



ISLAMOPHOBIA AND ITS IMPACT ON RELATIONS BETWEEN ISLAMIC AND WESTERN CIVILIZATIONS

Call for Papers

To be organized by: Islamic Research Institute
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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE

Islamophobia is a combination of hate, fear, and prejudice against Islam, Muslims, and anything associated with Islam, such as mosques, Islamic centres, the Qur'an, *hijab*, etc. It also constitutes hatred, stigmatization, racism, and discrimination in daily life, in media, at the workplace, in the political sphere, etc. It rests in the mind and reflects in attitudes. Islamophobia has a long history and goes back to the days of the Latin Christendom when Christian theologians and monarchs condemned Islam and Muslims. Since the events such as 9/11 and the emergence of radical groups such as al-Qaida and ISIS, this phenomenon has emerged on the international stage as a criminal enterprise. On the other hand, many Muslims in the Islamic world have anti-Western sentiments. Colonialization and Western hegemony became new sources of hatred against the West. As a reaction to it, the Muslim world is occupied with anti-Westernization, generating Westophobia in the Muslim countries. The deficit of trust and deep cultural division are the biggest impediments to better mutual understanding. Amidst these apprehensions, this conference is proposed to explore the importance and legitimacy of peaceful coexistence in Islamic theology and Western thought. It will explore the history, bases, and reasons of Islamophobia in Western societies and Westophobia in Muslim societies and suggest viable solutions to this predicament. It will also contribute to removing the barriers such as mistrust, and misconceptions for the sake of permanent peace and conflict resolution between Muslims and the West.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE

This international conference aims to

1. explore the history, reasons, and impact of Islamophobia in Western societies and of Westophobia in Muslim societies;
2. address the need and strategy for spreading universal values such as tolerance, coexistence and peacebuilding through a comparative, cross-cultural analysis of Islamic and Western conceptualizations;
3. evaluate the notion that universal values find deep historical, philosophical, and theological roots within the Islamic tradition;
4. identify reasons and remedies for mistrust, hatred, and lack of mutual understanding between the West and the Muslims;
5. develop and reinforce constructive strategies for promoting cross-cultural coexistence and diversity.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Abstract Submission Deadline ————— March 20, 2022
Notification of Acceptance of Abstracts ————— March 31, 2022
Final Paper Submission Deadline ————— May 31, 2022
Dates of the Conference ————— June 28-29, 2022

THE THEMES OF THE CONFERENCE

This international conference has the following themes:

1. Construction and deconstruction of the concepts such as Islamophobia, Westoxification, Westophobia
2. Origins of Islamophobia in the West and Westophobia in the Muslim world
3. Muslim responses to Islamophobia
4. Colonization and Westoxification and their impact on Islamophobia
5. Emerging trends of Westophobia in Muslim societies: Reasons and remedies
6. The impact of Islamophobia on society, attitudes, policies, and the youth
7. Islamophobia: Schools of thought, methods, and means
8. The role of Muslim countries and organizations in contesting Islamophobia
9. Islam and the West: The politics of phobia

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 highly academic nature of the conference, only the authors whose articles will be approved after peer review will be invited to present their papers at the conference.

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