

2023 INIRE Summer Program & Conference

INIRE Summer Program and Conference In the Name of God: A Voice for War, a Call for Peace

SUNDAY, JULY 2

19:30

Informal reception for early arrivals

Location: [Vista Restaurant, Washington Duke Inn](#)

MONDAY, JULY 3

9:30-11:00

Summer Program Registration and Introduction*

Malachi H. Hacohen (Duke University and Leipzig University) and Peter Casarella (Duke Divinity School)

Introductions and Summer Program Agenda.

**Please note that the Summer Program is open to all conference participants.*

Location: [0012 Westbrook Building](#)

11:00-12:30

Introduction to Duke Libraries

Location: [0012 Westbrook Building](#)

12:30-14:00 Lunch

Location: [Westbrook Building](#)

14:00-15:15

Conference Paper: How to Delivery Your Message

Summer School Faculty

Location: [0012 Westbrook Building](#)

Coffee served in Westbrook Hallway

15:30-18:30

Abrahamic Texts Workshop – Reading Together

Imam Abdul Waheed (Duke), Zohar Maor (Bar Ilan University), and Peter Casarella (Duke)

Location: [0012 Westbrook Building](#)

19:00-21:00

Religion and Peace - Small Group Discussion over Dinner

Location: [0012 Westbrook Building](#)

TUESDAY, JULY 4

10:00-13:00

**Summer Program Lectures and Discussion:
Peace and War in the History of Abrahamic Religions**

Location: [0012 Westbrook Building](#)

"Holy War and Unholy Peace"

Yvonne Friedman, Bar Ilan University, online

Zoom: <https://duke.zoom.us/j/98389272708>

11:00-12:00

"Jewish Responses to War"

Malachi Hacoen, Duke University and Leipzig University

12:00-13:00

"Justice, Holiness, and Violence"

Matthew Rowley, Fairfield University and Quinnipiac University

13:00 Lunch

15:00-16:00

"My interest in Religion, War and Peace": small group discussion in response to morning lectures

Location: [0012 Westbrook Building](#)

16:00-17:30

Conference Registration & Keynote

Finding God in a Time of Crisis

Imam Abdullah Antepli (Duke University)

Location: [0012 Westbrook Building](#)

18:00: Bus from campus to Durham Bulls Athletic Park

18:35: Baseball game, with dinner, followed by fireworks

Bus Location: [Chapel Quad](#)

Baseball Game Location: [Durham Bulls Athletic Park](#)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

9:00-10:45

Session 1: Muslims and the Other

Location: [0012 Westbrook Building](#)

Zoom: <https://duke.zoom.us/j/94793684842>

Youssef Madrari, Dar Al-Hadith Al-Hassaniyya institution in Rabat, Morocco

The Contemporary Salafi Reproduction and Appropriation of Historical Islamic Theology and Heresiography

Rajil Aziz, Hassan II University in Casablanca

Coexistence between Jews and Muslims in Morocco between Yesterday and Today

Domagoj Krpan, University of Rijeka
Spoilers in religion-based reconciliation: A case study of Bosnia and Herzegovina
(co-authored with Vedran Obućina, Universität Regensburg, not in attendance)

Commentator: Abdeslam Maghraoui, Duke University

Coffee served in Westbrook Hallway

11:00-12:00

Session 2: Religion and War: Advocacy and Resistance

Location: [0012 Westbrook Building](#)

Zoom: <https://duke.zoom.us/j/96348019490>

Yosef Liebesohn, Bar Ilan University
War and War Deities: Greece vs. Rome

Benjamin Schewel, Center on Modernity in Transition (COMIT)
Constructive Resilience in the Baha'i Faith

Commentator: Hilda Nissimi, Bar Ilan University

12:15-13:00

INIRE Annual meeting (in-person and online)

Location: [0012 Westbrook Building](#)

Zoom: <https://duke.zoom.us/j/97681747270>

13:00 Lunch

Location: [Westbrook Building](#)

14:30-16:15

Session 3: The Holy Scripture on Active Duty

Location: [0012 Westbrook Building](#)

Zoom: <https://duke.zoom.us/j/9574414552>

Antonella Bellantuono, Université Catholique de Lille
Bible, War and Military Service

Sinduja Umandi Wickramasinghe Jayaratne, National Defense University of Malaysia (online)
Gateway to Violence: Analyzing the Link between the Concept of Jihadism and Salafi Jihadi Militancy

Hilda Nissimi, Bar Ilan University
Thou Shalt Not Kill: Scriptural Admonition or Political Argumentation?

