



**Three Days International Conference**  
**Interfaith Relations: Challenges and Prospects**

بين المذاهب تعلقات: تحديات وامكانات

**Rabi ul Awal 27-29, 1444 / October 24-26, 2022**

# PROGRAM

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**Department of Interfaith Studies**  
**Faculty of Arabic and Islamic Studies**

**ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY, ISLAMABAD PAKISTAN**



## OPENING CEREMONY

Monday, October 24, 2022

10 AM to 12 PM

AIOU Main Auditorium, Vice Chancellor Secretariat  
Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad

Recitation of Quran	Hafiz Ibtisam ur Rahman	10:00 AM - 10:10 AM
Naat	Hafiza Hafsa Majeed	10:10 AM - 10:20 AM
Introduction of the Conference and Welcome Address	Ghulam Shams-ur-Rehman Professor/Chairman, Department of Interfaith Studies, Faculty of Arabic and Islamic Studies, AIOU, Islamabad	10:10 AM - 10:20 AM
Keynote Address	Prof. Dr. Alexandre Papas Professor at EPHE (Practical School for Advanced Studies)/ National Centre for Scientific Research, Paris	10:40 AM - 11:10 AM
Address of Chief Guest	Prof. Dr. Zia ul Qayyum Vice Chancellor, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad	11:10 AM - 11:30 AM
Vote of Thanks	Prof. Dr. Mohyuddin Hashimi Dean, Faculty of Arabic and Islamic Studies, AIOU, Islamabad	11:30 AM - 11:45 AM
Distribution of Souvenirs		11:45 AM - 12:00 PM
Tea Break		12:00 PM - 12:30 PM

Comparing: Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Farooq Abdullah



## **Day 1**

Monday, October 24, 2022

Panel Discussion: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Council Hall, Vice Chancellor Secretariat

Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad

## **Approaches and Methods to Interfaith Studies**

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Ghulam Shams-ur-Rehman

Chair: Prof. Dr. Mohyuddin Hashimi

Dean, Faculty of Arabic & Islamic Studies, AIOU, Islamabad

Participants:

1. Prof. Dr. Qibla Ayaz  
Chairman, Council of Islamic Ideology, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad
2. Prof. Dr. Khalid Masud  
Judge, Shariat Appellate Bench, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad
3. Dr. Tryana Lyons  
Associate Faculty Member, Department of Education and Liberal Arts  
The University of Arizona, Global Campus, USA
4. Prof. Dr. Alexandre Papas  
CNRS (National Centre for Scientific Research), Paris, France
5. Prof. Dr. Sultan Shah  
Dean, Faculty of Languages, Islamic & Oriental Learning, GC University, Lahore
6. Prof. Dr. Husn ul Amin  
Professor, PCS, Faculty of Contemporary Studies, NDU, Islamabad
7. Dr. Herman Roborgh  
Head, Department of Religion & Philosophy, Minhaj University, Lahore
8. Dr. Muhammad Akram  
Head, Department of Comparative Religion, International Islamic  
University, Islamabad
9. Dr. Ayesha Qurrat ul Ain  
Assistant Professor, Department of Comparative Religion, International Islamic  
University, Islamabad



**Day 2**  
 Tuesday, October 25, 2022  
**Session 1: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**  
 Academic Complex  
 Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad

**Interfaith and Social Diversity**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Shah Moeen ud Din Hashmi, Chairman Dept. of Seerat Studies, AIOU

