



Islam and the West: Diversity and Integration

Date: 22 October 2018 - 24 October 2018

Location : Al-Azhar International Conference Center Cairo Egypt

Day One: October 22, 2018

Time	Theme	Speaker	
8.30		Transfer to Al-Azhar	
		International Conference Center	
11.30 — 9.30		His Excellency Rexhep Meidani	
		Former President of the Republic of	
		Albania	
		Mr. Yves Leterme	
		Former Prime Minister of Belgium	
	Opening Session		
		Mr. Filip Vujanović	
		Former President of Montenegro	
		His Eminence Prof. Dr. Ahmed Al-	
		Tayeb	
		The Grand Imam of Al-Azhar Al-	
		Sharif and Chairman of the Muslim	





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	Introductory remarks on the Conference	Dr. Ismail Serageldin Former Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina and Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center (NGIC) Dr. Ismail Serageldin Former Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina and Co-Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Nizami Ganjavi International Center (NGIC)	
12.30 — 11.30		Break	
2.00 — 12.30		Dr. Mustafa El-Feki Former Director of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina Ambassador and Diplomat	The session will explore key historical factors and engage in a dynamic discussion on migration, integration, and cultural diversity.
	First Session: The Evolving Relationship Between Islam and the West	His Grace Justin Welby Primate of the Anglican Communion	
		Prof. Dr. Mohamed Abdel Ghani Shama	





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	Faculty of Languages	
	and Translation، Al-	
	Azhar University	
	Mr. Kazuo Takahashi	
	Vice President	
	of the Japan	
	Association of	
	Kyosei Studies	





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3.30 — 2.00		Chairman of the Session:	It seems that extremists,
		His Excellency Dr. Amr Moussa	through their acts of terrorism,
		Former Secretary-General of the	have managed to fuel tensions
		Arab League (2001-2011)	between Muslim and non-
	Consul Constan		Muslim communities in Europe
	Second Session: Tension Between	Mr. Bujar Nishani	and the West (see La Fracture
	Muslims and Other	Former President of the Republic of	by Gilles Kepel). Populist
	Europeans –	Albania	politicians seize on these
	Citizenship as the	Mr. Zlatko Lagumdžija	tensions, deepening and
	Solution	Former Prime Minister of the	amplifying them. The session
		Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina	explores how we can work to
		Professor Mohie El-Din Afifi Secretary-General of the Islamic Research Academy — Egypt	counter this trend.
3.30	Return to the hotel		
20:00 - 18:00	Sightseeing tour		
20.30			





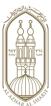
Day Two: October 23, 2018

Time	Theme	Speaker	
8.30	Transfer to Al-Azhar International		
	Conf	erence Center	
11.00 — 9.30		Mr . Yves Leterme Former Prime Minister of Belgium	The Muslim world is in turmoil, and divisions among Muslims themselves arguably run deeper
	Third Session:	His Eminence Sayyid Ali Al-Amin Religious Authority	than conflicts between Muslims and the West. As a result, jihadist movements primarily target Muslims more than non-Muslims,
	Nationalism, Populism, and the Status of Religion	Mr. Taher Al-Masri Former Prime Minister of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	and the vast majority of those combating extremism are also Muslim. Could this reality pave the way for a more open religious discourse in most Muslim-majority
		His Excellency Ekmeleddin ihsanoğlu Former Secretary- General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation	countries?





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12.30 - 11.00		Chairman of the Session:	Nationalism, secularism, and
			cultural pluralism often clash with
		Dr. Mohammed Al-	visions grounded in religious
		Sammak	authority. So, what role should
		Secretary-General of	religion play in contemporary
		Lebanon's National	citizenship? In many regions, religion
	Fourth Session:	Committee for	remains a core element of national
	Demographics,	Christian-Muslim	identity, while cultural pluralism
	Ideology, Migration and the Future	Dialogue	introduces its own challenges. How,
			then, should we approach cultural
			minorities in an age marked by rising
		Mr. Valdis Zatlers	populism and its politics of fear and
		Former President of	hostility?
		the Republic of Latvia	With Africa's population
			projected to grow
			throughout the century and
		Mr. Petar Stoyanov	Islam spreading widely
			across the continent,
		Former President of	migration pressures on
		the Republic of Bulgaria	Europe are expected not
		Duigaria	only to persist but to
			intensify, potentially
		His Excellency	becoming unstoppable.
		Rexhep Meidani	Islam is already Europe's
			second-largest religion,
		Former President of	continuing to expand
		the Republic of	rapidly. Furthermore,
		Albania	



