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“Peace, Human Rights and Religion”

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Mofid University

With the Cooperation of UNDP in Iran

Qom, Iran

13-14 May 2009

In the framework of

**Cluster Project on National Capacity Building for the Promotion and Protection of
Human Rights for Greater Access to Justice**

Wednesday 13 May 2009

Opening Session (09:30-10:30)

- 09:30 *National Anthem of the I. R. of Iran and Recitation of the Holy Qur'an*
- 09:40 *Greetings by Mr. Mohammad Reza Yousefi, Vice Chancellor of Mofid University*
- 09:50 Reading the Message of Grand Ayatollah Ardebili, Founder & Chancellor of Mofid University
- 10:00 *Speech by Ms. Elzira Sagynbaeva, Resident Representative (a.i) UNDP Iran*
- 10:10 *Speech by Mrs. Nasrin Mosaffa, National Manager of "Cluster Project on National Capacity Building for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights for Greater Access to Justice"*
- 10:20 *Speech by Mr. Mohammad Javad Zarif, Secretary of the Conference*
- 10:30 Break

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Day 1

HALL 1, Session 1

Topic: Religions and peace (11:00-12:30)

Presiding Board: Nasser Ghorbannia, Khojasteh Arefnia, Edward J. Alam

- 11:00 Carl Wellman (Professor of philosophy, Philosophy Department, Washington University, USA)
Religious Human Rights and Peace
- 11:15 Discussion
- 11:30 Mohammad Hassan Movahhedi Savoji (Research Fellow, Mofid University)
Peaceful Coexistence of Human Beings from the Perspectives of the Quran and International Human Rights System
- 11:45 Discussion
- 12:00 Kamran Hashemi (Faculty Member, School of International Relations Human Rights)
Religion, Race and Human Rights: Struggle for Protection of Vulnerable People
- 12:15 Discussion
- 12:30 Prayer and Lunch

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Day 1

HALL 1, Session 2

Topic: Religions and Peace (14:30-15:30)

Presiding Board: Mohsen Araki, Seyed Mahdi Khamooshi, Maryam Mohaghegh

- 14:30 Nazim Goolam (Associate Professor, Department of Jurisprudence, University of South Africa)
Islamophobia and Disrespecting the Sanctity of Islam as a Threat to World Peace
- 14:45 Discussion
- 15:00 Mohammad Mahdi Kariminia (Deputy for Research, Specialized Center of Islamic Jurisprudence, Qom)
The Prophet's Peaceful Coexistence with Non-Muslims
- 15:15 Discussion

Day 1

HALL 1, Session 3

Topic: Peace, Women and Children (15:30-16:30)

Presiding Board: Mohammad Habibi Mojandeh, Shahla Moazzami, Peter G. Stocker

15:30 Aoife Daly (Ph.D. Candidate at the School of Law, Trinity College, Dublin, & Research Fellow)

The Participation of Children in Post-Conflict Rebuilding Processes

15:45 Discussion

16:00 Seyed Abdolmajid Zavari (Faculty Member, Asef Research Center)

The Constructing Role of Women in Peacebuilding Process

16:15 Discussion

16:30 Break

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Day 1

HALL 1

17:00-18:30

**Panel
(with the Cooperation of Iran UNICEF)**

Topic: Peace, Women and Children

Facilitator: Saeed Rahae

Members: Mohammad Moosavi Bojnourdi, Paul Hulshoff, Parviz Piran, Mohammad Mattar, Maryam Mohaghegh,

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Day 1

HALL 2, Session 1

Topic: Peace, Justice and Democracy (11:00-12:30)

Presiding Board: Seyed Sadegh Haghighat, Asad Ardalan, Kathleen Cavanaugh

11:00 Edel Hughes (Junior Lecturer in Law, University of Limerick, Ireland)

Promoting Peace, En'forcing' Democracy? The European Court of Human Rights' Treatment of Islam

11:15 Discussion

11:30 Mohammad Taghi Gezelsofla (Assistant Prof., Political Science & Law Department, Mazandaran University)

The Ethics of Peace in a World with Different Voices

11:45 Discussion

12:00 Alejandro Lorite Escorihuela (Assistant Prof., American University in Cairo, Law Department)

Human Rights, Human Security and Political Theologies

12:15 Discussion

12:30 Prayer and Lunch

Day 1

HALL 2, Session 2

Topic: Peace, Justice and Democracy (14:30-15:30)

Presiding Board: Mohammad Sadegh Kamelan, Oeistein Mjarum, Kamran Hashemi

- 14:30 Sattar Azizi (Assistant Prof., Bu-Ali Sina University, Hamedan)
Peace, Justice and Democracy in Multi-Ethnic Societies: A Comparative Study of Bosnia & Herzegovina and Iraq
- 14:45 Discussion
- 15:00 Liselotte (Jamile-Zahra) Abid (Lecturer, University of Vienna, Austria)
Shi'ism and the Vision of Islamic Democracy: Ways to Secure Peace and Human Rights
- 15:15 Discussion

Day 1

HALL 2, Session 3

Topic: Peace and the Threats to It (15:30-16:30)

Presiding Board: Seyed Ali Mirmoosavi, Liselotte (Jamile-Zahra) Abid, Seyed Mohammad Kazem Sajjadpour

