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The College of Islamic Studies (CIS) at Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) facilitated a Winter Intensive School from December 25-30, 2018, for participants of the Madrasa Discourses Project. The project initiative was founded and is led by Dr. Ebrahim Moosa and Dr. Mahan Mirza, faculty members at the University of Notre

Dame in Indiana, U.S.A. The course, open to a select number of Madrasa graduates from India and Pakistan, aims to equip future religious leaders with the tools to confidently function, debate, and contribute to Islamic thought within the contemporary global context. Participants are challenged to consider theological and moral teachings in light of pluralistic societies, scientific and technological advancements, and promotion of human dignity and development. Forty madrasa graduates attended the Winter Intensive School at CIS, which complemented the course's intensive training held via videoconferencing over a three-year period, and offered an annual opportunity for participants to gather and actively engage in guided readings and open debates on contemporary societal and global concerns.