



Tolerance in the Context of Legislative and Judicial Systems

23 - 25 April 2019
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Dusit Thani Hotel

An international conference providing an in-depth exploration of the ideas of tolerance, human fraternity and dignity from legal, philosophical, and religious points of view. Scholars, including human rights, constitutional law experts and judges from around the world will come together to address practical implementation strategies for Gulf-region legislative frameworks. Particular attention will be directed towards implementation of the principles contained in the recent Abu Dhabi Declaration signed by His Holiness, Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Al Azhar, Dr. Ahmed Al-Tayyeb, on human fraternity and peace and in the Punta del Este Declaration on Human Dignity for Everyone Everywhere.

This conference is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Tolerance, United Arab Emirates, the International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University, USA, and the United Arab Emirates University College of Law. The conference will focus attention on this important topic during the UAE's Year of Tolerance consistent with the sixth pillar established by the Supreme National Committee for the Year of Tolerance, which focuses upon legislative and policy-oriented objectives that contribute to the promotion of religious and cultural tolerance.

In Partnership With

Day 1
Tuesday

23 April

Opening
Social Gathering

18:30 - 20:30



Musical Performance

Day 2
Wednesday

24 April

9:00 - 10:30



Welcome and introduction to general conference themes: Religious freedom, dignity and related topics

“Dignity and Tolerance: An Introduction to Themes of the Conference”.

Prof. W. Cole Durham Jr.

Founding Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, BYU Law School, USA

“Human Dignity and Fraternity: Roots and Fruits of Human Rights Universality”.

Jan Figel

Special Envoy for Promotion of Freedom of Religion Outside the EU, and former Commissioner of Education, European Commission, EU

“Tolerance, Respect, Dignity: Searching for Common Grounds of Universal Human Rights”.

Tore Lindholm

Norwegian Centre for Human Rights

10:30 - 11:00



Official Opening and Speech

HE Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan

Minister of Tolerance, United Arab Emirates

11:00 - 11:30



Break, Conference Photo

11:30 - 13:00



Plenary Session: UAE National Experiences

“The Application of Federal Laws and Regulations Related to Tolerance”.

Judge Ahmed Saeed AlNaqbi

A Chief Justice in Abu Dhabi Federal Appeal Court

“Tolerance; the Experience of Dubai Courts”.

Judge Dr. Jamal Al Sumaiti

Director of Dubai Institute for Judicial Training

“From the Hate Speech Law of 2015 to the Abu Dhabi Declaration”.

Prof. Mohammed Al Daqqaq

Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

13:00 - 14:00



Lunch and Break



Day 2
Wednesday

24 April

14:00 - 15:30 ●—●

Plenary Session: Human Rights and Freedom of Religion or Belief (Pt 1)

“Dignity and Freedom of Religion or Belief: Comparative Perspectives”.

Prof. Dr. Gerhard Robbers

Professor of Public Law, Canon Law, State Philosophy and Constitutional History at the University of Trier, and former Minister of Justice of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate, Germany

“Religion, Innovation, and Engagement: Emerging Issues for a Tolerant Society”.

Prof. Marco Ventura

Professor of Law, University of Siena, and Director, Center for Religious Studies, Fondazione Bruno Kessler

“Freedom of Religion, Limits on Hate Speech, and Promoting Tolerance: A Comparative Study”.

Dr. Jinan Bastaki

Assistant Professor of International Law, UAEU College of Law

15:30 - 16:00 ●—●

Break

16:00 - 17:00 ●—●

Plenary Session: Dignity, Human Rights and Freedom of Religion or Belief (Pt 2)

“The Concept of Human Dignity in the Context of International Human Rights Law”.

Dr. Mohammed Al Mousa

Associate Professor of International Law, UAEU College of Law

“Tolerance in Religious Scripts”.

Prof. Dr. Amer Al Hafi

Professor of Religious Studies, Al al-Bayt University and Academic Advisor The Royal Institute for Interfaith Studies, Jordan



Day 3
Thursday

25 April

9:00 - 09:30 ●—●

Opening Plenary Session

“Promoting Dignity and Tolerance Through Law: Toward Practical Legal Initiatives”.

Prof. W. Cole Durham Jr.

09:30 - 12:00 ●—●

Working Groups:

Legal Entity Engagement for Expatriates

W. Cole Durham and Mohammed Al Daqqaq

Education

Jan Figel, David Kirkham, and Mohammed Al Mousa

2015 UAE Hate Speech Legislation

Gerhard Robbers and Amer Al Hafii

Religious Innovation/Engagement

Marco Ventura and Tore Lindholm

12:00 - 13:00 ●—●

Lunch and Break

13:00 - 14:30 ●—●

Closing Session; Presenting Outcomes and Setting Actions:

- **Legal Entity Engagement for Expatriates**
- **Education**
- **2015 UAE Hate Speech Legislation**
- **Religious Innovation/Engagement**
- **General Declaration from the Conference**

Co-chairs: W. Cole Durham Jr. and Mohammed Al-Qasimi

Rapporteurs from each workshop