



International Conference on

INTERFAITH RELATIONS

Challenges and Prospects 17-19 October 2022



The Department of Interfaith Studies of the Faculty of Arabic and Islamic Studies is a recent addition to the intellectual opportunities available at Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad. The Department seeks to advance Interfaith Studies through academic programs, scholarly seminars, and training and outreach initiatives. Its mission is to promote interreligious harmony and peacebuilding.

Aims and Objectives:

Persistent stresses in our pluralistic global world make understanding the complex nature of interfaith relations more important than ever before. Although attempts towards fellowship between religious groups are not new, our post-colonial and post-modern era, marked by socio-political change at individual and state levels, calls for a fresh appraisal of the historical legacy. We must engage deeply with the religious scriptures in order to develop parameters, strategies and ethical frameworks for sustainable interfaith relations. Revisiting these key texts with an open mind will foster accord among diverse religious traditions, including long-estranged sects within particular traditions. A critical study of the responses of leading religious scholars is crucial for moving beyond extremism, inequality, and discrimination in the context of interfaith studies.

We aim to discuss recent trends in comparative religious studies and invite original contributions from participating scholars who wish to share their perceptions of the core issues related to Interfaith Relations and Interfaith Studies. The event will bring together social scientists, policy makers and religious scholars to exchange ideas on the principal concepts of the conference, providing them with an excellent opportunity for networking, peer-to-peer discussions and research collaboration. We invite and encourage leading experts as well as emerging scholars from around the world to submit their original, unpublished contributions in all areas of Interfaith Relations.

Themes of the Conference

- 1-Islam and Interfaith Studies
- 2-Sirah al-Nabi (peace be upon him) and Interfaith Relations
- 3-Modernity and Interfaith Relations
- 4-Intra-Faith Harmony and Dialogue
- 5-Religious Interpretations and Extremism
- 6-Interfaith Institutions and Peacebuilding
- 7-Interfaith and Social Diversity
- 8-Methods and Approaches to Interfaith Studies
- 9-Scriptural Reasoning: Theory and Practice
- 10-Sufi Traditions and Interfaith Harmony
- 11-Minority Rights, Inequality, Gender Discrimination and Interfaith
- 12-Ecology, Environment, and Interfaith Relations
- 13-Ethnicity, Nationalism, and the Status of Minorities
- 14-Social Justices and Interfaith Studies
- 15-Religion, Peace and Violence and Interfaith Studies

Organizers

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Important Dates

- a) Last date for Submission of Abstract
July 15, 2022
- b) Acceptance of Abstracts
August 01, 2022
- c) Last Date for Submission of Paper
September 16, 2022
- d) Last Date for Registration of Presenters
September 20, 2022

Registration Fee

Presenters from Abroad	USD 100
Presenters from Pakistan with accommodation	Rs 5000
Presenters from Pakistan without accommodation	Rs 2000



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