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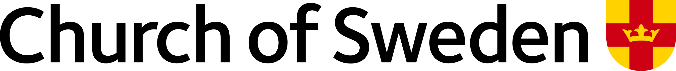
International Conference of

**The Institute of Citizenship & Diversity Management at Adyan Foundation**

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**“Religious Freedom**

**and the Reconstruction of Citizenship”**

Date: December 1 and 2, 2016

Location: Lebanese American University – Beirut – Lebanon

*Conference languages: English and Arabic*

**Thursday December 1, 2016**

**9:30-10:30: Conference Opening- Irwin Theater**

* Dr. George K. Najjar, Provost - Lebanese American University
* Reverend Jennie Nordin, Policy Advisor- Church of Sweden
* Dr. Matthias Vogt, Head of Foreign Department - Missio
* Dr. Nayla Tabbara, Institute of Citizenship and Diversity Management Director, Adyan Foundation
* Guest Speaker: Dr. Mohammad Sammak, General Secretary of the National Committee for Christian-Muslim Dialogue in Lebanon, Co-President of the World Council of Religions for Peace

10:30-11:15- Cocktail Reception

**11:15- 13:00- Irwin Hall, 6th floor A, B, C**

**Panel 1: Citizenship, State culture and religious freedom**

Panel Chair: Judge Abbas Halabi- President of the Arab Group for Christian Muslim Dialogue

* Dr. Samir Morcos, Member of the National Human Rights Council (Egypt) : *“The ‘sacred’ and the ‘civil’ between constructive reconciliation and destructive enmity in the public sphere”*
* Mr. Navid Baig, Vice-chair of Islamic-Christian Study Center (Denmark): “*Denmark for Danes- questions of national identity, culture and religious freedom of the ’other'”*
* Prof. Abdel Jabbar al Rifai, Director of the Center of Philosophy of Religion Studies (Iraq): *Religious freedom in the horizon of traditional theology and jurisprudence*
* Prof. Fadi Daou, President of Adyan Foundation (Lebanon): “*The cultural dimensions of Religious Freedom and the passage from the Minorities’ paradigm to Citizenship Inclusive of diversity”*

13:00-14:30- Lunch Break- Irwin Hall- Ground Floor- Faculty Lounge

**14:30-16:00 - Irwin Hall, 6th floor, A, B, C**

**Panel 2: Local impact of international human rights instruments**

Panel Chair: Dr. Lina Kreidie, Professor of Political Science at the American University of Beirut

* Esq. Ghassan Moukhaiber, Member of Parliament, member of Human Rights parliamentary committee (Lebanon): “*Freedom of expression and religious freedom in Lebanese legislations”*
* Esq. Saib Khidr Naif, Legal consultant and researcher on issues related to religious minorities in Iraq (Iraq): “*Religious Freedom and international human rights instruments: an example from the reality of Iraq”*
* Amb. Jean Christophe Peaucelle, Counselor for religious affairs, ministry of Foreign affairs and International Development (France)

16:16:30- Coffee Break

**16:30-18:00- Irwin Hall, 6th floor, A, B, C**

**Panel 3: Freedom of speech, freedom of religion and the defamation law issue**

Panel Chair: Dr. Tamirace Fakhoury- Professor of Political Science and International Affairs at the Lebanese American University

* Ms. Isabel Ruck, Expert Consultant at PHAROS Observatory of Religious and Cultural Pluralism (France): *“Defending Religious Freedom: What’s in a label?”*
* Esq. Salman Raja, Senior Advocate of the Supreme Court of Pakistan (Pakistan): “*Jurisprudence in a time of violence”*
* Dr. Nadia Abou Ghazi, Head of the Center for Political Research & Studies & Inter-cultural Dialogue, University of Cairo (Egypt): “*The State between cultural policies and religious freedom”.*
* Prof. Wajih Kanso, Professor of Philosophy at the Lebanese University (Lebanon) *Reconsidering separation between public and religious domains*
* Dr. Tarek Shaaban, Vice President of Al Azhar Observatory (Egypt): “*Al-Azhar’s perspective and its efforts on the issue of freedom of expression and religious freedom and their impact on consolidating the notion of citizenship”*