Moderator: Dr. Muhammad Riaz Mahmood

No.	Name of the Author	Title
1.	Aqsa Tasgheer Lecturer, Govt. Associate College for Women, Bund Road, Lahore/ Isra Sarwar Lecturer, Department of History and Pakistan Studies, University of Home Economics, Lahore	An Exploratory Study of Religious Tourism in Pakistan: Stratagem for Sustainable Interfaith Relations
2.	Syed Farooq Aziz PhD Scholar, Department of Comparative Religions, IIUI, Islamabad.	Social Justice and Semitic Faiths
3.	Dr. Tayyaba Razzaq Visiting Lecturer, Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center, University of the Punjab, Lahore	Interfaith Harmony and Social Diversity
4.	Fida ur Rahman Lecturer, Department of Social Sciences, University College of Zhob, Zhob	Re-discovering the Heritage of Religious Pluralism in Contemporary Pakistan
5.	Qudsia Firdous PhD Scholar, Department of Comparative Religions, IIU, Islamabad/ Muhammad Zahid Yasin Senior Lecturer Islamic Studies, Riphah International University Islamabad	Reclaiming Social Diversity and interfaith harmony in Pakistan: A Study of Hindu Minority's Festivals in Bahawalpur, Pakistan
6.	Hafiz Kashif Mehmood Qureshi Department of Comparative Religions, IIUI, Islamabad	Religious Diversity and Interfaith Harmony in Pakistan: A Perspective of Religious Minorities
7.	Sadia Abbas School OF Media Studies, PU/ Muntahan Sami, Laurel Bank Public School, Lahore	Role of Pakistani TV Channels in Promoting Interfaith Harmony
8.	Prof. Dr. Salauddin Sani Former Principal of Pakistan Shipowners Government Degree College, Karachi	Interfaith Harmony and Social Relations: Reflections from the Life of the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him)
9.	Zia ur Rahman MPhil Scholar, Islamic Economics, PU	Social Justice and Interfaith Studies
10.	Zenab Khurram Department of Comparative Religion, IIUI	Inter-Faith Harmony: An Analytical Study in the Light of Qur'an and Sunnah
11.	Prof. Dr. Abdul Ali Achakzai (R) Department of Islamic Studies, University of Balochistan	کوئٹہ بلوچستان میں اہل زرتشت (پارسی برادری) کی صورت حال اور اہل بلوچستان سے ان کے تعلقات و خدمات

Question & Answer Session

Concluding Remarks by the Chair



**Day 2**  
 Tuesday, October 25, 2022  
**Session 2: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**  
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**Minority Rights, Ecology, Environment and Interfaith Relations**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Qibla Ayaz, Chairman, Council of Islamic Ideology, Govt. of Pakistan, Islamabad  
 Moderator: Dr. Abdul Majeed Baghdadi, Chairman, Dept. of Arabic Language and Literature, AIU

No.	Name of the Author	Title
1.	Col. Afaq Durez PhD Scholar, Department of EPPSL, AIU/ Dr. Afshan Huma, Assistant Professor, Department of EPPSL, AIU	Issues and Implications of Social Exclusion at Higher Education Institutions of Pakistan
2.	Dr Hafiz Ghulam Abbas, Assistant Professor, Department of Law, Bahria University, Islamabad Campus	Protection of Religious Minority Rights through Higher Judiciary in Pakistan: A Tool for Interfaith Harmony
3.	Dr. Ambreen Atiq, University of Karachi	The Contemporary Challenges of Minorities in Pakistan in the Light of Seerah al-Nabawi
4.	Ulfat Sadiqa PhD Scholar, Department of Comparative Religion, IIUI	Deep Ecology of Islam and Hinduism: A Contemporary Response to Sustain Earth- Man Relationship in 21 <sup>st</sup> Century
5.	Aneeqa Waheed M.Phil Scholar, PU	Environment and Interfaith Relations
6.	Atiqa Fakhar Dept. of Comparative Religions, IIUI	Ecology and Interfaith Relations: A Comparative Analysis
7.	Dr. Naimatullah Somro Principal, Govt.Sayyed Noor Muhammad Shah Degree College Tharushah, District Naushahro Feroze, Sindh	Hindu Muslim Relations in Sindh with Special Focus on Naushahro Feroze District
8.	Nudrat Bano Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore/ Aangshay Khan, Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore	A Dialogue between Classical Liberalist Approaches and Interplay of Ethnicity, Nationalism and the Status of Minorities in Pakistan
9.	Dr. Shamaila Haleem Lecturer, Islamabad Model College for Girls (Post-Graduate), G-10/4, Islamabad	Ecology and Environment in Native American Religion from the Perspective of Interfaith Relations
10.	Dr. Muhammad Abdullah, Assistant Professor, Institute of Islamic Studies, PU	اقلیتوں کے حقوق کا تحفظ اور سیرت النبی ﷺ

