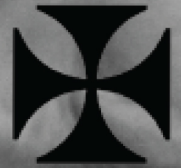




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**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON RELIGIOUS PLURALISM &
WORLD PEACE (RPWP-2017)**

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Theme

**“Religious Pluralism
& World Peace”**

11th & 12th November 2017

**Can World Religions find an
Effective Language for Peace?**

**PROGRAM
SCHEDULE**

Venue

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ociety

has always been characterized by the plurality of religions. Today, However, there is a new awareness of this diversity and the opportunity it offers to work for global peace. The world is faced with various forms of extremism and violence that feed on unexamined religious narratives. The challenge for world religions today is to formulate counter-narratives against the ideology that underpins terrorism. None other than the world religions are in a position to develop such counter-narratives, which must address the deep sources of hate speech in the name of religion. This is an urgent task and it requires us to face difficult issues such as the role of the world religions in politics and the common responsibility of world religions for peace. This conference will provide an opportunity for the religions of the world to respond to terrorism and to point the way towards peace, not only peace between the religions but peace between men and women committed to a particular form of religion and the civil and political leaders of society, who could expect the religions to lead the way in the fight against terrorism. Hence, this conference will raise key issues such as the role of ideology in the distortion of religious language, the relationship between religious identity and civil society, the interaction between religious pluralism and social cohesion, and the impact of religious terminology on counter-terrorism.

SUB-THEMES

- The Response of Different Religions to Terrorism
- The Struggle for Religious Harmony
- Religious Pluralism in the National Context
- Education and Terrorism
- Effective Measures for Counter Terrorism
- Asian Responses to Terrorism
- A New Narrative for Religious Pluralism
- Religions for Peace (Urdu Session)

Opening Session 11TH NOV 2017, DAY 1

Time	Event	Description	Venue
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration	1. Registration of Participants 2. Registration of Guests	Outside of Marquee-I
8:30 am – 9:00 am	WELCOME TEA		Food Marquee
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Inaugural Session	1. Opening with Recitation from Sacred Scriptures 2. Welcome Remarks Prof. Dr. Muhammad Aslam Ghauri, VC, Minhaj University Lahore (MUL) 3. MUL Documentary 4. Conference Introduction Dr. Herman Roborgh, Head, School of Religion & Philosophy, MUL	Marquee-I
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Keynote Speech	Prof. Dr. Rohan Gunaratna Head of International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore)	Marquee-I
11:00 am – 12:00 noon	PANEL DISCUSSION		
	PEACE & COUNTER-TERRORISM		
	Chairperson: Dr. Alqama Khawaja (Minhaj University Lahore, Pakistan) PANELISTS: 1. Dr. Rohan Gunaratna (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore) 2. Dr. Hussain Mohi-ud-Din Qadri (Minhaj University Lahore, Pakistan) 3. Prof. Dr. M. Agus Yusoff (The National University of Malaysia)		Marquee-I
12:00 noon – 1:30 pm	LUNCH and PRAYER		Food Marquee

CONCURRENT SESSIONS – A

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Session 1

The Response of Different Religions to Terrorism

Hall 442, Jaffer as Sadiq Block

Chairperson: Prof. Dr. Tahir Kamran
(Dean Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, Govt. College University, Lahore)

1. Buddhism and World Peace

Dr. Adrian Feldmann (Thubten Shedrup Ling Monastery, Australia)

2. The Response of Hinduism to Terrorism

Sabir Naz (Minhaj University Lahore, Pakistan)

3. A Christian Response to Terrorism: Understanding and Forgiveness

Dr. André Wehrli-Allenbach (Wycliffe, Switzerland)

Esther Wehrli-Allenbach (Wycliffe, Switzerland)

4. Response of Islam to Terrorism

Dr. Naeem Mushtaq (Minhaj University Lahore, Pakistan)

Session 2

The Struggle for Religious Harmony

Hall 444, Jaffer as Sadiq Block

Chairperson: Dr. Ilyas Ansari
(Assistant Professor, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, University of Central Punjab, Lahore)

1. Religious Pluralism: A Challenge or an Opportunity for Coexistence? (An Assessment from the Sri Lankan Context)

Dr. J.C. Paul Rohan (University of Jafna, Sri Lanka)

2. Religious Pluralism: Islamic Point of View

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Rana (Minhaj University)

3. Religious Harmony and its Impact on World Peace: A Case Study of the South Asian Region (skype presentation)

Hasnain Javed (Graduate Teaching Fellow, Jiangu University, China)

4. Religious Pluralism and World Peace Based on the Principles of the Medina Charter

Salma Naz (Minhaj University Lahore, Pakistan)

Kamran Aslam (Minhaj University Lahore, Pakistan)

Shahid Raza (Minhaj University Lahore, Pakistan)

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

AFTERNOON TEA

Food Marquee

CONCURRENT SESSIONS – B

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Session 3

Religious Pluralism in the National Context

Hall 442, Jaffer as Sadiq Block

Chairperson: Prof. Cusrow J Dubash
(Vice Rector Intermediate, Forman Christian College University, Lahore, Pakistan)

1. Quetta: A Role Model of Religious Pluralism among Christians and Muslims

Qiamuddin Khan (International Islamic University Islamabad)

2. Role of Sectarianism in Reducing Terrorism In Pakistan

Faiza Arshad (Lahore College for Women University, Lahore)
Sitwat Farooq (Lahore College for Women University, Lahore)

3. The Socio-Economic and Political Challenges of Religious Minorities in Kohat, Pakistan

Jan Alam (Kohat University of Science and Technology, Kohat)
Faiqa Iqtidar (Kohat University of Science and Technology, Kohat)

