

21 世紀 COE プログラム 公開講演会
中東における宗教間対話の課題

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● 日 時 ●

5 月 19 日 (木) 午後 2 時～4 時

● 場 所 ●

同志社大学 今出川校地 神学館礼拝堂

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2 : 00－2 : 05 あいさつ 森 孝一

(同志社大学神学部教授・一神教学際研究センター長)

2 : 05－3 : 35 講演 「中東における宗教間対話の課題」

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3 : 35－3 : 40 休憩

3 : 40－4 : 00 質疑応答 司会 森 孝一

《講師略歴》

ハッサン・アブ・ニマー／Ambassador Hasan Abu Nimah

1935 年生まれ。1965 年以來、クウェート・バグダッド・ワシントン・ロンドンで外交官として活躍。1978 年に大使に昇格し、ベネルクス三国・イタリア等を始め、ヨーロッパ共同体・欧州議会・欧州評議会の大使を歴任する。

1990 年に国連機関である国際食糧農業機関などのヨルダン代表に任命され、その後 1995 年から 2000 年まで国連大使を務めた。また、1993 年から 1994 年までワシントンで開催された「ヨルダン・イスラエル和平会談」のヨルダン代表団の一員であった。2004 年 4 月より現職。

氏は文筆家でもあり、1970 年以來ヨルダン・英国等の多数の新聞に英語とアラビア語で定期的に寄稿している。また現在、ヨルダン外交研究所で国際関係・外交実務・国際法の講師を務めている。

《ヨルダン王立宗教間対話研究所について》

ヨルダン王立宗教間対話研究所 (The Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies (RIIFS)) はハッサン皇太子の主宰で、1994 年に設立された。この研究所では、中東における宗教および宗教をめぐる諸問題に関する学際的研究や対話を行い、その成果を発信している。

近年、RIIFS は研究対象を地域的・世界的な宗教・文化・文明の多様性にひろげ、世界の他の地域で同様の研究を行う学術機関との連携を深めている。

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次回講演会のお知らせ

一神教学際研究センター・日本オリエント学会共催公開講演会
「イスラームの宗教性－日本人の宗教観と比較して－」

☆講師 小田^{おだ}淑^{しよ}子^こ（関西大学教授）

☆日時 6月18日（土） 午後2時－4時

☆会場 同志社大学今出川キャンパス 神学館3階礼拝堂

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Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies



Established in Amman in 1994 under the patronage of **His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal**, the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies (RIIFS) provides the Arab and Islamic worlds with a forum for the interdisciplinary study of religions and religious, cultural and civilizational interaction, whether locally, regionally, or internationally, including the historical and contemporary stereotypes which have resulted from these processes. Particular emphasis is given to the Christian contribution to Arab/Islamic civilization throughout the ages, as well as the contributions of other non-Muslims, Arab and non-Arab, and the importance of preserving religious and cultural diversity.

Through its programs and its various activities, RIIFS aims to highlight areas of confluence, convergence and cooperation between the cultures and religious traditions that collectively make up humanity's common heritage. It encourages positive relations by attempting to dismantle the barriers that lead to the disagreements and mutual misunderstandings which often result from inaccurate information or insufficient knowledge and clarity.

The work of RIIFS is carried out within the frameworks of two programs, in particular, which are aimed at different audiences. The **Arabic-language program** concentrates upon research, documentation and publishing (in Arabic) and monitors the media; it also develops and hosts capacity-building and awareness-raising workshops for Jordanians and others from all walks of life on topics of specific interest to them. One of its particular concerns is to build and fortify links between Arab expatriate scholars and the Arab world in order to involve them in its intellectual growth and development and to assist in the training of young Arab talent. The **English-language program**, which focuses upon the publication of reference works and a refereed academic journal, seeks to place the Arab world in the broader international context and to create ties with interested parties around the world.