Question & Answer Session  
 Concluding Remarks by the Chair



## Day 2

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Session 3: 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Academic Complex

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### Interfaith/Intrafaith Harmony and Dialogue

Chair: Prof. Dr. Sahibzada Sajid ur Rahman, Chairperson, Seerah Chair, AIOU

Moderator: Dr. Sanaulah, Chairman Dept. of Quran & Tafsir, AIOU

No.	Name of the Author	Title
1.	Prof. Dr. Abdul Hai Madni, Department of Humanities. NEDUET, Karachi	Intra-Faith Dialogue: Advantages & Effects
2.	Ammarah Ahsan Institute of Islamic Studies, PU, Lahore/ Bilal Ahsan, MPhil Scholar, PU, Lahore	Critical Analysis of Social Media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube) Regarding Interfaith Dialogue
3.	Dr. Badshah Rahman Assistant Professor, Islamic Studies, University of Malakand	تقارب الشعوب والأديان في مقالات والحوارات دكتوراه هدى درويش
4.	Dr Samiullah Zubairi, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Arabic, AIOU/ Usman Faisal, Lecturer, IUI	الامام ابن حزم رحمة الله وجهوده في دراسة الأديان
5.	Dr. Souaad Muhammad Abbas, Assistant Professor, FAIS, AIOU, Islamabad	خطاب الكراهية أزمة عالمية (دراسة وصفية تحليلية من منظور إسلامي)
6.	Dr. Lubna Farah Assistant Professor, Department of Translation & Interpretation, NUML, Islamabad/ Dr. Muhammad Khurram Shahzad, Dept. of Arabic, AIOU	الحوار الأديان للتقارب الديني
7.	Dr.Syed Muhammad Tahir Shah Assistant Professor, Govt. Graduate College, Rawalpindi	بين المذاهب تعلقات کے قیام میں سیرت النبی ﷺ سے راہنمائی: ایک تحقیقی مطالعہ
8.	Dr. Shaista Jabeen Assistant Professor, Govt. Graduate College, Jhang	بین المذاهب تعلقات اور اسوہ رسول ﷺ: بیٹاق مدینہ کی روشنی میں
9.	Dr. Asma Shahid, Lecturer, GA College for Women, Multan/ Dr. Kalsoom Paracha, Associate Professor, The Women University, Multan	نقل اسرائیلیات بین المذاهب ہم آہنگی و مجاہدہ کے تناظر میں
10.	Umer Yusuf, M.Phil Scholar, IIS, PU, Lahore/ Dr. Saeed Ahmad Saeedi, Associate Professor, Institute of Islamic Studies, PU	پاکستانی معاشرہ اور بین المذاہب ہم آہنگی و مکالمہ کے اصولوں کا تجزیاتی مطالعہ تعلیمات اسلامی کی روشنی میں
11.	Dr. Asim Naeem Associate Professor, IIS, University of the Punjab, Lahore	مکالمہ بین المذاهب کے اصول: اردو تفسیری ادب کا تجزیاتی مطالعہ
12.	Prof. Dr. Sajid Asduallah Professor, Govt. Graduate College, Faisalabad/ Dr. Khalid Mahmood Arif, Lecturer, Riphah International University, Faisalabad Campus	پاکستانی معاشرے کے تناظر میں مسلم مسیحی مکالمہ (حدود، امکانات اور وسائل کے حوالے سے اختصاصی مطالعہ)

