

AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY & WORLD RELIGIONS

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

20th & 21st OCTOBER 2018

VENUE

**MINHAJ UNIVERSITY LAHORE, MAIN CAMPUS, NEAR HAMDARD CHOWK,
MADAR-E-MILLAT ROAD, TOWNSHIP, LAHORE.**





There is a common misconception that the most important things about the religions are their doctrines, their beliefs and their practices, their rules and their regulations. In the past, many religious people were focused on explaining the doctrines of their religions and defending them against others who disagreed with them. This often led to debates and arguments among the practitioners of the religions which has caused serious divisions and conflicts to develop throughout the world. In our age, however, the religions are beginning to work together to address the issues that directly affect the people of the world, such as over population, environmental pollution, discrimination on the basis of gender, religion and so on. The Founders of all the religions were concerned about the daily affairs of the people, their needs and hopes, their fears and desires, their relationships and their well-being. The religions that originated from these Founders should be similarly concerned for human beings, their freedom and happiness, their dignity and their human rights. The religions can offer us clear and helpful ways to live together more peacefully and harmoniously. The religions can offer us practical ways to improve our lives on earth because they provide the path, for *Shariah*, *Minhaj*, *Dharma* an the way to inner peace. One of the papers of this conference is entitled: "Inner peace is the first step towards a more peaceful world." The religions can show us how to change

our thinking and our behavior so that we can solve the problems that we face on a daily basis. So the religions are not just about the way to heaven. The religions deal with the actual situation of people in the world today where the tensions and demands of modern life have replaced the calmness of traditional society. Religions that disregard these modern issues may fail to communicate with a younger generation of adherents in the future. The aim of this conference is to provide a platform for the articulation of social responsibility from the perspective of world religions. We need to re- discover and deepen our sense of the social responsibility of our religions. We hope that this conference will raise our awareness of the responsibility that world religions have to speak out on issues of social justice. This conference will also seek ways in which world religions could collaborate to address the issues of social responsibility together.

Opening Session

(20TH OCT 2018, DAY 1)

Time	Event	Description	Venue
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Registration	Registration of guests, speakers and participants	Outside of Marquee-I
8:45 am – 9:15 am	WELCOME TEA		Food Marquee
9:15 am – 10:00 am	Inaugural Session	1. Opening with Recitation of the Holy Qur'an and other Holy Scriptures 2. Welcome Address Prof. Dr. Muhammad Aslam Ghauri, VC, Minhaj University Lahore (MUL) 3. MUL Documentary 4. Conference Introduction Dr. Herman Roborgh, Head, School of Religions & Philosophy, MUL	Main Marquee
10:00 am – 10:45 am	Keynote Speech	Charles Andrew Hogg (National Coordinator, Brahma Kumaris, Australia) Inner Peace: The First Step Toward A More Peaceful World	Main Marquee
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Welcome to the Guest of Honour		Main Marquee
PANEL DISCUSSION			
The Religions Have Acquired a New Awareness of their Social Responsibility in Today's World			
11:00 am – 12:00 noon	Chairperson: Dr. Ryan Brasher (Chairperson, Department of Political Science, FCCU) PANELISTS: 1. Venerable BomHyon Sunim (Western Sydney University, Australia) 2. Dr. Imtiaz Yusuf (Director, Center for Buddhist-Muslim Understanding, College of Religious Studies, Mahidol University Thailand) 3. Prof. Dr. Abdul Quddus Suhaib (Chairman, Department of Islamic Studies, Bahauddin Zikriya University, Multan) 4. Dr. Shanthikumar Hattiarachchi (Scholar of World Religions, Lecturer, Universities of Colombo and Kelaniya, Sri Lanka)		
12:00 noon – 1:30 pm	LUNCH and PRAYER BREAK		

CONCURRENT SESSIONS – A

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Session 1

Interfaith Relations

Marquee – I, Ibn-e-Khuldoon Block

Chairperson: Prof. Joseph Sun
(Vice Rector, Forman Christian College University)

1. The Rise of Asian Islamophobia - The Case of Islam and Buddhist Relations Today

Dr. Imtiyaz Yusuf (Mahidol University, Thailand)

2. Conflict Resolution and Peace Building: Perspectives of Different Faith Communities in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Dr. Syed Rashid Ali (Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan)

