International Symposium on
Forgiveness and Reconciliation
2 April 2014

Programme

9:00 – 9:30  Welcome and Coffee
9:30 – 9:45  Introductions
            Bhai Sahib Bhai Mohinder Singh and Dr Josef Boehle

9:45 – 10:15  Forgiveness and Justice
          Dr Anthony Bash
          Prof Pal Ahluwalia
          Chair: Prof Patrice Brodeur

10:15 – 10:45  Discussion
           Moderator: Prof Kamel Abu Jaber

10:45 – 11:15  Coffee/Tea

11:15 – 11:45  Forgiveness and Reconciliation
          Prof Geraldine Smyth
          Marina Cantacuzino
          Chair: Prof Martin Stringer

11:45 – 12:15  Discussion
           Moderator: Prof Rasoul Rasoulipour

12:15 – 13:15  Lunch
1.45 – 2:15 Forgiveness and Peacebuilding
   Prof Andrea Bartoli
   Prof Kamel Abu Jaber
   Chair: Rev Charles Gibbs

2:15 – 2.45 Discussion
   Moderator: Dr Scherto Gill

2.45 - 4.00 Roundtable on Initiatives on Forgiveness and Reconciliation
   Dr Jean Baptiste Habyalimana
   Alexandra Asseily
   Dr Justine Huxley
   Maria Nicoletta Gaida
   Peter Riddell
   Chair: Sharif Horthy

4:00 – 4:30 Coffee/Tea

4:30 – 5:30 Developing a Charter for Forgiveness and Reconciliation – Action Steps
   Moderator: Dr Josef Boehle

5:30 - 6.00 Summary of Issues Raised and Conclusion
Presenters, Chairs and Moderators:

Prof Pal Ahluwalia, UNESCO Chair in Transnational Diasporas and Reconciliation Studies; Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia.

Bhai Sahib Bhai Mohinder Singh Ahluwalia, Chairman and Spiritual Leader, Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha, Birmingham, UK. Co-convenor, Charter for Forgiveness and Reconciliation Project.

Alexandra Asseily, Governor and Founder of the Centre for Lebanese Studies, Oxford; Founder member of the Ara Pacis Initiative; Initiator, Garden of Forgiveness, Lebanon.

Prof Andrea Bartoli, Dean, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall University, New Jersey, USA; Advisor, Community Sant’Egidio, Rome, Italy.

Dr Anthony Bash, Honorary Fellow, Department of Theology and Religion, Durham University, Durham, UK.

Dr Josef Boehle, Research Fellow, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK; Director, Charter for Forgiveness and Reconciliation Project.

Prof Patrice Brodeur, Canada Research Chair on Islam, Pluralism, and Globalisation, Faculty of Theology and the Sciences of Religions, University of Montreal, Canada.

Marina Cantacuzino, Founder and Director, Forgiveness Project, London, UK.

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Dr Scherto Gill, Executive Secretary, Guerrand-Hermes Foundation for Peace, Brighton, UK.

Dr Jean Baptiste Habyalimana, Executive Secretary, National Unity and Reconciliation Commission, Kigali, Rwanda.

Sharif Horthy, President of the Guerrand-Hermes Foundation for Peace (GHFP) and Vice Chairman of the GHFP's Board of Trustees, Brighton, UK.

Dr Justine Huxley, Acting Director, St Ethelburga’s Centre for Reconciliation and Peace, London, UK.

Prof Kamel Abu Jaber, Professor of Political Science Emeritus (1971-1979, 1980-1985); Minister of Foreign Affairs for Jordan (1991-1993); President, Jordan Institute for Middle East Studies, Jordan.

Prof Rasoul Rasouliour, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Kharazmi University, Teheran, Iran.

Peter Riddell, Convenor, Agenda for Reconciliation, Initiatives of Change-UK, Oxford, UK.

Prof Geraldine Smyth, Associate Professor in Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies and Head of Discipline for the Irish School of Ecumenics, Dublin, Ireland.

Prof Martin Stringer, Deputy Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK.