

16-18th October, 2015  
Tetova, Macedonia

# Religion and Violence

International Conference



## 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 Sejдини, 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

- Ruard 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? Ultrnationalism, 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 THEOLOGICAL 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 Basic** - 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: **Zekirija 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: **Zekirija 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 Kokbore** - East Turkistan or Xingjiang-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 Osmani 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