contrary, it should prompt us to embrace the reasons and work harder and remain hopeful.

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