Question & Answer Session

Concluding Remarks by the Chair

Lunch



**Day 2**  
 Tuesday, October 25, 2022  
**Session 4: 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**  
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**Religious Interpretations and Extremism**

Chair: Dr. Taj Afsar, Dean, Faculty of Usuluddin, IIU, Islamabad

Moderator: Dr. Muhammad Shahid, Chairman Dept. of Hadith, AIOU

No.	Name of the Author	Title
1.	Dr. Riaz Ahmad Saeed (Assistant Professor) Muhammad Abu Bakar, Department of Islamic Studies, NUML, Islamabad	Challenges to Interfaith Relations and Peaceful Coexistence in Pakistan: An Analysis in the Light of Muslim - Christian Sources
2.	Salma Faiz Usmani MS Scholar, Department of Comparative Religions, IIU, Islamabad.	Periyar's Interpretation of Ramayana: Historical Analysis of his Violent Approach towards Brahmins and his Support for Islam
3.	Usman Ali Sheikh, Lecturer, Department of Interfaith Studies, AIOU, Islamabad	Mass Conversion Movements and their Impact on Interreligious Relations: A Case of <i>Shuddhi</i>
4.	Muhammad Usman Ghani, Lecturer, IIUI/ Muhammad Talha Dehlvi, Lecturer, University of Lahore	Inter-Religious Harmony in Shah Waliullah's Philosophy
5.	Marjan Ahmed Chowdhury MA, University of Erfurt, Germany	The Prophet in South Asia: Translation of Islamic Icons Into South India and Its Role as a Doorway of Religious Pluralism
6.	Dr. Muhammad Samiullah Assistant Professor Islamic Thought and Civilization UMT, Lahore/ Sadiah Yusuf, PhD Scholar UMT	Role of Religious Synchronization in Formation of Social Ethics
7.	Dr. Muhammad Riaz Mahmood Associate Professor, Dept. of Islamic Thought, AIOU	Sir Syed's Paradigm of Interfaith Relations and Advancement of Interfaith Studies in Pakistan
8.	Dr. Muhammad Muddasar Lecturer GG College for Boys Dinga, Gujrat	Nature and Perimeters of Relations with Non-Muslims in Islam
9.	Dr. Hafiz Farooq Abdullah Assistant Professor, Department of Interfaith Studies, AIOU/ Shakeel Ahmad, Lecturer, Dept. of Arabic, AIOU	عصر حاضر میں "بین المذاہب ہم آہنگی" کا مسلم تصور : استاد سعید نوری کے تصورات کا جائزہ
10.	Dr Yasir Arafat Associate Professor, Department of Islamic Studies, GC University, Faisalabad	مذاہب کے درمیان تعلقات معاصر مسلم فکر کے تناظر میں
11.	Zainab Moin, Lecturer, Islamic Studies/ Hafsah Ayaz, Lecturer, Islamic Studies, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi	Quranic Wisdom on Interfaith Dialogue with <i>Ahl-i-Kitab</i>

Question & Answer Session

Concluding Remarks by the Chair

Lunch



## Day 2

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Session 5: 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

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### Religion, Peace and Violence and Interfaith Studies

Chair: Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ilyas, Director General, Dawah Academy, IIU, Islamabad