**8:30 Conference Official Dinner**

**Friday December 2, 2016**

**9:00-11:00- Irwin Hall, 6th floor, A, B, C**

**Panel 4: Theological challenges of religious freedom**

Panel Chair: Dr. Nayla Tabbara- Director of the Institute of Citizenship and Diversity Management at Adyan Foundation

* Prof. Armina Omerika, Professor of History of Ideas of Islam, Goethe University Frankfurt (Germany): *“Challenges of negative freedom of religion (freedom from religion) for today’s Islamic theology”*
* Prof. Gwen Griffith-Dickson, Director of The Lokahi Foundation (UK): “*Theological Flashpoints in Religious Freedom”*
* Prof. Amer Al Hafi, Professor of Islamic Studies and Comparative religion at Aal al Bayt University (Jordan) : *“Religious freedom between the Qur’anic text and the current reality”*
* Sayyid Jawad al Khoei, Professor at the Islamic Hawza in Najaf (Iraq): *“The Najaf school’s view on Religious Freedom in Islam”*

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

**11:30-13:30 - Irwin Hall, 6th floor, A, B, C**

**Panel 5: Religion and religious diversity management in the public sphere**

Panel Chair: Dr. Marwan Rowayheb- Chairperson of the Department of Social Sciences at the Lebanese American University

* Fr. Adrien Sawadogo, Director of the Institute of Islamo-Christian Formation (Burkina Faso- Mali): *"Religious diversity in sub-Saharan Africa, a reality that is put to the test (Mali, Burkina-Faso and Côte d’Ivoire)"*
* Prof. Sami Baroudi, Professor of Political Science, Lebanese American University (Lebanon) : *“The Status of Religious Minorities in the Discourses of Contemporary Islamists: The Limits to a Religiously-Based Construction of citizenship”*
* Prof. Amel Grami, Professor of Islamology and Gender Studies at the University of Mannouba (Tunis): “*On the management of religious diversity in the public sphere: a reading of the Tunisian experience”*
* Dr. Brian Grim, President of Religious Freedom and Business Foundation (USA): “*Empowerment-Plus Interfaith Initiative to Foster Social Cohesion and Enterprise”*

13:30-15:00- Lunch Break- Irwin Hall- Ground Floor- Faculty Lounge

**15:00-16:00- Irwin Hall, 6th floor, A, B, C**

**Panel 6: Religious freedom and Education**

Panel Chair: Rev. Jennie Nordin - Policy Advisor at the Church of Sweden

* Prof. Joseph Maalouf, Professor of Philosophy at the Lebanese University (Lebanon): “*Training on objectivity in approaching intellectual issues”*
* Dr. Wafaa Alcherbiny, Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, University of Cairo (Egypt):*“Education and religious freedom from “teaching citizenship” to “politicizing diversity””*
* Ms. Mosarrat Qadeem, co-founder of PAIMAN Alumni Trust (Pakistan): “*Inclusive Peace Education for rebuilding citizenship in Pakistan”*

16:00-16:30 Break

**16:30-18:00- Irwin Hall, 6th floor, A, B, C**

**Panel 7: Religious Freedom and Media**

Panel Chair: Mr. Bassam Abu Zeid- Reporter at LBCI news

* Ms. Reem Khalifa, independent Bahraini journalist, founding member of the editorial team of Al Wasat newspaper(Bahrain): “*Religious Freedom and Media: the case of Bahrain”*
* Dr. Ahmad Zohbi, Editor in chief of Lebanon 24, Professor of Political Science and Islamic Studies (Lebanon): “*On the trilogy of Freedom, Citizenship and Diversity: How can the media build a culture of tolerance?”*
* Mr. Mohamad Al Arab (ART-Al Fajr Radio-Lebanon) – Ms. Sandy Habashneh (Jordanian TV- Jordan)- Mr. Mohammad al Moumin (Al-Ghadir TV-Iraq): “*The Code of conduct for media coverage of issues related to freedom of religion and belief”*

**18:00-18:30 -- Irwin Hall, 6th floor, A, B, C**

**Closing**

## Closing remarks

* Reverend Jennie Nordin, Policy Advisor, Church of Sweden
* Dr. Matthias Vogt, Head of Foreign Department, Missio
* Dr. Marwan Rowayheb, Chair of the Department of Social Studies, Lebanese American University
* Dr. Nayla Tabbara, Director of the Institute of Citizenship and Diversity Management, Adyan