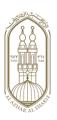


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	ongoing violence and
	tensions in the Middle East
	Mr. Viktor drive migration
	Yushchenko pressures—not only
	Former President of toward Europe but also
	the Republic of neighboring regions—and
	Ukraine act as a major source of
	extremist ideology. What
	should Europe do to
	address this? And what
	actions should Muslim-
	majority countries take?





13.30 — 12.30		Break	
15.00 — 13.30		His Eminence Prof. Dr.	What lessons can we draw
		Shawki Allam	from the Egyptian Family
		Grand Mufti of Egypt	House, an initiative co-
		Short Soul Oberts	sponsored by the Grand
	Fifth Session:	His Excellency	Imam of Al-Azhar and the
	Successful Models of	President Amine	Pope of the Coptic
	Coexistence – The Egyptian Family House	Gemayel	Orthodox Church in Egypt?
	and the Swiss	Former President of the Republic of Lebanon	3 ,
	Experience	Republic of Lebation	Additionally, what insights
	·	His Grass Bishan	can we gain from
		His Grace Bishop Jeremiah	Switzerland's experience, a
		Assistant Secretary-	country that harmoniously
		General of the Egyptian	integrates four languages
		Family House	(German, French, Italian,
			and Romansh) and four
		Dr. Hoda Badran	major religions
		President of the	(Catholicism, Protestantism,
		Egyptian Feminist Union	•
		571	Judaism, and Islam)?
		Dr. Wholed Arch	
		Dr. Khaled Azab	
		Head of the Projects and Central Services	
		Sector in the	
		Bibliotheca Alexandrina	





Return to the hotel	15.30
Sightseeing tour	20:00 — 18:00
Dinner	20.30







Day Two: October 24, 2018

Time	Theme	Speaker	
8.30	Transfe	r to Al-Azhar International	
		Conference Center	
11.00 — 9.30		Chairman of the Session:	The session highlights some historical factors, along with a
		Prof. Dr. Mohamed	lively discussion on the
		Kamal Imam	philosophy of education and
	First Session:	Head of the Islamic Law Department at	religious education.
	Points of	the Faculty of Law،	
	Agreement and	Alexandria University	
	Points of	– Egypt	
	Difference		
		Dr. Jane McAuliffe	
		Founding Director of	
		National and	
		International Outreach	
		at the Library of	
		Congress	
		Prof. Dr. Samir Boudinar	
		Director of the Al Hokama	
		Center for Peace Research	
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		Dr. Sebastian Günther	
		Chair of Arabic and Islamic	*
		Studies at	
		the University of Göttingen	





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13:30 — 11:00	Second Session: Religious Education —	Chairman of the Session: Prof. Dr. Abbas Shouman Secretary-General of the Council of Senior	Traditional educationa methods persist unchanged in many areas. What needs to be done to modernize this? How can we integrate
	Content and Approach	Scholars and Member of Islamic Research Academy at Al-Azhar Al- Sharif	new technologies into Islamic education? Given that Islam, like other
		Dr. Christian Cannuyer Belgian Historian of Religion	religions, has been studied for centuries in the West, are updates necessary? If so, how should we start? Is it possible to reach a
		Dr. Catarina Belo Professor of Philosophy at the American University in Cairo	consensus on priorities between Muslim and Western scholars?
14:00		Return to the hotel	
20:00 — 18:00		Sightseeing tour	