Moderator: Dr. Hidayat Khan, Chairman, Dept. of Shariah, AIOU

No.	Name of the Author	Title
1.	Dr. Giovanni De Zorzi Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy and Cultural Heritage, University of Venice.	Music as an Interfaith Tool: The Reception of <i>Qawwali</i> in the West and the Meeting of Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan Party with the <i>Novum</i> <i>Gaudium</i> Gregorian Chant Choir
2.	Dr. Muhammad Shahid Habib Assistant Professor, KFUEIT, Rahim Yar Khan	Challenges to Inter-Faith Peace in Pluralistic Society: An Appraisal of Modern Approaches for Sustainability
3.	Huma Ejaz (Lecturer) and Dr. Musferah Mehfooz Tenured Associate Professor, Humanities Department, COMSATS, Lahore	Significance of Sufi Folk Tradition for Interfaith Harmony: Revisiting Sultan Bahoo's(1629-1691) Poetry
4.	Dr. Ata ur Rahman Assistant Professor, Dept. of Islamic Studies, Lahore Garrison University/ Hafiz Faiz Rasool Assistant Professor, Dept. of Islamic Studies, Lahore Garrison University	The Need for the Promotion of Interfaith Teachings for the Establishment of World's Peace in the Current Era: An Analytical Study
5.	Prof. Dr. Farhat Aziz Govt. APWA College for Women, Lahore/ Dr. Samina Sadia Assistant Professor of Islamic Studies, Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center University of the Punjab, Lahore	Religious Extremism in Pakistan: Challenges and Prospects
6.	Khan Zada Department of Comparative Religions, IIUI	Reducing Hate Speech Through Interfaith Dialogue
7.	Dr. Muhammad Zulqarnain Assistant Professor, Department of Islamic Studies, Al-Qadir University, Jhelum	Intra-Faith Dialogue as a Peacebuilding Agent: A Socio-Religious Framework for Strengthening Intra-Faith Dialogue in Pakistan
8.	Dr. Tahira Iffraq Lecturer, Dept. of Shariah, AIOU	Role of Interreligious Dialogue for Promotion of Peace and Inclusiveness in Pakistani Society
9.	Dr. Saeed ul Haq Jadoon Lecturer, Dept. of Islamic Studies, Hazara University, Mansehra/ Dr. Muhammad Fayyaz, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Islamic Studies, Hazara University, Mansehra	پختون سماج میں مذہبی اہتہا پسندانہ رویے اور شعبہ ہائے مطالعات بین المذاہب: امکانات و اصلاحات
10.	Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Islamic Studies, University of Okara	بین المذاہب تعلقات کے تناظر میں اسلاموفوبیا کی روک تھام کے لیے عملی اقدامات کا جائزہ

Question & Answer Session

Concluding Remarks by the Chair



## مذاکرہ بعنوان بین المذاہب تعلقات اور مذہبی تعبیرات

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11- ڈاکٹر فیروز الدین شاہ کھگہ  
سربراہ، شعبہ عربی و علوم اسلامیہ، سرگودھا یونیورسٹی



**CLOSING SESSION**  
**Wednesday, October 26, 2022**  
**11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**  
**AIOU Main Auditorium, Vice Chancellor Secretariat**  
**Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad**

Recitation of Quran	Dr. Abdullah Farooq	11:30 AM - 11:35 AM
Naat	Hafiza Hafsa Majeed	11:35 AM - 11:40 AM
Guest Speaker	Dr. Tryna Lyons Associate Faculty Member, Department of Education and Liberal Arts, The University of Arizona, Global Campus, USA	11:40 AM - 12:00 PM
Guest Speaker	Prof. Dr. Anis Ahmed Vice Chancellor, Riphah International University, Islamabad	12:00 PM - 12:20 PM
Recommendations	Prof. Dr. Ghulam Shams-ur- Rehman Chairman, Department of Interfaith Studies, AIOU, Islamabad	12:20 PM- 12:30 PM
Address of Chief Guest	Prof. Dr. Zia ul Qayyum Vice Chancellor, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad	12:30 PM - 1:00 PM
Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks	Prof. Dr. Mohyuddin Hashimi Dean, Faculty of Arabic & Islamic Studies, AIOU, Islamabad	1:00 PM - 1:20 PM
Distribution of Souvenirs and Certificates		1:20 PM - 1:30 PM

Comparing: Dr. Tahir ul-Islam Askari