

International conference on Religions and Political Values

Date: 26-28 November 2014

Venue: Lebanese American University – Byblos- Lebanon
(Conference in English and Arabic - Simultaneous translation is provided)

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Program

Wednesday 26 November (5:00-7:00)

Public Official Opening

(Hilton Hotel - Beirut)

5:00 Welcoming guests

5:30 Lebanese National Anthem

Welcome address by the Conference Coordinator

Dr. Nayla Tabbara, Director of the Cross-Cultural Studies Department, Adyan Foundation

Address of the Lebanese American University

Dr. Georges Najjar, Provost

Address of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

Mr. Peter Rimmel, Resident Representative in Lebanon

Address of Religions for Peace

Dr. William Vendley, Secretary General

**Ceremony of Presentation of Adyan's 2014 Spiritual Solidarity Award
to departed Sayyid Hani Fahs and HE Shaykh Abdullah Bin Bayyah**

Address of Adyan Foundation

Prof. Fadi Daou, Chairperson

Address of the Conference Guest Speaker

His Eminence Cardinal Mar Bechara Boutros al Rai, Maronite Patriarch of Antioch and all the East

Program presented by Ms. Tania Awad Gborra, Media Professional

Cocktail Reception

Thursday 27 November

(LAU – Byblos)

Panel 1: 9:00- 11:00

Ethics between religion and politics

Panel Chair: Dr. Nayla Tabbara

Dr. Stefan Friedrich (Germany): *Plural secular societies and value-based politics*

Dr. Nayla Abi Nader (Lebanon): *"Islam, Ethics and Politics": a reading of Mohammad Arkoun's thought*

Dr. Theo Brinkel (Netherlands): *The relevance of faith-inspired politics for democracy and justice*

Dr. Wajiha al Baharna (Bahrain): *Religion and politics, two sides of the same coin: a values-based approach*

Panel 2: 11:30-1:30

Contemporary challenges for religion and political values

Panel Chair: Dr. Marwan Rowayheb

Prof. Joseph Maalouf (Lebanon): *No political continuation in the Arab world without a minimum of ethical and religious understanding: an approach through Hans Kung and Amin Maalouf*

Prof. Tayyib Tizini (Syria): *Does the unification of the world go through ISIS?*

Prof. Alicia Cabezudo (Argentina/Spain): *Religions and Political Values: a Necessary Dialogue in Education*

Dr. Makram Ouaiss (Lebanon): *When Official Tracks Fail, can Non-Official Tracks Reconcile Religion and Politics in Post-Conflict Countries? The Case of Lebanon*

Panel 3: 3:00-5:30

**The relation between religion and politics
as a values reshaping dynamic**

Panel Chair: Prof. Fadi Daou

Prof. Wajih Kansa (Lebanon): *Role of politics in the formation of Religious Values*

Dr. Ali Khalife (Lebanon): *Political values from the point of view of Islam and Christianity*

Prof. Abdel Jabbar al Rifai (Iraq): *What State without spiritual life and ethical values?*

Dr. Afag Mohammad Sadeq (Sudan): *The political role of sufi orders: the example of Sudan*

Friday 28 November 2014

(LAU – Byblos)

Panel 4 – 9:00- 11:00

Values questioning political islam

Panel Chair: Dr. Mohammad Sammak

Mr. Qassem Kassir (Lebanon): *Islamist movements and political values: the double standards between theory and practice in regards to democracy and good governance*

Dr. Michael Driessen (US-Italy): *Comparing Post-Secularism and Post-Islamism in Catholic and Muslim Contexts*

Shaykh Muhammad Abu Zayd (Lebanon): *Religion and power in the Syrian context: the example of Marwan Hadid and Jawdat Said*

Dr. Sami Baroudi (Lebanon): *Moderate Sunni Islam and International Relations: The discourses of two leading contemporary Islamic thinkers (Qaradawi and Zuhaili)*

Group photo

Panel 5 -11:30-1:00

Political values for inclusive citizenship

Panel chair: Prof. Harald Suermann

Prof. Patrice Brodeur (Canada-Austria): *Dialogue as a glocal political value*

Fr. Dr. Bassem Rai (Lebanon): *Religious Freedom and the freedom of religion*

Dr. Georges Fahmi (Egypt): *The Copts and citizenship in Egypt*

Panel 6 -3:00-4:30

Spiritual values for politics of peace

Panel Chair: Dr. William Vendley

Prof. Hadi Adanali (Turkey) : *Empathy as a Religious and Political Value*

Dr. Federico di Leo (Italy): *Confidence, service and dialogue: Religion and political issues*

Rev. Canon Alistair MacDonald Radcliff (UK): *Can citizenship be a political and spiritual value for social cohesion and interfaith harmony?*

Evaluations and Conclusions Panel

5:00-6:00

Conclusive comments

Dr. Nayla Tabbara- Conference Coordinator- Adyan

Prof. Harald Suermann- Director, Institute of Missiology-Missio

Prof. Fadi Daou-Chairperson and CEO- Adyan

Dr. Marwan Rowayheb, Associate Chair of Social Studies Department- LAU