Through these two programs, RIIFS organizes **public lectures, roundtable discussions, academic conferences and seminars, and other events** involving scholars, experts and decision-makers from the Arab and wider world. RIIFS's lecture series, which covers a broad range of topics, is intended to enrich Jordan's intellectual and cultural life and to build networks between local, regional and international authorities drawn from every area of expertise, as well as the institutions that they represent. The roundtable discussions offer diverse groups of people—intellectuals, religious figures, members of the media and the younger generation—**the opportunity to come together to discuss contemporary social issues**. RIIFS's international academic conferences are unique, for they are designed to advance comparative scholarship by assembling academics who work in the same field or on the same question, but focus upon different cultures or parts of the globe. Many of these scholars would never meet or be exposed to each other's work were it not for the institute's efforts. Finally, RIIFS periodically organizes larger gatherings, such as the **Seventh World Assembly of the World Conference on Religion for Peace** (1999) and the upcoming (June 2006) **Second World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES-2)**.

RIIFS encourages **scientific enquiry** into its areas of interest by publishing—and often commissioning—works produced by professional researchers, as well as documents related to Christianity in the Arab world. It also publishes **two periodicals**, the biannual English-language *Bulletin of the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies*, mentioned above, which features essays and research articles on religious and cultural interaction worldwide, and the Arabic-language newsletter, *Al-Nashra*, a quarterly magazine that focuses upon religions and the relations between them. Both are distributed to academics and policy-makers, as well as cultural and academic institutions, across the globe, the former by subscription and the latter free of charge. RIIFS is also in the process of building a **specialized library** comprising manuscripts, reference works, books from diverse disciplines and a range of specialized periodicals for the use of local and visiting scholars.

In the short space of time since it was founded, RIIFS has made great strides in establishing itself as a **necessary reference point** in a world in which isolationism has proven to be an unaffordable luxury. One of its major goals is to remove the obstacles between the members of different nations and regions, ethnicities and religions, particularly the growing barrier between East and West. Consequently, it receives and assists the representatives of a great number of local and foreign institutions, as well

as unaffiliated guests representing diverse worldviews and specializations.

RIIFS provides visitors to the Middle East with the opportunity to familiarize themselves with Jordan's academic and cultural life, while introducing Jordanians, Arabs and Muslims to new people and ideas. It reflects the real Arab/Islamic world, a world that is approachable, tolerant and candid—and extremely curious about other cultures and ways of life. Through its work and activities, RIIFS hopes to inspire individuals and communities and to endow them with the capacity to contribute actively toward the construction of a better world for all.

RIIFS is governed by a **board of trustees** chaired by HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal. **A non-profit, non-governmental organization**, it is funded by an annual grant from the Jordanian government obtained through **Majlis El Hassan** as well as donations from private sources. The director of RIIFS is **HE Ambassador Hasan Abu Nimah**, who was Jordan's ambassador and permanent representative to the United Nations for five years until he left the diplomatic service in 2000. The founding director and honorary president of RIIFS is Professor Kamal Salibi, Emeritus Professor at the Department of History and Archaeology at the American University of Beirut, Lebanon.

For more information on the work and activities of RIIFS, please visit our website.

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Second World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES 2)

Amman, Jordan, 11-16 June 2006

CALL FOR PANELS, PAPERS, ROUNDTABLES

Scholars, experts and students involved in the study of the Middle East, North Africa and the Muslim states of Central Asia, in addition to those areas of the world directly or indirectly affected by developments in these regions, are invited to submit proposals for panels, papers and roundtables for the Second World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES-2), which will take place in Amman, Jordan on 11-16 June 2006.

Individuals wishing to attend WOCMES-2 will have to pre-register and pay a Congress fee. Those intending to participate in the program by joining a panel or roundtable or by submitting an individual paper must complete the pre-registration process before submitting a proposal. Click on “About Pre-Registration” on the sidebar to find out more. Please note that you will not be required to join any organization or pay any additional membership fees to attend or participate in WOCMES-2. If your proposal is rejected and you wish to withdraw from the Congress, you will be entitled to a refund of 90% of the Congress fee so long as you pay by credit/charge card.

