

International Symposium on Forgiveness and Reconciliation

2 April 2014

Programme

9:00 – 9:30 Welcome and Coffee

9:30 – 9:45 Introductions

Bhai Sahib Bhai Mohinder Singh and Dr Josef Boehle

9:45 – 10:15 Forgiveness and Justice

Dr Anthony Bash

Prof Pal Ahluwalia

Chair: Prof Patrice Brodeur

10:15 – 10:45 Discussion

Moderator: Prof Kamel Abu Jaber

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee/Tea

11:15 – 11:45 Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Prof Geraldine Smyth

Marina Cantacuzino

Chair: Prof Martin Stringer

11:45 – 12:15 Discussion

Moderator: Prof Rasoul Rasoulipour

12:15 – 13.15 Lunch

1.45 – 2:15 Forgiveness and Peacebuilding

Prof Andrea Bartoli

Prof Kamel Abu Jaber

Chair: Rev Charles Gibbs

2:15 – 2.45 Discussion

Moderator: Dr Scherto Gill

2.45 - 4.00 Roundtable on Initiatives on Forgiveness and Reconciliation

Dr Jean Baptiste Habyalimana

Alexandra Asseily

Dr Justine Huxley

Maria Nicoletta Gaida

Peter Riddell

Chair: Sharif Horthy

4:00 – 4:30 Coffee/Tea

4:30 – 5:30 Developing a Charter for Forgiveness and Reconciliation – Action Steps

Moderator: Dr Josef Boehle

5:30 - 6.00 Summary of Issues Raised and Conclusion

Presenters, Chairs and Moderators:

Prof Pal Ahluwalia, UNESCO Chair in Transnational Diasporas and Reconciliation Studies;
Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia.

Bhai Sahib Bhai Mohinder Singh Ahluwalia, Chairman and Spiritual Leader,
Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha, Birmingham, UK.
Co-convenor, Charter for Forgiveness and Reconciliation Project.

Alexandra Asseily, Governor and Founder of the Centre for Lebanese Studies, Oxford;
Founder member of the Ara Pacis Initiative; Initiator, Garden of Forgiveness, Lebanon.

Prof Andrea Bartoli, Dean, School of Diplomacy and International Relations, Seton Hall
University, New Jersey, USA;
Advisor, Community Sant'Egidio, Rome, Italy.

Dr Anthony Bash, Honorary Fellow, Department of Theology and Religion, Durham
University, Durham, UK.

Dr Josef Boehle, Research Fellow, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK;
Director, Charter for Forgiveness and Reconciliation Project.

Prof Patrice Brodeur, Canada Research Chair on Islam, Pluralism, and Globalisation,
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Board of Directors, Council for Dignity, Forgiveness, Justice and Reconciliation,
Rome, Italy.

Rev Charles Gibbs, Founding Executive Director Emeritus (1996-2013),
United Religions Initiative, Washington, D.C., USA.

Dr Scherto Gill, Executive Secretary, Guerrand-Hermes Foundation for Peace, Brighton, UK.

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National Unity and Reconciliation Commission, Kigali, Rwanda.

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Prof Kamel Abu Jaber, Professor of Political Science Emeritus (1971-1979, 1980-1985);
Minister of Foreign Affairs for Jordan (1991-1993);
President, Jordan Institute for Middle East Studies, Jordan.

Prof Rasoul Rasoulipour, Department of Religion and Philosophy, Kharazmi University,
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Peter Riddell, Convenor, Agenda for Reconciliation, Initiatives of Change-UK, Oxford, UK.

Prof Geraldine Smyth, Associate Professor in Intercultural Theology and Interreligious
Studies and Head of Discipline for the Irish School of Ecumenics, Dublin, Ireland.

Prof Martin Stringer, Deputy Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Birmingham, Birmingham,
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