

Draft Schedule

2nd International Conference on Religion and Culture in Conflict and Peace: *Reconciliation and Peacebuilding in South Asia*

This programme is subject to change. Speakers have 30 minutes inclusive of questions.

Tuesday 26 March		
09.00 Welcome		
Session 1 Papers		
Room A	Room B	Room C
09.30 Paper (1) <i>Role of Islam and Buddhism in Peace-Building and Socio-Cultural Harmony in Contemporary Nepal</i> Fida Ur Rahman University College of Zhob, BUITEMS, Pakistan.	09.30 Paper (2) <i>Religious Extremism in Post-Civil War: The Case of Buddhist Nationalism in Sri Lanka</i> Chas Morrison Research Fellow, University of Coventry, UK	09.30 Paper (3) <i>A case study on the social disparity among the different communities in Bihar region, India and overcome through the art activities</i> Dr. Vishi Upadhyay, Curatorial Associate, Bihar Museum, Patna, India
10.00 Paper (4) <i>Islam: A Religion of Peace or Breeding Ground for Militancy?</i> Abdullah-Al Helal, Asst. Prof. of Social Work, Northern University Bangladesh.	10.00 Paper (5) <i>Sri Lankan history, particularly the shifting ethno-religious demographics experienced during British Rule, and the ramifications of those shifts on contemporary Sri Lankan society.</i> Michael McShane and Janie Dumbleton, TANENBAUM Center for Interreligious Understanding, USA	10.00 Paper (6) <i>Nepal: The consequences and implications of the rise of religious nationalism for peace building as specified in thematic areas.</i> Dr Yogi Simhanath, Gorakshyanath Math, Nepal
10.30 Paper (7) <i>The Bodhisattva as Global Citizen: Thoughts on individual and dialogue-based peacebuilding.</i> Jamie Cresswell, Director of the Centre for Applied Buddhism, UK	10.30 Paper (8) <i>Acclimatizing Buddhism in the Peacebuilding Process</i> Dr Tsetan Namgyal, Centre for Inner Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India.	10.30 Paper (9) <i>The role of Pashtun jirga in conflict resolution and enforcement of peace in Tribal Pashtun Society.</i> Khan Zeb., PhD Fellow at Centre for International Peace and Stability (CIPS), National University of Science and Technology, Islamabad Pakistan.
11.00 Break		
11.30 Keynote: Professor Hugh Miall (UK) - <i>Buddhism and Conflict Transformation- an exploration of key Buddhist texts on peacebuilding</i>		
12.30 Lunch		

