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a nexus to enriching our nation



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The *kaupapa* that underlies this collaboration of Muslim academics, researchers and scientists is to make a constructive contribution to enriching Aotearoa New Zealand through research, knowledge sharing and planned programmes. The underlying principle is the recognition that a knowledge-based solution is at the core of change.





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This is an independent, apolitical and multi-disciplinary civil society organisation with the role of stimulating discussion, and being a source of comprehensive research and analysis, and a catalyst for ideas that are aimed at strengthening policies and practices that bring benefit and wellbeing to our *whānau*, our community and our nation.





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Our *rōpū* is composed of committed change-makers who value knowledge and bring expertise from many disciplines. Their purpose is to stimulate thought leadership to generate productive collaboration, cultural immersion and engagement to create a dynamic community. Despite their ethnicities, native languages, countries of origin, and other differences, they share a common commitment to promote evidence-based discourse on a range of relevant and emerging issues that have an integrative value to our society.





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Diverse perspectives bring with them a proven resilience and creativity. As a country, we strive to reflect the ever-growing diversity within our own national *whānau*, as well as the diversity represented in the international community to which we belong – global citizenry requires global thinking. We face a critical need to develop effective and meaningful responses to the issues of the day and we see ANZITT as playing a constructive and positive role through developing coherent workable options that address these issues.





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As a nascent organisation, it is strategic to concentrate on clusters of excellence within the *rōpū*. They include:

- ✦ Climate and environment
- ✦ Economic development
- ✦ Education
- ✦ Equity
- ✦ Health and wellbeing
- ✦ ICT and cybersecurity
- ✦ National security and counterterrorism
- ✦ Social cohesion
- ✦ Social housing





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Profile of Fellows



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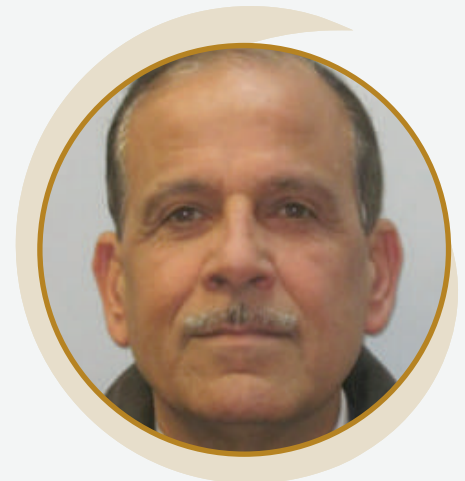
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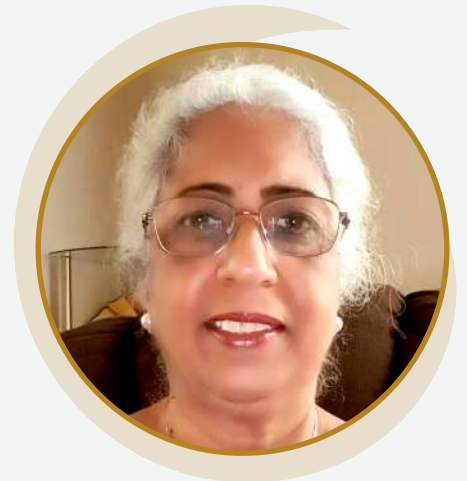
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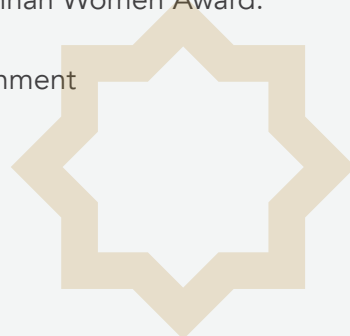


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