Monday June 9, 2014

Opening Remarks: 8:30am

Moderator: Mustafa Gocek
1. Muhit Mert, Professor and Dean of Theology Faculty at Fatih University, Istanbul, Turkey
2. Şerif Ali Tekalan, President Fatih University, Istanbul, Turkey
3. Sara Varhus, Vice President (Academics) Nazareth College of Rochester, NY, USA
4. Murat Kaval, Peace Islands Institute
5. Muhammad Shaﬁq, Professor and Executive Director, Hickey Center for Interfaith Studies and dialogue Dialogue, Nazareth College of Rochester, USA
6. Bulent Ozdemir, Director, Peace Islands Institute, Rochester, NY

Refreshments

1. Concurrent Sessions: 10:30am-12pm

A. Wealth and Poverty and Sufi Dimensions

Moderator: Thomas Donlin-Smith
Hussam S. Timani: “Wealth, Poverty, and the Doctrine of Fana’ in the Islamic Scripture”
Ismail K. Poonawala: “Wealth and Poverty in the Epistles of the Brethren of Purity (Rasā’il Ḥikmāt)”
Zeki Saritoprak: “The Story of Koran”

B. Wealth and Poverty and Philanthropy

Moderator: Ibrahim Siyar
Regina A. Boisclair: “Lectionary Readings on Poverty and Affluence in the Eastern and Western Churches”
Thomas Decker: “Job 19 - Agents of God’s Malefeasance?”
Chai Seker: “The Relationship Between Tzedakah and Salvation in Judaism”

Break: Lunch and Prayers: 12:00-1:30pm

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Mohamed BAKARI,
Luncheon Keynote Speaker: Rev. James Maher, C.M., President, Niagara University, Niagara, NY

2. Concurrent Sessions: 1:30-3:00pm

A. Wealth and Poverty and Issues in Globalization

Moderator: Zeki Saritoprak
Andrii Krawchuk: “Orthodox Christian and Muslim Teachings on Wealth and Poverty: the Quest for Collaboration on Economic Justice in Russia”
Kenan Cetinkaya: “The Relationship between Faith and Charity in the Bible and the Qur’ان”

B. Reassessing Sacred Texts

Moderator: Scott Alexander
Nadine d’Osman Han-Dawson: “The Sacred Texts in Context with the New Role of Religions in World Affairs: Political, Affairs: Political, Economical and Social stability”
Richard Salter: “Sacred Texts and Secular Civil Religions: Examples from the US and Argentina”
John McCarthy: “Too Sacred Texts Too Sacred Religion”

3. Concurrent Sessions: 3:15: 4:45pm

A. Sacred Texts and Gender Justice

Moderator: Sara Varhus
Suraiya IT: “The Position of Women on Wealth and Poverty in Islamic Tradition”
Zainab Alwani: “Social and Gender Justice in the Qur’an: Modern Challenges”
Ghada Abdel Monien El-Gemaiey: “Social Solidarity Foundation in Middle age Between Inscription texts and the value”

B. Sacred Texts and Business and Economic Dimensions

Moderator: Nathan Kollar
Sheila E. McGinn: “What stories from sacred Scriptures Illuminate Judgments about how to Treat wealth and poverty”

Dinner and Keynote Speaker: 6:30pm, Dinner Keynote Speaker: Mohamed Bakari, An expert of Phonologies of Bantu Languages, African Literature and African Languages as well in the Contemporary world

Tuesday June 10, 2014

4. Concurrent Session: Keynote Panel
9:00-10:30am

A. Sacred Texts, Theology and Social Vision

Moderator: George Eisen
Reuven Firestone: “Theology and Social Vision and Examination of the Role of Wealth in the Visions of Society and Community between the Hebrew Bible and Qur’an”
Jamal Badawi: “Zakah in the Islamic Sacred texts and human context”