4. An Assessment of Factors Motivating Terrorism in Swat

Dr. Ahmad Ali (Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan)
Sameer Ul Khaliq Jan (Shaheed Benaizer Bhutto University Sheringal)

Session 4

Education and Terrorism

Hall 444, Jaffer as Sadiq Block

Chairperson: Dr. Alqama Khawaja
(Head, School of Peace & Counter Terrorism, Minhaj University Lahore, Pakistan)

1. Impact of Terrorism on Education in Pakistan

Ameer Hussain Burdi (Shah Abdul Latif University, Mirpur Khas)

2. Terrorism: Causes and Solutions, Philosophy of Prof. Muhammad Dr. Tahir-ul-Qadri

Dr. Naudir Bakht (Minhaj University Lahore, Pakistan)

3. Character Development Program Based on Islamic Values

Nayab Nasir (Imperial University, Lahore, Pakistan)

Session 4

4. Bridging the Gap between Two Systems of Education in Pakistan

Qaisar Bilal (Kohat University of Science & Technology, Kohat, Pakistan)
Dr. Hussain Muhammad (University of Science & Technology, Banu, Pakistan)
Dr. Farhad Ullah (Kohat University of Science & Technology, Kohat, Pakistan)
Dr. Muhammad Imran (Kohat University of Science & Technology, Kohat, Pakistan)

END OF THE DAY-1

12TH NOV 2017, DAY 2

CONCURRENT SESSIONS – C

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Effective Measures for Counter Terrorism

Hall 442, Jaffer as Sadiq Block

Chairperson: Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chawla
(Dean, Faculty of Arts & Humanities, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan)

1. A Contemporary Approach on Global Terrorism

Qasim Khan (Freie Universität Berlin, Germany)

2. Peace and War Reporting about American Operations in Pakistan

Dr. Nasim Ishaq (Govt. Fatima Jinnah College for Women, Chuna Mandi, Lahore, Pakistan)

3. Response of the Police to Terrorism in Pakistan

Farhat Ullah (Kohat University of Science and Technology, Kohat, Pakistan)

4. Religious Motives behind 21st Century Terrorism: Analysis and Counter Measures

Dr. Ramzan Shahid (University of Gujrat, Gujrat, Pakistan)

Session 5

Session 6

Asian Responses to Terrorism

Hall 444, Jaffer as Sadiq Block

Chairperson: Dr. Tughral Yamin

(Associate Dean, CIPS, National University of Science & Technology, Islamabad, Pakistan)

1. Religious Violence and Counter State Response in Post-War Sri-Lanka

Mohammad Agus Yusoff (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia)

Athambawa Sarjoon (University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka)

Azmi Awang (Road Transport Department, Putrajaya, Malaysia)

2. The Hudud Controversy in Contemporary Malaysia: A Study of Its Proposed Implementation in Kelantan and Terengganu

Dr. R. Sivaperegasam Rajanthiran (University Utara Malaysia, Malaysia)

3. The Historical Origins of the Bhakti Movement

Raza Naeem (Beaconhouse School Systems Lahore & President, Progressive Writers Association, Pakistan)

4. Co-citizens and Co-human in the Pluralistic World Lessons from Mohammad Talbi and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (skype presentation)

Dr. Joseph Victor Edwin (Vidyajyoti College of Theology, Delhi, India)

10:30 am – 11:00 am

MORNING TEA

Food Marquee

CONCURRENT SESSIONS – D

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

A New Narrative for Religious Pluralism

Hall 442, Jaffer as Sadiq Block

Chairperson: Prof. Dr. Hamid Saeed
(The Registrar, Forman Christian College University, Lahore, Pakistan)

1. Trying to Understand other Religions: A New Response to Religious Pluralism

Dr. Herman Roborgh (Minhaj University Lahore, Pakistan)

2. Supreme Logos is a Manifestation of Religious Pluralism

Fiza (Lahore College for Women University, Lahore, Pakistan)

3. Religious Tolerance among the People of the Book

Dr. Musferah Mehfooz (COMSATS Lahore, Pakistan)

4. Islam, Peace Building and the Challenge of Terrorism in Multi Religious Societies

Dr. Safiyanu Ishiaku (Gombe State University, Gombe, Nigeria)

Session 7

Religions for Peace (Urdu Session)

Hall 444, Jaffer as Sadiq Block

Chairperson: Dr. Abdul Muhaimin
(Head, Department of Islamic & Religious Studies, University of Haripur, Haripur, Pakistan)

1. سکھ مذہب میں امن و بھائی چارے کا فلسفہ
Dr. Kalyan Singh Kalyan (Govt. College University, Lahore, Pakistan)

2. امن عالم سیرة النبی ﷺ کی روشنی میں
Dr. Janas Khan (University of Malakand, Malakand, Pakistan)

3. ادیان اور عالمی امن
Dr. Badshah Rehman (University of Malakand, Malakand, Pakistan)

Session 8

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

LUNCH and PRAYER

Food Marquee

PANEL DISCUSSION

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm	RELIGIOUS PLURALISM	
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CLOSING SESSION

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Marquee – 1, Ibn e Khaldoon Block

Time	Event	Description	Venue
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Conference Declaration	Dr. Hussain Mohi-ud- Din Qadri Deputy Chairman, BOG, Minhaj University Lahore	Marquee - I
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Herman Roborgh Head, School of Religion & Philosophy	
3:45 pm – 4:00 pm	Awards Ceremony	Best Paper Awards	

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm

FAREWELL TEA

Food Marquee

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