Session 2 Papers	
Room A	Room B
<p>13.30 Paper (10) <i>Peace and Reconciliation in Nepal: Dilemmas and Opportunities</i> Shobhakar Budhathoki, President of the Peace and Justice Promotion Centre, Nepal</p>	<p>13.30 Paper (11) <i>Locating Music in Cultural Diplomacy between India and Pakistan.</i> Mayank Mishra, PhD Research Scholar, Centre for South Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University</p>
<p>14.00 Paper (12) <i>Recent Scenarios of Hate Speech in South Asia: Tackling India-Pakistan Hate-Crime for Religious Harmony and Regional Peace</i> Professor Monir Hossain Moni, Bangladesh Asia Institute for Global Studies (BAIGS)</p>	<p>14.00 Paper (13) <i>Religious, Spiritual and Cultural Values for Peacebuilding in South Asian Countries in the 21st Century</i> Ms Ashok Bala, Peace Coordinator, International Women's Peace Group (IWPG) , HWPL India</p>
<p>14.30 Panel Discussion <i>Emerging Insights and practitioner perspectives from Religious Peacebuilding in Kenya, Indonesia, Pakistan and the Philippines.</i> Dr Laura Payne & Sylvia Brown, University of Coventry, UK</p>	<p>14.30 Paper (14) <i>Presentation of two positions of Slovakia in intercultural and peace mediation</i> Frantisek Kutlik, President of the Slovak Institute for Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution, Vice President of the World Mediation Forum</p>
	<p>15.00 Paper (15) <i>'Kumbh' as an Epitome of Societal Harmony and Peacebuilding in Indic Civilisation</i> Dr Bharti Chhibber, Asst. Professor, University of Delhi, India.</p>
15.30 Break	
Session 3 Papers	
Room A	Room B
<p>16.00 Paper (16) <i>Blood and Buddhism in Burma: A Conflict of Narratives in Understanding Burmese Democracy</i> Jonathan Barry, Research Assistant, Faculty of Religious Studies, University of Groningen, Netherlands</p>	<p>16.00 Paper (17) <i>Religious harmony for sustainable peace in South Asian countries</i> Prof. Dr. Subhash Chandra, Associate Professor-(Hon.) Intercultural Open University (IOU),NI. President GHA -- Global Harmony Association (GHA), India</p>
<p>16.30 Paper (18) <i>Rebounding to Roots: Restorative justice and community-based reconciliation for Nepal's transition to peace</i> Ram Tiwari - Nepal Institute of Justice</p>	<p>16.30 Paper (19) <i>"Slametan" as Socio-Religious System for Peacebuilding in Java, Indonesia</i> Anisa Martiana, Faculty of National Security, Indonesia Defense University</p>
<p>17.00 Paper (20) <i>Debates on Vegetarianism in Early Buddhism</i> Mrinalini, University of Delhi, India</p>	<p>17.00 Paper (21) <i>A seat at the high table: engaging with women as leaders in the post-conflict reconciliation process in Nepal</i> Dr. Dipti Tamang, Assistant Professor, Darjeeling Government College, India</p>
18.00 Dinner	

Wednesday 27 March09.00 Keynote: Steve Killelea, Institute for Economics and Peace: *The State of Global Peace***Session 4 Papers**

Room A

Room B

Room C

10.00 Paper (22)

The Right to Pray: The Tensions between Gender and Faith
Dr. Ivy Dhar, Assistant Professor at the School of Development Studies, Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD), India.

10.00 Paper (23)

Ethnic/Religious animosity: large group identities and conflicts in South Asia
Salonee Shital PhD Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University

10.00 Paper (24)

Tolerance dialogue in South Asia
Prof. Fukunaga Masaaki, The Centre for South Asian Studies, Gifu Women's University, Gifu JAPAN

10.30 Break

11.00 Paper (25)

Empowerment can bring Peace: The Role of Women in Bangladesh
Nowrin Nehon Independent Scholar, Bangladesh

11.00 Paper (26)

Multireligious Networks Promoting Religious Diversity and Reconciliation: Three Case Studies of Transnational Peacebuilding in Myanmar
Professor Anna King, University of Winchester, UK

11.00 Paper (27)

Interrogating the Role of Religion in the Tibetan Struggle of Peace and Conflict: A Study of Select Narratives
Priyanka Chakraborty, PhD scholar Banaras Hindu University

11.30 Paper (28)

Gendering peace in the world: Contemporary Sufi women leaders in Pakistan
Saad Ali Khan, PhD scholar and Lecturer, Centre of Excellence in Gender Studies, Quaid Azam University, Islamabad Pakistan

11.30 Paper (29)

Enhancing the Efficacy of Religious Peacebuilding Practice: An Evidence-based Framework for Assessing Dominant Risks in Religious Peacebuilding
Dr Mark Owen, University of Winchester, UK

11.30 Paper (30)

Interfaith Dialogue to Counter Radicalization: An approach to Building Peace in Bangladesh
Shahla Shahreen and Dr. Saber Ahmed Chowdhury, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

12.00 Small Group Discussions

12.30 Lunch

13.30 Local Excursion- Sacred Gardens of Lumbini

17.00 Closing Plenary

18.00 Dinner