

# CALL FOR PAPERS

One-Day International Conference (Online/Offline)

on

*Islam and Interfaith Dialogue: Challenges and Prospects*  
(23 February 2022, Wednesday)

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# Concept Note

The phenomenon of dialogue is integral not only to human social life, but also to life per se. The very foundation of creation rests on dialogue, for the Creator wanted to interact with His “other” and thereby bring about His “Self-disclosure.” That is why the Qur’an, the foundational source of Islam, mentions at more than one place that *“He is the Creator of the heavens and the earth: when He decrees a thing, He merely says, “Be,” and there it is.”* (Surah al-Baqarah 2: 117; Surah Aal Imran 3: 47 and 59; Surah al-Nahl 16: 40; etc.). Likewise, all social transactions, including political, economic, marital, etc. are rooted in dialogue. The institution of Prophethood and the different modes of revelation are but meant to facilitate a dialogue of human beings with the Sacred.

Nonetheless, human life, both individual and social, is characterized by an overwhelming complexity to which the diversity of colour, creed, language, ethnicity, etc. is a significant contributing factor. Due to the tremendous scientific and technological advances in the modern period, human society underwent a radical and all-encompassing change to such a degree which could not have been even imagined in the the pre-modern period. Presently, almost all societies and communities in the world are heterogeneous and multi-cultural. This necessitates revisiting afresh the prospects and challenges of dialogue from a religious perspective, for majority of the world population still subscribes to one or the other religion instead of atheism.

The Department of Islamic Studies, Islamic University of Science and Technology, Awantipora, is pleased to take the initiative of engaging with this vibrant issue from an Islamic perspective. A 1 Day International Conference on the theme of “Islam and Interfaith Dialogue: Challenges and Prospects” will be conducted on 23 February 2022 (Wednesday). In this conference a select panel of eminent resource persons will deliberate on some important aspects of this theme in order to enlighten the participants about the scope of dialogue in Islam. Besides, the faculty members and research scholars of Islamic Studies and allied disciplines will also present their valuable research papers related to the same theme. The conference will be helpful in bringing to the fore that Islam is the staunchest advocate of inclusivism despite the challenges of exclusivism, fundamentalism, extremism, etc. against it from the different quarters.

# Proposed Sub-themes

The interested participants may write their research papers on any of the below mentioned sub-themes or a related one:

- Interfaith Dialogue in the Light of the Qur'an
- Interfaith Dialogue in the Light of Ahadith
- Prophet Muhammad's Initiatives for Interfaith Dialogue
- Islamic Legal Discourses on Interfaith Dialogue
- Islamic Philosophical Perspectives on Interfaith Dialogue
- Sufi Perspectives on Interfaith Dialogue
- Intellectual History of Interfaith Dialogue in Islam
- Eminent Muslim and Non-Muslim Scholars' Writings on Islam and Interfaith Dialogue: Medieval and Modern/Contemporary
- Dialogue between Islam and Christianity
- Dialogue between Islam and Hinduism
- Dialogue between Islam and Judaism
- Contemporary Challenges to Interfaith Dialogue

*Note: The number of offline participants will be limited as per the Covid-SoPs. The preference will be given on first come first serve basis.*

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