 PROGRAM

FRIDAY, 16TH OF OCTOBER 2015
LOCATION: UNIVERSITY OF TETOVA

■ 09:30 - 10.00 Registration
■ 10.00 - 12.00 Opening Ceremony
  • Prof. Dr. Ednan Aslan, University of Vienna
  • Prof. Dr. Vullnet Ameti, Rektor of State University of Tetova
  • Prof Dr. Wolfgang Meixner, Vice Rector of the University of Innsbruck

Musical performance
  • Abdylaqim Ademi, Minister for Education and Science of Macedonia
  • Teuta Arifi, Mayor of Tetova
  • Mag. Renate Kobler, Ambassador of Austria to Macedonia

Musical performance
  • Representative of the Islamic Community of Macedonia
  • Representative of the Macedonian orthodox Church
  • Prof. Dr. Zekirija Sejdini, University of Innsbruck

■ 12.00 - 13.30 Break and Friday Prayer (Friday Prayer at 12:30 am)
■ 13.30 - 15.00 Lunch

KEYNOTE SPEECH: VIOLENCE VS. RELIGION
■ 15.00 - 15.40
  • Ferid Muhic - Macedonia
  • Discussion - Moderator: Bashkim Iseni - Switzerland

SESSION I: REFLECTIONS AND SOLUTION APPROACHES TO COUNTERACT VIOLENCE
■ 15.40 - 16.55
  • Nedzad Grabus - Slovenia
  (Misunderstanding and misinterpretation of religion)
  • Atakan Derelioglu - Albania
  (The Islamic Foundations of a Plural Society in the Context of Religious Pluralism)
  • Ivan Ivanov - Bulgaria
  (Religious relationships in Europe. Conflict resolution and interreligious communication - social, cultural, political and economic interests)
  • Discussion - Moderator: Bashkim Iseni - Switzerland

■ 16.55 - 17.15 Break

KEYNOTE SPEECH: THE DRAMA TRIANGLE OF RELIGION AND VIOLENCE
■ 17.15 - 17.55
  • Ruud Ganzevoort - Netherlands
  • Discussion - Moderator: Martina Kraml - Austria

SESSION II: THREATS OF RELIGIOUS VIOLENCE IN EUROPE AND THE CONNECTED EXPERIENCES WITH THEM
■ 17.55 - 19.40
  • Emil Bjørn Hilton Saggau - Denmark
  (Eastern Orthodox perspectives on violence)
  • Galip Veliu - Macedonia
  (Islamic Radicalism)
  • Matthias Gardell - Sweden
  (What’s Love Got to Do with It? Ultranationalism, Islamophobia, and hate crime in Sweden)
  • Plenum / Discussion - Moderator: Martina Kraml - Austria

■ 19:40 Dinner

SATURDAY, 17TH OF OCTOBER 2015
KEYNOTE SPEECH: JOURNEYING INTO A PEACEFUL ISLAM: A WORLDVIEW FRAMEWORK APPROACH
■ 10.00 - 10.50
  • John Valk and Mualla Selcuk - Canada and Turkey
  • Plenum / Discussion - Moderator: Wolfgang Meixner - Austria
SESSION III: PHILOSOPHICAL AND THEORETICAL FRAMEWORKS TO ADDRESS RELIGIOUSLY MOTIVATED VIOLENCE

- 10.50 - 12.35
  - Kostake Milkov – Macedonia
  (Embracing the other: Lessons from History and Contemporary Christian Thought)
  - Alexander Hannan – Israel
  (Education in Nonviolence: The Study of Sacred Texts as Spiritual Practice)
  - Martin Rothgangel – Austria
  (Violence from a protestant-theological perspective)
  - Plenum / Discussion - Moderator: Wolfgang Meixner - Austria

- 12.35 - 14.30 Lunch

KEYNOTE SPEECH: TO CONDEMN - OR NOT - THE VIOLENCE AFTER THE CHARLIE HEBDO ATTACK: ALLIANCE OR CLEAVAGE BETWEEN MUSLIMS AND FRENCH CATHOLICS?

- 14.30 - 15.10
  - Claude Dargent - France
  - Discussion - Moderator: Omer Karoshaj - Montenegro

SESSION IV: THE EXPERIENCE OF VIOLENCE AND THE FUTURE OF RELIGION IN EUROPE

- 15.10 - 16.45
  - Stefano Maria Capilupi based on the collaboration with Igor Ermachenko – Italy/ Russia
  (Dialogue between “The children of Abraham” and the problem of violence and justice)
  - Wolfgang Palaver – Austria
  (The Complex Relationship between Violence and Religion)
  - Goran Basci – Sweden
  (Religion, Violence and Genocide: in Narratives of Survivors from the War in Bosnia and Herzegovina)
  - Discussion - Moderator: Musa Musai - Macedonia

- 16.45 - 17.15 Break

KEYNOTE SPEECH: MUSLIM THEOLOGIANS OF NON-VIOLENCE

- 17.15 - 17.55
  - Marcia Hermansen - United States
  - Discussion-Moderator: Zekirja Sejdini - Austria

SESSION V: RADICALIZATION OF MUSLIM AND NON-MUSLIM YOUTH

- 17.55 - 19.00
  - Laurentiu Tanase - Romania
  (Building a mosque in Bucharest; inter-religion tensions or social reflex against Islam)
  - Musa Musai - Macedonia
  - Bashkim Iseni - Swiss
  - Plenum / Discussion - Moderator: Zekirja Sejdini - Austria

- 19.00 Dinner and cultural programme

SUNDAY, 18TH OF OCTOBER 2015

KEYNOTE SPEECH: AGAINST RELIGIOUSLY MOTIVATED VIOLENCE - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION’S CONTRIBUTION TO PEACEFUL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DIFFERENT RELIGIONS

- 09.00 - 09.40
  - Friedrich Schweitzer - Germany
  - Plenum/ Discussion - Moderator: Marcia Hermansen - United States

SESSION VI: ISLAMIC TENETS AND CONFLICTS

- 09.40 - 11.00
  - Osman Tastan - Turkey
  (Civil Disobedience in Islamic Politico-Legal Theory: a challenging balance between justice and stability)
  - Ilshat Hassan Kobore - East Turkistan or Xingjang-China / USA
  (Religion Prosecution in East Turkistan)
  - Akhmed Tamim - Ukraine
  (Military conflict in Ukraine: the Islamic factor)
  - Plenum/ Discussion - Moderator: Marcia Hermansen - United States

- 11.00 - 11.30 Break

SESSION VII: YOUNG RESEARCHERS ON HISTORICAL, THEOLOGICAL AND MODERN SOURCES OF VIOLENCE

- 11.30 - 12.45
  - Ranja Ebrahim – Austria
  (Autonomy- A male privilege in Islam?)
  - Ulvi Karagedik – Austria
  (Violence in the Sunna)
  - Sheruze Osmanli Ballazhi – Macedonia
  (Social distance and the perception of threat from refugees)
  - Plenum/ Discussion - Moderator: Ednan Aslan – Austria

- 12.45 Lunch and check-out / sight seeing