

Call for Papers

Two-Day International Seminar

On

Spirituality and Social Justice in Islam:

Challenges and Prospects

(اسلام ميں روحانيت اور عدلِ اجتماعي: مسائل اور امکانات)

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Concept Note

Islam is a revealed religion. It is the inner voice of man and shapes his social ethics. Both the *Quran* and the *Sunnah* of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ propound the principles of spirituality and social justice. Spirituality is related to man's esoterics (*batin*) while his practical life exoterics (*zahir*) is founded on social justice. Spirituality is essential reality of Islam as it is rooted in *iman*, *tazkiyah*, *ihsan* and observing the ritual worship (*ibadah*). In the subsequent days of Islam it came to be known as *tasawwuf* (generally associated with the purification of self). However, it always laid a durable foundation of human personality, society and culture in Islam. As soon as this spirituality got corrupted or unattended by the people it affected the true social and cultural development. Social system in Islam is founded on the principle of justice that ensures basic freedoms to each individual. Justice in Islam is embedded in all the fundamental freedoms of man. Here he can live peacefully and prosperously as his religious, social, economic and political freedoms are granted in a proper way.

There is a rich legacy of spirituality and social justice in Islam. In the early ages of Islam, Muslims were committed to their spiritual doctrines adhering deeply to their faith, *ibadat*, piety and devotion to God. In due course of time, Sufi circles and orders got developed to popularise the message of love, brotherhood, composite culture, tolerance, equality, pluralistic outlook, accommodative spirit and peace. Similarly in the practical sphere, people were granted all their basic freedoms so that they will not feel any insecurity and live peacefully. The Prophet's ﷺ Madinan state and that which was established by the Pious Caliphs depict the true model of Islamic social justice. On all fronts of life social securities were granted in a good deal. There was no discrimination between a Muslim and a non-Muslim in granting the basic rights (protection to religion, life, property, progeny, honour, etc.) Down the ages, the grandeur of this tradition of social justice got declined in Muslim societies due to their internal weaknesses as well as colonial onslaught of the West and it is now beset with new situations and predicaments.

Nevertheless, at present mankind in general faces socio-spiritual crisis and reproachment to Islamic spirituality and social justice is of great relevance. In this backdrop our institute is organizing a two-day International seminar on "Spirituality and Social Justice in Islam: Challenges and Prospects" on 16th-17th March, 2019 in the University of Kashmir, Srinagar. The seminar mainly aims at having deliberations by the scholars, academicians and experts in the field on key aspects of the theme in a broader way. It will also provide an opportunity to look into the issues of spirituality and social justice in a comparative way while touching upon the conventions of other religious philosophies of religions like; Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity etc. The seminar, we hope, will explore the efficacy of Islamic spirituality and system of social justice in the context of contemporary challenges. We invite scholars, researchers and

academicians all over the world having expertise in the subject or allied subjects to contribute a paper **either in English or Urdu** to the seminar on any one of the below mentioned or related themes:

1. Spirituality: Meaning and its Place in Islam
2. Early Development of Islamic Spirituality/ Tasawwuf
3. Impact of Sufi Personalities/ Movements on Society
4. Spirituality in Conventional Philosophical Traditions (Greek, Iranian and Western)
5. Spirituality and Social Justice in other Religious Traditions (Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity etc.)
6. Islamic Spirituality and Contemporary Socio-Psychological Crisis
7. Contribution of Prominent Contemporary Scholars to Spiritual Thought of Islam
8. Social Justice in Islam: Nature and Early Development
9. Social Justice and the Prophet's Madinan Covenant (*Mithaq-i-Madinah*)
10. Social Justice in Islam and Human Rights
11. Islamic Democratic System and Contemporary Challenges
12. Islamic Social Justice and Rights of Minorities
13. Gender Justice in Islam and the Challenges of Contemporary Feminism
14. Islamic Social Justice and Rights of Children/ Underprivileged
15. Islamic Social Justice and International Relations

1. اسلام میں روحانیت کی حقیقت اور اہمیت
2. اسلامی تصوف کا ارتقاء
3. انسانی سماج پر صوفیائے کرام / تحریکات کے اثرات
4. یونانی/ ایرانی/ مغربی فکری تاریخ میں روحانیت کا مقام
5. ہندومت، بدھ مت اور عیسائیت میں روحانیت اور معاشرتی عدل کا تصور
6. اسلامی روحانیت اور عصری سماجی و نفسیاتی مسائل
7. اسلامی روحانی فکر کے فروغ میں معاصر علماء/ دانشوروں کی خدمات
8. اسلام میں عدل اجتماعی: ماہیت اور ابتدائی تاریخ
9. عدل اجتماعی میثاق مدینہ کے تناظر میں
10. اسلامی عدل اجتماعی اور قانون حقوق انسانی
11. اسلام کا نظام جمہوریت اور معاصر مسائل
12. اسلامی عدل اجتماعی اور اقلیتوں کے حقوق
13. اسلام میں تصور جنس اور معاصر تحریک نسوان
14. اسلام میں بچوں اور کمزوروں کے حقوق
15. اسلامی عدل اجتماعی اور بین الاقوامی تعلقات

Important dates

1. Last date for submission of Abstracts: **02-01-2019**
Note: Abstracts of less than 250 words and more than 300 words will not be entertained
2. Notification of acceptance of Abstracts: **05-01-2019**
3. Last Date for submission of full Papers: **28-01-2019**
4. Full Paper Acceptance Notification: **03-02-2019**
5. Last date for completion of Registration Formalities: **15-02-2019**
6. Seminar Dates: **16th & 17th March, 2019**
7. Email id for submission of Abstracts and Papers: spiritualityseminarku@gmail.com

Registration Fee

1. Faculty Member (outstationed): Rs. 3500/= (with Accommodation for 3 nights),
Rs. 2000/= (without Accommodation)
2. Research Scholar (outstationed): Rs. 2500/= (with Accommodation for 3 nights),
Rs. 1500/= (without Accommodation)
3. Faculty Member (Local): Rs. 1500/= (Without Accommodation)
4. Research Scholar (Local): Rs. 1000/= (Without Accommodation)

The registration fee prescribed for paper presenters includes Seminar Kit/lunch/tea for seminar days. The selected outstationed participants will be provided accommodation on need basis and should write in advance. **The registration form and guidelines about the mode of payment of registration fee will be communicated to the authors whose papers would be approved for presentation, separately.**

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