The WOCMES-2 Secretariat strongly urges scholars who wish to present a paper at the Congress to do so in the context of a pre-organized panel. Two hours will be scheduled for each panel, which will be made up of a chair, four to five presenters and an optional discussant. Panels should focus upon a particular theme or problem, which must be clearly articulated in a scholarly manner by the organizer in the panel abstract. Each paper should be relevant to the panel’s theme and purpose. Paper abstracts must be focused and academically strong, specify the paper’s



thesis/significance, objective, methodology, and underlying research, and offer a convincing conclusion. Submission of the panel registration form and all abstracts is the responsibility of the panel organizer, who will be encouraged to register online. We reserve the right to assign a presenter to any panel containing fewer than five persons if we receive a relevant abstract in response to the call for individual papers.

Individual papers submitted to the WOCMES-2 academic committee will be judged according to the criteria given above. Papers accepted by the committee will be grouped into panels and chairs appointed if they couldn't be assigned to a pre-existing panel.

WOCMES-2 will also facilitate a limited number of roundtable discussions on the current state of scholarship in a particular field, new work in progress, and problems connected to innovative approaches or models, or other questions of broad general concern. Participants do not present papers, but share their own views and engage their colleagues, including members of the audience, in an open discussion and debate on the theme. This does not mean, however, that participants are exempt from submitting an outline in which they explain their own particular approaches to the theme. The theme itself and its scope and purpose must be clearly defined by the organizer in an outline disseminated among participants in advance.

The maximum length for all abstracts and outlines is 400 words. English will be the working language of the congress, with some French and Arabic.

The principal themes from the first WOCMES have been retained: Ancient Middle East; Historical Approaches; Islam in Past and Present; Christian and Biblical Studies; Urban Studies and Space; Water and the Environment; Economics of the Middle East; Politics of the Middle East; Women and Gender Studies; Normative Phenomena and Legal Research; Migration Studies; Media and Cultural Studies; Linguistics and Literature; and Nationality, Identities and Ethnicity. The WOCMES-2 Secretariat expects a few additional and timely themes to be added to this list before the end of 2005.



The disciplines involved include: anthropology; archaeology; architecture/urban planning; art; cinema studies/film; communications; conflict resolution; development studies; economics; education; Egyptology; environmental studies; folklore; geography; history; international relations; Islamic studies; journalism; law; library/museum science; language; linguistics; literature; media studies; music; numismatics; philology; philosophy; political science; population studies; religious studies; sociology; and women's and gender studies.

The deadline for the submission of abstracts for pre-organized panels, individual papers and roundtables is 15 February 2006. There will be no further extensions.

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ABOUT PRE-REGISTRATION

In May 2005, the WOCMES-2 website will go online and those wishing to attend or participate in any of the academic activities associated with the Congress – panels, roundtables, exhibitions – will be able to pre-register. Participants will be strongly urged to do so online and to pay the Congress fee by credit/charge card; however, pre-registration by fax will also be an option, as will payment by bank transfer (or deferred payment in special cases).

In order to ensure that WOCMES-2 is a truly global event, permitting scholars and others from around the world to interact and learn from one another and from their regional counterparts, Congress fees have been reduced for those based in developing countries (broadly defined) and for all students. Further reductions are offered to those who sign on early. The fees are as follows:

Early registration (before 1 August 2005):

Regular fee US\$95; Student fee US\$65; Developing world fee US\$75.

After 1 August 2005: Regular fee US\$130; Student fee US\$95; Developing world fee US\$105.



Once they have pre-registered to attend, participants will be able to propose panels, individual papers, or roundtables to the WOCMES-2 academic committee. Rather exceptionally, the WOCMES-2 website will accommodate the online submission of forms and abstracts/outlines; submissions will also be accepted by fax. In order to reduce the number of no-shows and maintain the integrity of the academic program, the website will also permit panel or roundtable organizers to notify us of a withdrawal and to nominate a substitute participant, who will have to pre-register to submit an abstract/outline.

