

**International Conference on
“PEACE, STABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:
THE ROLE OF RELIGION”**

January 13-15, 2017

Hyderabad, India

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017

18.00 **REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION** – Hotel Trident

19.00 **INAUGURAL SESSION** – Hotel Trident Banquet Hall (Padma)

Welcome:

Faizan Mustafa, Vice-Chancellor, National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR) University of Law, Hyderabad

Inaugural Address:

Neera Chandhoke, Professor Emeritus, Delhi University, New Delhi

Speakers:

Ján Figel', Special Envoy for Promotion of Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) outside the European Union, European Commission

W. Cole Durham, Jr., Susa Young Gates Professor of Law and Founding Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, United States

Guest of Honor:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice SSM Quadri, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India

Chief Guest:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur, Judge, Supreme Court of India

Presided By:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ramesh Ranganathan, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad and Chancellor, NALSAR

DINNER RECEPTION

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017

9.00 **WELCOME** – South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Law Centre, National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR) University of Law, Shamirpet, Hyderabad

9.15 – 11.29 **OPENING SESSION: Religion, Business and Corporate Responsibility**

Chair:

Mehraj Uddin Mir, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir, Kashmir.

Key Speakers:

W. Cole Durham, Jr., Susa Young Gates Professor of Law and Founding Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, United States

Asher Maoz, Dean, Peres Academic Center Law School, Israel

Speakers:

C.S.R. Prabhu, Director General (Retd.), National Informatics Centre (NIC), New Delhi

Jetti A. Oliver, Chancellor, Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences, Allahabad

Amirullah Khan, Honorary President, Glocal University, Saharanpur

Valeed A. Ansari, Professor and Chairman, Department of Business Administration, Faculty of Management Studies and Research, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

N. Suresh Arcot, Former Professor and Head of the Department of English, Osmania University, Hyderabad

Jayakar Dalavai, Professor of International Business and General Management, National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR), Center for Management Studies, Hyderabad

Discussion - 11.15 a.m. onwards (15 mins)

11.30 – 11.44 **REFRESHMENTS**

11.45 – 13.50 **SESSION I: Religion and the Environment**

Chair :

Javier Martínez-Torrón, Professor of Law and Director, Department of Law and Religion, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain

Key Speakers:

Swami Agnivesh, Social Activist, former Member of the Legislative Assembly of Haryana, Haryana

Yannis Ktistakis, Demokritus University of Thrace, Greece; Faculty of Political Science and International Relations, Boğaziçi University, Turkey

Speakers:

P.J. Sudhakar, News Director, Doordarshan, Hyderabad

K. Purushotham Reddy, Environmentalist and Former Professor, Osmania University, Hyderabad

Rev. Dr. V.K. Swamy, Director, Skill Development, Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge, Telangana

R. Anita, Dean of Academics, Associate Professor, St. Joseph's Degree and PG College, Hyderabad

Dr. T. Indrasena Reddy, Chairman, NeplusUltra Labs Pvt. Ltd. Hyderabad.

Discussion - 13.35 onwards (15 mins)

13.50 – 14.30

LUNCH FOR PARTICIPANTS AND INVITED GUESTS

14.30 – 16.05

SESSION II: Religion and Gender Equality

Chair:

Tahir Mahmood, Distinguished Jurist Chair; Professor of Eminence and Chair, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Amity University, New Delhi

Key Speakers:

Arif Mohammad Khan, Former State Minister, Government of India, India

Ana María Celis Brunet, Associate Professor and Director of the Center for Law and Religion, Faculty of Law, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile; Vice President, International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies, Chile

Speakers:

Mehraj Uddin Mir, Vice-Chancellor, Central University of Kashmir, Kashmir

Faizur Rahman, Secretary General, Centre for Moderate Islamic Thought, Chennai

Discussion - 15.50 onwards (15 mins)

16.05 – 16.29

REFRESHMENTS

16.30 – 18.15

SESSION III: Religion and Gender Equality

Chair:

Arif Mohammad Khan, Former State Minister, Government of India, India

Key Speakers:

Flavia Agnes, Advocate, Majlis Legal Centre, Mumbai

Rashmi M. Oza, Professor of Law, Mumbai University, Mumbai

Speakers:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. Prakash Rao, Former Acting Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh

Imtiaz Gulam Ahmed, Professor of Law, Sikkim University, Sikkim
B.S. Sherin, Professor, English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad

Discussion - 18.00 onwards (15 mins)

18.15 – 18.30

BREAK

18.30 – 20.25

SESSION IV: Religion and the Workplace

Chair:

Tapan Kumar Bose, Secretary General, South Asia Forum for Human Rights (SAFHR), Kathmandu

Key Speakers:

Brett G. Scharffs, Francis R. Kirkham Professor of Law and Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, United States

J.S. Patil, Vice-Chancellor, National Law University, Assam

Speakers:

M. Aslam, Vice-Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi

Samson Gandhi, Executive Director, Person to Person, Institute for Christian Counselling, Telangana

Shahida Murtaza, Head, Department of Women's Education, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad

N. Vasanthi, Professor of Law, National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR) University of Law, Hyderabad

Discussion - 20.10 onwards (15 mins)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017

9.00 **WELCOME** – National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR) University of Law, Shamirpet, Hyderabad

9.15 – 10.30 **SESSION V: Religion and Security**

Chair:

Kancha Ilaiah, Director, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad

Key Speaker:

Javier Martínez-Torrón, Professor of Law and Director, Department of Law and Religion, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain

Speaker:

Ravi Nair, Executive Director, South Asia Human Rights Documentation Centre, New Delhi

Manisha Sethi, Centre for the Study of Comparative Religions and Civilizations, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

Discussion - **10.15 onwards (15 mins)**

10.30 – 12.35 **SESSION VI: Religion and Peace**

Chair:

Neera Chandhoke, Professor Emeritus, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, New Delhi

Key Speakers:

Kancha Ilaiah, Director, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad

Tapan Kumar Bose, Secretary General, South Asia Forum for Human Rights, Kathmandu

Speakers:

John Dayal, Human Rights Activist and Writer

Ahmadullah Khan, Faculty of Law (Retd.), Osmania University, Hyderabad

John Tharakan, Director of Oota-Wellsprings (Don Bosco Psychosocial Services)

Brahma Kumari Anjali Behen, Shanti Sarovar, Hyderabad

Discussion - **12.10 onwards (25 mins)**

12.35 – 13.29 **LUNCH**

13.30 – 15.15

SESSION VII: Religion and Justice

Chair:

Ravi Nair, Executive Director, South Asia Human Rights Documentation Centre, New Delhi

Key Speakers:

Ram Puniyani, Human Rights Activist; former Professor, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay

Lorena Bachmeier Winter, Faculty of Law, Complutense University, Spain

Speakers:

Rev. Dr. Packiam T. Samuel, Director/Secretary, Henry Martyn Institute, International Centre for Research, Interfaith Relations, and Reconciliation, Hyderabad

Ishitiyaque Danish, Professor, Department of Islamic Studies, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi

Nanak Singh Nishter, Director, International Sikh Centre for Interfaith Relations, Hyderabad

Discussion - 15.00 onwards (15 mins)

15.15 – 16.45

VALEDICTORY SESSION

Chief Guest:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose, Judge, Supreme Court of India

Valedictory Address:

Katherine Marshall, Senior Fellow, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University; Executive Director, World Faiths Development Dialogue, United States

Summation:

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Vote of Thanks:

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16.31 – 17.00

REFRESHMENTS

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