

Call for Papers



Paigham-e-Pakistan Conference on PEACEMAKING, NATIONAL INTEGRATION, SOCIAL COHESION AND INTERFAITH HARMONY

Organized by
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INTRODUCTION

Islamic Research Institute, International Islamic University, Islamabad (IUI), in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan, various Wifaqs of Deeni Madaris and other state institutions has articulated Paigham-e-Pakistan as national narrative to counter violence, extremism and terrorism. This agreed upon narrative was launched by the Honourable President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on **January 16, 2018 at Aiwan-e-Sadr, Islamabad**. Several introductory programmes in the form of conferences/seminars and workshops have been arranged to promote Paigham-e-Pakistan throughout Pakistan and abroad. Until now, the Institute has arranged around 200 events for promotion of Paigham-e-Pakistan. Nearly 6000 Pakistani ulama, scholars and religious leaders have endorsed the text of Paigham-e-Pakistan. The Paigham-e-Pakistan declaration and Fatwa have also been endorsed by the Imam-e-Ka'bah, Grand Mufti of Egypt, Grand Mufti of Kazakhstan, Grand Mufti of Russia, Grand Mufti of Thailand and important figures from abroad. His Eminence Sheikh Al-Azhar himself arranged translation of Paigham-e-Pakistan into Arabic which was carried out by the ulama of Al-Azhar University. After completion of the first phase of articulation and launching of national narrative "Paigham-e-Pakistan," the Institute is now busy in the second phase of compliance and implementation of "Paigham-e-Pakistan" through various activities. In this regard, the Institute has initiated various projects for spreading this message. This conference is continuation of these efforts.

THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

This conference has following themes:

1. Theories of social integration and cultural cohesion
2. Causes of disintegration and moral disengagement
3. The role of national narrative in peacebuilding and reconciliation
4. Social reconstruction through Paigham-e-Pakistan
5. Significance of religious diversity and interfaith harmony
6. Methods of resolving interfaith and intra-faith tensions
7. The role of the ethics of disagreement in promoting inter-sect harmony
8. Unity in diversity: Various manifestations of Pakistani culture
9. The relationship between religion, culture and civilization
10. Perception of Islamic civilization and its effects on interfaith relations
11. Promotion of Islamic traditions of reconciliation, forgiveness and peacemaking
12. The role of world religions in peacebuilding
13. Preventing incitement to violence: Theories and methods
14. Reasons and remedies for increasing trends of hate speech in Pakistan

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

This conference aims to:

1. highlight the importance and significance of national narrative Paigham-e-Pakistan in social reconstruction of Pakistan;
2. describe the process of peacebuilding and conflict resolution from an Islamic perspective;
3. elaborate the concept of religious diversity and interfaith harmony;
4. assess the push and pull factors of radicalism in Pakistani society; and
5. revive the tradition of non-violence and peacemaking in Islamic civilization.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE?

The call for papers in Urdu, English and Arabic is open for all researchers, academicians, policymakers, religious leaders and opinion makers. However, due to the serious academic nature of the conference, only the authors, whose articles will be approved after double-blind peer review, will be invited to present their papers in the conference.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Call for Papers:	June 20, 2021
Abstract Submission Deadline:	July 31, 2021
Notification of Acceptance of Abstracts:	August 5, 2021
Final Paper Submission Deadline:	September 30, 2021
Date of the Conference:	October 19, 2021

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