The WOCMES-2 Secretariat is committed to keeping down costs for participants in the Congress. Negotiations are presently in progress with a number of international carriers to ensure preferential airfares for registered participants and their companions. Special room rates are also being negotiated with a range of Amman hotels with two or more stars. Once it goes online or shortly after, the WOCMES-2 website will provide complete details on these reductions as well as assistance to participants looking for roommates. Information will also be available for those wishing to register for exhibitions or the international book fair.



ANNOUNCEMENT

Second World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies

Amman, Jordan, 11-16 June 2006

The Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies (RIIFS) is pleased to announce that it has been chosen to organize and host the Second World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES-2), which will take place in Amman, Jordan on 11-16 June 2006. This will be the first time that experts on the Middle East drawn from all over the world and all branches of the humanities and social sciences (including economics, political science, media studies and others) will assemble together in the region to share and exchange their research, experience and ideas, and to discuss the challenges of methodology vs. theory and praxis vs. politics and their possible resolutions. It promises to be an unprecedented event that will finally bring Middle Eastern studies to the Middle East.

Initiated by the Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA), the First World Congress was organized and hosted by the University of Mainz in 2002 and attracted over 2000 scholars, experts and students from around the globe. It involved the participation of the European Association for Middle Eastern Studies (EURAMES), the British, French, Italian and German Middle East studies associations (BRISMES, AFEMAM, SeSaMO and DAVO) and other similar organizations in North America, the Middle East and the 14 other member countries of EURAMES.

RIIFS now extends its own invitation to all of the institutions and organizations that took part in the First World Congress and requests that they inform their members about WOCMES-2 and consider how they may contribute to its success. In particular, RIIFS asks that they begin coordinating their 2006 activities with the WOCMES-2 Secretariat in the autumn of 2004, organizing panels, workshops, symposia and major conferences under the WOCMES-2 umbrella.

This invitation also applies to other associations, research centres, university departments, international organizations and institutions which did not take part in the First World Congress, but which are involved in the study of the Middle East, North Africa and the Muslim states of Central Asia in addition to those areas of the world directly or indirectly affected by developments in these regions. Calls for papers from individual scholars will be sent out in 2005.



Local and international media and high-ranking decision-makers involved in political, economic and cultural spheres are also expected to attend the Second World Congress and to disseminate, in the months that follow, the new ideas and interpretations that they encounter there. The working language of the congress will be English, with some French and Arabic.

Because the Second World Congress will actually take place in the Middle East, the cultural program is expected to be particularly rich. Organizers are presently considering two book fairs (Arabic/International) involving book-sellers, publishers and authors; exhibitions of modern Arab art by Jordan's national and local galleries; other exhibitions related to various aspects of Middle Eastern studies; a film festival with panel discussions; and concerts featuring musicians from across the Arab world. The timing will also be advantageous since the weather will be pleasant and many academics will be on their summer break, leaving them with ample time to explore Jordan's well-known tourist attractions (such as Petra, Jerash, Madaba and Mount Nebo), as well as those in neighbouring countries, during their visit to the region.

RIIFS is presently redesigning its website (www.riifs.org) and the new version is expected to be up and running in Autumn 2004. Once it is online, users will be able to click on the WOCMES-2 icon appearing on the home page in order to obtain more information and to register for the Second World Congress. Until that time, any further announcements will be sent out by list-serv and will also be posted on the RIIFS home page. Communications from the representatives of institutions and organizations interested in participating, as well as other urgent requests for further information, may be addressed to the e-mail address given below.

We look forward to hearing from friends and colleagues, old and new, in the coming months.

**HRH Prince El Hassan bin Talal, President of WOCMES-2
HE Ambassador Hasan Abu Nimeh, Director of RIIFS
Baker al-Hiyari, Secretary-General of WOCMES-2**

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