- 15:30 Edward J. Alam (Associate Prof., Notre Dame University, Lebanon)
The Metaphysics of Violence: Comparative Reflections on the Thought of René Girard and Mahatma Gandhi
- 15:45 Discussion
- 16:00 Khalilollah Sardarnia (Assistant Prof. of Political Science, Shiraz University)
The Impact of Democratic Mechanisms on Peace in Multi-Ethnic Societies: the Case Study of Iran
- 16:15 Discussion

Thursday 14 May 2009

Day 2

HALL 1, Session 1

Topic: Religions and peace (09:00-10:30)

Presiding Board: Seyed Mostafa Mohaghegh Damad, Rahim Nobahar, Zahra Noparast

- 09:00 Mahdi Hassanzadeh (Assistant Prof., Faculty of Theology, Ferdowsi University of Mashhad)
Religion and Peace
- 09:15 Discussion
- 09:30 Kevin W. Gray (Assistant Prof. of Philosophy, American University of Afghanistan)
Habermas' Religious Turn
- 09:45 Discussion
- 10:00 Seyed Sadegh Haghighat (Assistant Prof., Political Science Department, Mofid University)
World Peace: A Comparison between Kantian and Islamic Views
- 10:15 Discussion
- 10:30 Break

Day 2

HALL 1, Session 2

Topic: Religions and Peace (11:00-12:30)

Presiding Board: Seyyed Mostafa Mirmohammadi, Hilde Salvesen, Seyyed Mohammad Hashemi

11:00 Jeroen Temperman & Joseph Powderly (Research Fellows at the Irish Centre for Human Rights)
Protection against Religious Hatred under the UN ICCPR and the European Convention System

11:15 Discussion

11:30 Parviz Emamzadehfard (Assistant Prof., Faculty of political Science & Law, Islamic Azad University, Karaj)
The Role of Roman Catholic Church in Promotion of Human Rights and Stability of Peace in Latin America (1962-1965)

11:45 Discussion

12:00 Bas de Gaay Fortman (Professor of Political Economy of Human Rights, Law School, Utrecht University, Netherlands)

Peace with Justice: The Grounds of Human Rights from a Faith-Based Perspective

12:15 Discussion

12:30 Prayer and Lunch



Day 2

HALL 1, Session 3

Topic: Peace & the Role of NGOs & Religious Institutions (14:30-15:30)

Presiding Board: Mohammad Javad Zarif, Saeed Rahae, Markus Cott

14:30 Hossein Aghababaei (Assistant Prof., Law Department, the University of Ghulian)
Peace, Tolerance and Security Discourse in the Political Conflicts among Muslims

14:45 Discussion

15:00 Irene Schneider (Professor for Arabic Studies and Islamic Law, Universität Göttingen, Germany)
The Position of Muslim Community and Islamic Education at State Run Schools as an Important Factor of Social Peace in a Secular Society: The German Example

15:15 Discussion



Day 2

HALL 1

16:00-17:30

Panel

Topic: Religions and Peace

Facilitator: Nasser Ghorbannia

Members: Seyyed Mostafa Mohaghegh Damad, Edward Alam, Hilde Salvesen, Younos Hammami
Lalehzar, Pedram Soroushpour, Arbi Nersesians

Day 2

HALL 2, Session 1

Topic: Peace, Justice and Democracy (09:00-10:30)

Presiding Board: Seyed Mohammad Ali Hosseinizadeh, Seyed Mohammad Ghari Seyed Fatemi, Irene Schneider

- 09:00 Timothy W. Waters (Associate Professor, School of Law, Indiana University, USA)
Constructing Citizenship through War in the Human Rights Era
09:15 Discussion
- 09:30 Hesam Naghibi Mofrad (MA Candidate, Allameh Tabataba'i University)
Peace, Justice and Democracy in the Light of Good Governance
09:45 Discussion
- 10:00 Kathleen Cavanaugh (Lecturer, Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland)
Militant Democracy: Lowenstein Revisited
10:15 Discussion
- 10:30 Break
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Day 2

HALL 2, Session 2

Topic: Interrelationship between Human Rights and Peace / Religions and peace (11:00-12:30)

Presiding Board: Seyed Masoud Noori, Carl Wellman, Seyed Abdolmajid Mirdamadi

- 11:00 Ulrich Steinworth (Visiting professor at Bilkent University, Ankara)
Two Mistaken Conceptions of Human Rights in both Islam and the West
11:15 Discussion
- 11:30 Farhad Talaee (Faculty Member, Faculty of Political Science & Law, Shiraz University)
Mutual Effects between Human Rights and Peace
11:45 Discussion
- 12:00 Ilghar Esmailzadeh (PhD Candidate of Comparative Tafsir, Jama'a Al-Mostafa)
Islamic Jihad and Its Impact on World Peace
12:15 Discussion
- 12:30 Prayer and Lunch
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Concluding Session (18:00-18:45)

Presiding Board: Mohammad Javad Zarif, Mohammad Reza Yousefi, Carl Wellman

- 18:00 *Report on the Discussions of Hall 1(Mahmood Shafiee)*
18:15 *Report on the Discussions of Hall 2(Mohammad Ali Hosseinizadeh & Kamran Hashemi)*
18:30 Concluding Speech