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International Conference on World Religions and Interfaith Harmony (ICWRIH-2024)

Theme of the Year

**ROLE OF RELIGIOUS
HARMONY FOR A
SUSTAINABLE WORLD**

**14-15
February 2024**

**Department of World Religions and Interfaith Harmony
Faculty of Islamic and Arabic Studies**

THE ISLAMIA UNIVERSITY OF BAHAWALPUR, PAKISTAN

Introduction

Nestled in the heart of Bahawalpur, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB) stands as a beacon of knowledge, research, and enlightenment. At the forefront of this noble mission, the Department of World Religions and Interfaith Harmony at IUB has emerged as a driving force for positive change. Guided by the profound wisdom found in sacred texts, we recognize the inherent value of diversity and the imperative for peace in the sustainable development and harmony of our world. With these profound insights as our guideposts, our conference extends an open invitation for original research contributions and presentations across diverse research fields. We extend a warm welcome to participants from all corners of the globe, transcending boundaries of gender, religion, race, and beliefs. It is this rich tapestry of perspectives and experiences that enriches our collective understanding and guides our actions on the profound subject we convene to explore.

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Themes for Paper Presentation

Strategies for Interfaith Harmony and Global Integration:

1. Innovative Approaches to Interfaith Dialogue
2. Promoting Cultural Exchange for Global Understanding
3. Interfaith Partnerships for Sustainable Development
4. The Role of Technology in Facilitating Interfaith Communication

Academic Perspectives on Interfaith Harmony and Peacebuilding:

1. Interdisciplinary Research on Religious Tolerance
2. Case Studies in Interfaith Peacebuilding
3. Psychological Insights into Interfaith Relations
4. Religious Freedom, Human Rights, and Global Peace

Cultivating Mutual Understanding among Religious Sects:

1. Religious Education for Tolerance and Inclusivity
2. Building Bridges Between Different Religious Communities
3. Interfaith Initiatives in Conflict Resolution
4. Role Models of Religious Tolerance and Coexistence

Holistic Approaches to Religious Harmony:

1. Environmental Ethics and Spirituality
2. Interfaith Perspectives on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
3. Interfaith Environmental Conservation Efforts
4. Faith-Based Initiatives for Social Justice

Transforming Knowledge into Action:

1. Turning Research into Policy for Interfaith Harmony

2. Interfaith Harmony and Community Development
3. Implementing Interfaith Solutions for Global Challenges
4. Measuring the Impact of Interfaith Initiatives

Environmental Stewardship and Faith for Economic Stability:

1. Religious Ethics in Economic Decision-Making
2. Interfaith Economic Partnerships for Sustainable Development
3. Religious Charities and Economic Relief
4. Religious Diplomacy and Global Economic Relations

Interfaith Dialogue, Youth Engagement, and Sustainable Collaboration:

1. Youth-Led Interfaith Initiatives for Sustainability
2. Interfaith Youth Forums for Social Justice
3. Interfaith Youth Partnerships in Education

Faith-Based Initiatives for Justice and Well-Being:

1. Religious Organizations Promoting Social Justice”:
2. Faith-Based Healthcare Initiatives
3. Interfaith Coalitions for Humanitarian Aid
4. Faith-Based Approaches to Mental Health and Well-Being

Challenges, Controversies, and the Role of Media:

1. Media’s Influence on Religious Controversies
2. Challenges of Interpreting Religious Content in Media
3. Religion and Digital Media: Opportunities and Risks
4. Media’s Role in Bridging Divides and Promoting Understanding

Themes for Poster Presentation

1. Harmony in Diversity: **Interfaith Perspectives for Global Unity**
2. Environmental Ethics: **Religions Nurturing a Sustainable World**
3. Tolerance Tapestry: **Embracing Differences for Global Peace**
4. Love for Humanity: **Faith-Based Approaches to Global Challenges**
5. Economic Stability through Faith: **Religious Ethics in a Global Context**
6. Youth-Led Harmony: **Interfaith Engagement for Sustainable Collaboration**
7. Faith-Based Initiatives for Well-Being: **Promoting Justice and Health**
8. Media’s Role in Harmony: **Bridging Divides and Promoting Understanding**

Languages

Papers can be submitted in **Arabic, English, or Urdu.**

Important Dates

Abstract/Proposal submission: 24 December 2023

Abstract/Proposal selection: 31 December 2023

Paper submission: 15 January 2024

Send you abstracts to the following email address

religions.interfaith@iub.edu.pk

Accepted papers will be published in the HEC approved Journal of “World Religions and Interfaith Harmony”

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Schedule and Venue

Conference Date: 14-15 (Wednesday, Thursday) February 2024
Venue: The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Pakistan

Mode of Conference

The Mode of Conference will be Hybrid

Registration Fee

With Accommodation: PKR 5000/-
Without Accommodation: PKR 3000/-

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