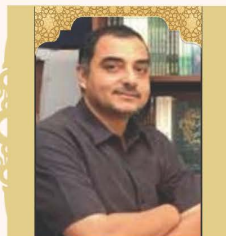




## Haidar Bagir



### Biography

Haidar Bagir, (born on February 20, 1957) is an Indonesian entrepreneur, philanthropist, author, lecturer and the president director of the Mizan Group. He got his undergraduate degree from the Department of Industrial Engineering, Institut Teknologi Bandung (Bandung Institute of Technology). He finished his course works at the Graduate Program of the State Institute of Islamic Thought, Jakarta, but received his Master's degree from the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University, and his doctoral degree from the Department of Humanities, Universitas Indonesia (with one year research in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at Indiana University, Bloomington) with dissertation entitled *Mystical Experience in the Epistemology of Mulla Shadra and its Comparison with Heidegger's Idea about Thinking (Denken)*.

Bagir teaches at the Islamic College for Advanced Studies (ICAS)/ Sadra Institute in Jakarta, is the chairman of the Lazuardi Hayati Foundation for Education (an umbrella organization of a network of pre-K to K-12 schools in several cities in Indonesia), Founder of YASMIN (a foundation for philanthropic works on community education and health in Jakarta), and chairman of IIMAN Center for the Development of Positive Sufism. Bagir has been a recipient of several grants and awards from U.S. institutions, including a Fulbright Grant for Graduate Studies at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, a Fulbright Grant for Doctoral Research in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science at Indiana University, and the CTNS Award for Religion and Science Curriculum Development. He has taught Islam in the University of Sciences in Philadelphia as a visiting scholar within Fulbright's Direct Access to the Muslim World program and was appointed as the Misher Professor of Humanities 2005 by the university. He has been the president director of Mizan Group, one of the biggest book publishing companies in Indonesia, which he founded in 1982.

With some prominent Indonesian figures he declared a movement called Gerakan Islam Cinta (Compassionate Islam Movement), to revive the understanding that Islam is not merely about rules and laws, but also - mainly - about loving others. Bagir's name has also been included in the list of the 500 Most Influential Muslims in the World, in all editions from 2009 to 2015, issued by the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding at Georgetown University and the Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Center in Amman, Jordan. Bagir was one of the winners of 2018 Global Business & Peace Awards held in Seoul for his contributions in interfaith understanding and peace in Indonesia.

He has written numerous papers and articles on various topics - especially in the fields of Islamic philosophy, mysticism, and thought - published in national newspapers, magazines, and journals as well as in several books and seminar proceedings and authored eighteen books.

