



Two Day National Seminar

On

*Environmental Ethics: A Religious Perspective*

15-16 March 2022

Organized by

**Shah-i-Hamadan Institute of Islamic Studies**

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Human Beings possess the most superior form of consciousness among all the sentient beings. This sophisticated intelligence and rich emotions enable us to seek meaning and purpose in our lives and the universe in general. This Divine Spark or the Spirit prompts us to believe in and lead an ethical life while other species live solely as per their instincts. This ethical way of thinking is common among believers and sceptics, religious and non-religious. People belonging to most of the organised religions believe in an objective morality grounded in God while as the non-religious philosophers devise a subjective code of ethical values. But the ethical way of thinking and life is common among humans. The world is abode to all beings and the most urgent threat faced by all its inhabitants is the crisis of climate change, pollution, global warming and other forms of environmental deterioration. We all have to work together to rectify this issue and mitigate this imminent disaster. If we don't stand together to conserve our environment, we all have to face a certain doom. God Almighty has created human beings with a suitable environment surrounding them. As per the Qur'an, we are the vice-gerents of God on earth and it's our moral obligation to use the natural resources in a balanced manner and it's also our sacred duty to preserve our environment. In recent decades, Environmental Science has grown exponentially as an important academic discipline. This subject studies the contents of the environment consisting of all the naturally occurring living and non-livings entities surrounding us, of which we are an essential part. Environmental Science also engages itself with the ongoing degradation of the environment mainly due to man-made activities and how to slow down this process through environmental conservation.

In this backdrop Shah-i-Hamadan Institute of Islamic Studies is organising a Two-Day National Seminar on *Environmental Ethics: A Religious Perspective* on **15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2022** in the University of Kashmir. The Seminar is mainly meant to highlight the important aspects of the theme viz-a-viz the global challenges to humanity. For this purpose, we invite scholars from various social and scientific fields across the country to contribute to the seminar by writing papers on any of the below mentioned topics in English language. Though the name suggests the Religious perspectives on the said topic but it is not necessarily restricted to it. Some of the sub themes include:

1. Islam and Environmental Ethics
2. Major World Religions and Environmental Ethics
3. Muslim Scholars on Environmental Ethics
4. Environmental Awareness: A Moral Obligation
5. Islamic Discourse on Climate Change
6. Global Warming and Climate Change.
7. Humanity in Crisis due to Climate Change.
8. Various Sources of Pollution and Ways to mitigate them.
9. Importance of Environmental Protection
10. Resource Conservation and Environmental Sustainability

The selected papers will be published in edited book with ISBN (seminar proceedings).

**Important dates:**

1. Last date of submission of abstract cum full paper: 10-03-2022
2. Email for submission: [islamicstudies@uok.edu.in](mailto:islamicstudies@uok.edu.in)
3. Seminar dates: 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**Registration Fee (paper presentation):**

1. Faculty member: Rs. 1000/=
2. Research scholar: Rs. 500/=

The registration fee includes seminar kit/lunch/ tea for two days. The registration form and guidelines about the mode of payment of registration fee will be communicated to the authors whose papers will be approved for presentation.

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