

Conference Program

Religious Narratives on Jerusalem and their Role in Peace Building

October 20th, Notre Dame Jerusalem

8.30 – 9.00 Registration

9.00 – 9.20 **Conference Opening:**

- Prof. Sari Nusseibeh, President of al-Quds University
- Felix Dane, Resident Representative of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Ramallah

9.20 – 10.00 **Keynote Speakers:**

- Christian Berger, Representative of the European Commission to the West Bank and the Gaza Strip
- Dr. Yehuda Stolov, Executive Director of the Interfaith Encounter Association, Jerusalem

10.00 – 11.30 **First Panel: The Role of Jerusalem in the Narrative of the Three Monotheistic Religions**

- Dr. Alick Isaak, The Shalom Hartman Institute and The Melton Centre for Jewish Education, Hebrew University
- Prof. Mohammed Dajani, Director of the American Studies Institute at Al-Quds University and Founding Director of the Wasatia Movement
- Prof. Sr. Dr. Margareta Gruber
Dean of the Theological Studies Program at Dormition Abbey Jerusalem

- Discussion -

11.30-12.00 **Break**

12.00-13.30 **Second Panel: The Perspective of Religious Leaders on the Question of Jerusalem**

- Father Raed Abusahlia, Latin Catholic Priest of Taybeh (requested)
- Rabbi Michael Melchior, chairman of Maimad and former Chief Rabbi of Norway (requested)
- Khamis Abde, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Religious Affairs

- Discussion -

13.30-14.15 **Lunch Break**

14.15-16.30 **Third Panel: Visions for the Future**

- Dr. Moshe Amirav, Department of Political Science, Hebrew University, and former advisor on Jerusalem to Ehud Barak during Camp David 2000, and Prof. Henry Abramovitch, Department of Psychology, Tel Aviv University
- Dr. Hanna Siniora, Co-Director of the Israel-Palestine Center for Research and Information
- Dr. Ophir Yarden, Director of Educational Initiatives at the Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel and Professor of Jewish and Israeli Studies at Brigham Young University's Jerusalem Center
- Fadwa Hussein, Faisal Hussein Foundation (requested)

- Discussion -