3. Lessons from Pentecostal Christianity for Women's Empowerment

Dr. Emmanuel o. Inyama (Imo State University, Owerri, Nigeria)

4. The Social Responsibilities of Muslims in Pakistan

Shafiq Ur Rehman (Sir Syed University of Engineering & Technology)
Mohammad Mubeen Balooch (Sir Syed University of Engineering & Technology)

Session 2

Spirituality

Marquee – II, Ibn-e-Khuldoon Block

Chairperson: Dr. Ryan Brasher
(Chairperson, Department of Political Science, FCCU)

1. Off the Cushion and into the Marketplace

Venerable BomHyon Sunim (Western Sydney University, Australia)

2. The Impact of Sūfism on Society in the Subcontinent

Dr. Musferah Mehfooz (COMSATS, Lahore)
Dr. Umm-e-Salma (Lahore College for Woman University)

3. The Method of Pastoral Theology in Muslim Traditions: the case of Bediuzzaman Said Nursi

Dr. Shumaila Majeed (Director of Research at Seerat Study Centre, Sialkot)

4. Social Justice and Radical Democracy in 17th Century Sindh

Raza Naeem (President, The Progressive Writers Association, Lahore)

5. The Social Responsibility in Islam is to Promote the Sanctity of Human Life

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

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

AFTERNOON TEA BREAK

CONCURRENT SESSIONS – B

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Session 3

Fundamentalism

Marquee – I, Ibn-e-Khuldoon Block

Chairperson: Dr. Imtiaz Yusuf
(Director, Centre for Buddhist-Muslim Understanding, College of Religious Studies, Mahidol University, Thailand)

1. Religious Motives for Extremism

Dr. Ramzan Shahid (University of Gujrat)

2. Socio-Political Implications of Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan for KPK

Anwar Ali (Abbottabad University of Science and Technology)

3. Madrassa Education and Fundamentalism in Pakistan

Quaid Ali (Hazara University, Mansehra)

Dr. Muhammad Ayaz Khan (Hazara University, Mansehra)

4. Justice is an Objective (Maqsid) of the Islamic Sharī'ah

Gowhar Quadir Wani (Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, India)

Session 4

Human Rights

Marquee – II, Ibn-e-Khuldoon Block

Chairperson: Dr. Alqama Khawaja
(Head, School of Peace & Counter-Terrorism Studies, MUL)

1. Human Rights and the Issue of Kashmir

Iqra Jathol (Minhaj University Lahore)

Uzma Naz (University of the Punjab)

2. Knowledge of the Sharia'h by Female Students in Pakistan

Hassnian Ali (Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali, Brunei Darussalam)

Muhammad Hassan Abbas (Minhaj University Lahore)

Hadia Saqib Hashmi (Minhaj University Lahore)

3. Social Responsibility in Sanatan Dharm (Hinduism)

Sabir Naz Sarva Bhuma (Minhaj University Lahore)

4. A Sharī'ah Therapeutic Analysis of Al-Ḥirābah and the Challenges of Social and Political Rights of Modern Citizens

Dr. Ibrahim Olatunde Uthman (University of Ibadan, Nigeria)

(CLOSE OF DAY-1)

(21ST OCT 2018, DAY 2)

CONCURRENT SESSIONS – C

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Session 5

Women's Empowerment

Marquee – I, Ibn-e-Khuldoon Block

Chairperson: Prof. Dr. Emmanuel O. Inyama
(Vice Chancellor, Imo State University, Owerri, Nigeria)

1.The Economic Empowerment of Women in Pakistan

Dr. Sadia Gulzar (University of the Punjab, Lahore)

2.Redefining the Role of Religion for Women's Empowerment with Special Reference to Islam

Tajamul Ahmad Sheikh (University of Kashmir, Srinagar, India)
Sumeera Nisar (University of Kashmir, Srinagar, India)

3.The Concept of Women Empowerment in Islam and its Implications for Modern Times

Dr. Hussan Ara Magsi (University of Baluchistan, Quetta)

4.Property Inheritance Rights of Women

Sameer ul Khaliq Jan (Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Sheringal)
Dr. Ahmad Ali (Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan)

Session 6

Education of Women

Marquee – II, Ibn-e-Khuldoon Block

Chairperson: Mian Imran Masood
(Vice Chancellor, University of South Asia)

1.The Changing Role of Women in Society

Dr. Farhat Aziz (Lahore College for Women University, Lahore)
Dr. Samina Saadia (Sheikh Zayed Islamic Centre, University of the Punjab, Lahore)
Prof. Dr. Abdul Quddus Suhaib (Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan)

2.Islamic Education for Women in Pakistan

Hadia Saqib Hashmi (ICRIE, Minhaj University Lahore)
Hassnian Ali (Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali, Brunei Darussalam)

3.Islam and the Changing Role of Women

Dr. Nabeela Falak (The University of Lahore, Sargodha Campus, Sargodha)

4.Religious Mobilization and Women's Development in Rural Pakistan

Dr. Naudir Bakht (Minhaj University Lahore)

10:30am – 11:00am

MORNING TEA BREAK

CONCURRENT SESSIONS – D

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Session 7

Pakistan Issues

Marquee – I, Ibn-e-Khuldoon Block

Chairperson: Prof. Dr. Abdul Quddus Suhaib
(Chairman, Department of Islamic Studies, Bahauddin Zikriya University, Multan)

1.The Shifting Perspectives of Pakistan Military Regimes

Sara Ahmad (University of Management & Technology, Lahore)
Dr. Fatima Sajjad (University of Management & Technology, Lahore)

2.Population Growth and World Religions: An Analysis of Media Coverage in Pakistan

Hina Shahzadi (Minhaj University Lahore)
Robina Saeed (Minhaj University Lahore)
Javed Munir Khan (Minhaj University Lahore)

3.The Causes of Religious Intolerance in Pakistan

Lal Zaman (International Islamic University, Islamabad)
Prof. Dr. Arab Naz (University of Malakand, KPK)

4.The Responsibility of World Religions for Local and Global Issues of Social Justice

Farhat Zafar (The Women University, Multan)
Sidra Kiran (The Women University, Multan)

5.Religious Sectarianism in Pakistan

Muhammad Hamza (Al-Khair University AJ&K, Bhimber)
Arooj-ul-Hassam (The University of Lahore)
Bisma Maqbool (Sheikh Zayed Hospital, Rahim Yar Khan)

Session 8

Urdu Session

Marquee – II, Ibn-e-Khuldoon Block

Chairperson: Dr. Musferah Mehfooz (COMSATS LAHORE)

1. مذہب عالم کی انسانی اور سماجی ذمہ داریاں.

Dr. Naeem Anwar Al-Azhari (Govt. College University, Lahore)

2. تہذیبی ارتقاء میں مذہب کی ناگزیریت، فکر اقبال کے تناظر میں ایک تحقیقی مطالعہ.

Javeria Hassan (University of Management and Technology, Lahore)
Shazia Butt (University of Management and Technology, Lahore)

3. مذہب اور انسانی حقوق.

Tahira Akbar (Jinnah University for Women, Karachi)

4.A Cult Leader Who Killed his Devotees

Muhammad Zain ul Abidin (Minhaj University Lahore)
Umair Ahmad Minhas (University of Sargodha)

5. اسلام کا تصور تعلیم.

Hafeez Arshad Hashmi (Government College Kundian Mianwali)
Muhammad Rafique Madni

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm

LUNCH & PRAYER BREAK

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Keynote:

Dr. Shanthikumar Hattiarachchi

Scholar of World Religions, Lecturer,
Universities of Colombo and Kelaniya (Sri Lanka)

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm

PANEL DISCUSSION

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Do the Religions Promote Human Rights?

Chairperson:

Prof. Dr. Hamid Saeed (Registrar, FCCU Lahore)

PANELISTS:

1.Mr. Charles Andrew Hogg

(National Coordinator & Chair (Board of Directors), Brahma Kumaris, Australia)

2.Dr. Hussain Mohi-ud-Din Qadri

(Deputy Chairman, BOG, Minhaj University Lahore)

3.Prof. Joseph Sun

(Vice Rector, Forman Christian College University)

4.Dr. Herman Roborgh

(Head, School of Religions & Philosophy, MUL)

Main
Marquee

CLOSING SESSION

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Ibn e Khaldoon Block

Time	Description		Venue
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Conference Declaration	Dr. Hussain Mohi-ud- Din Qadri Deputy Chairman, BOG, Minhaj University Lahore	Marquee - I
4:00 pm – 4:15 pm	Awards Ceremony	Best Paper Awards	
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Closing Prayers	Representing different world religions	
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	FAREWELL TEA		Food Marquee

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