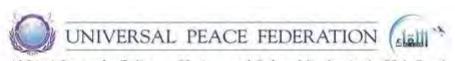
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Al-Liqa' Center for Religious, Heritage and Cultural Studies in the Holy Land

A Virtual Conference on

FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND BELIEF
Theological, Philosophical, Political and Sociological Perspectives

25 February 2022, Friday

16:00-19:00 Jerusalem • 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM New York

Freedom of thought and belief are affirmed by people all across the world. However, these values are crucial for human development, but often compromised or even threatened. In this conference we will explore the foundations of freedom of thought and will attempt to identify factors that impede freedom of thought and belief. Panelists will speak to the topic from a variety of academic perspectives.

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Friday, February 25 [Times listed are based on Jerusalem Time]

16:00 PM Opening Session
Welcoming: Bishop Munib Younan

Remarks: Dr. Yousef Zaknoun, Director, Al Liqa Center

Dr. Thomas Walsh, Chairman, UPF International

16:15 PM Session Two: Philosophical and Political Foundations of Freedom of Thought

and Belief

Panelists: Dr. Raed Abd- Al Masih, Professor of Philosophy and Medical Ethics-Bethlehem

University, "The Impact of Philosophy and Culture on Freedom of Thought

and Belief"

16:30 PM Dr. Ján Figel, Member of the Governing Board of The European Institute of

Innovation and Technology (EIT)- Slovakia "Political Systems and Freedom of

Thought in The Western Context"

16:45 PM Session Three: Nation States and the Freedom of Religion and Thought

Panelist: Dr. Iyad Al- Barghouti, Professor of political sociology and philosophy- President

of the Arab Network for Tolerance "Freedom of Thought and Belief- Political

Systems in the Middle East"

17:00 PM Bishop William Al-Shomali, General Vicar and Patriarchal Vicar for Jerusalem

and Palestine "Freedom of Thought, Belief and Conscience in the Catholic

17:15 PM Session Four: The Role of Educational Institutions in Educating on Freedom

of Thought

Panelist: Dr. Omar Abed Rabo, Professor of Islamic History and Archaeology; Cultural

Heritage, and Jerusalem studies, Head of the Humanities Department- Bethlehem University "The Role of Universities in educating on Freedom of Thought and

Belief in Palestine'

Session Five: The Role of Media and Social Media in Promoting Freedom of Thought and Belief 17:30 PM

Panelist: Ziad El Sayegh, Expert on Public Policies, Executive Director of Civic Influence

Hub- Lebanon, "Social media and its impact on human relations and

coexistence"

17:45 PM Discussion

18:30 PM Closing Session: Concluding Reflections and Recommendations

Remarks: Dr. Thomas Walsh, Chairman, UPF International

Bishop Munib Younan

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