Commentator: Matthew Rowley, Fairfield University and Quinnipiac University

Coffee served in Westbrook Hallway

16:30-18:15

Session 4: Theologians and War-Peace Ethics

Location: [0012 Westbrook Building](#)

Zoom: <https://duke.zoom.us/j/98144373734>

Ascher Biemann, University of Virginia

Reinventing the Idea of Humanity: Jewish Thinkers around 1945.

Yemima Hadad, Leipzig University

Friends and Foes: Martin Buber Reading Carl Schmitt

Zohar Maor, Bar Ilan University

Reorienting National Chosenness from War to Peace: Rosenzweig and Rosenstock-Huessy and the Great War Trauma

Commentator: Malachi Hacoen, Leipzig University and Duke University

19:00 Dinner

Location: [Freeman Center for Jewish Life](#)

THURSDAY, JULY 6

17th of Tammuz – Jewish fast

9:00-10:45

Session 5: Peace Undermined and Restored: Religious conflict and Reconciliation

Location: [0012 Westbrook Building](#)

Zoom: <https://duke.zoom.us/j/97569066832>

Hanna Abakunova, Uppsala University

Jewish–Roma Relations as an Example of Religious Interaction in Occupied Ukraine before and during the Holocaust

Huseyin Oylupinar, Uppsala University

The Role of the Russian Orthodox Church and the Muslim Responses in Crimea and Russia during the Russian War against Ukraine

Abdellah Haddari, Afkaar Center for Studies and Research

Religion and Customs in Morocco: Ancient Ethics and Values of Peace Corrupted by Colonialism

Commentators: Rocio Cortes, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, and Anastasia Strakhova, Duke University and Harvard University

Coffee served in Westbrook Hallway

11:00-12:45

Session 6: Motivation: Religion and Pragmatism

Location: [0012 Westbrook Building](#)

Zoom: <https://duke.zoom.us/j/96366826905>

Emmanuel Chiwetalu Ossai, Manchester Metropolitan University (online)
“Fighting does not Feed us or Pay my Children's School Fees”: Practical Interests and the Motivation of Peaceful Behavior in a "Deeply Religious" Nigeria.

Markus Thurau, Center for Military History and Social Sciences of the Bundeswehr
"From Just War to Just Peace: Peace in Christian thought during and after the Cold War“

Mubarak Tukur, Makerere University, Kampala (online)
Shariah War and Peace: Women Interfaith Council in Northern Nigeria, 1992-2022.

Commentators: Sara Katz (Duke University) and Vera Kallenberg (Duke University and Bielefeld University)

13:00 Lunch

14:30-16:15

Session 7: Religion and Civil Strife

Location: [0012 Westbrook Building](#)

Zoom: <https://duke.zoom.us/j/95932865941>

Michael G. Bazemore Jr., independent scholar
“Something nefarious was happening”: Antisemitism, Reactionary Populism, and Extralegal Violence from Blois to Comet Ping Pong

Doron Avraham, Bar Ilan University (online)
The German *Kulturkampf*: Religious Conflict and the Challenge of Modernization

Motti Inbari, UNC Pembroke
Religious Zionism and the Temple Mount Dilemma

Commentator: Zohar Maor, Bar-Ilan University

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16:30-18:15

Session 8: Holy Texts and Non-Violence

Location: [0012 Westbrook Building](#)

Zoom: <https://duke.zoom.us/j/93833680820>

Rocío Cortés Rodríguez, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile
The Role of Scriptural Reasoning in Promoting a Non-Fundamentalist Understanding of Religious Scriptures

Matthew Rowley, Fairfield University and Quinnipiac University
Depolarizing Religion and Conflict in the Classroom (Practical and Theoretical proposals)

Sobia Bhat, South Asian University (SAU) (online)
Doing Religion in a Militarized Zone: Islamic Prayers or Salah as a Source of Ontological Security in Kashmir

Commentator: Peter Casarella (Duke Divinity School)

18:30-19:30

The Jewish Fast of 17th Tammuz and Churban (Catastrophe): Discussion

Location: [0012 Westbrook Building](#)

20:00/21:00 Dinner

Location: [Vista Restaurant, Washington Duke Inn](#)

FRIDAY, JULY 7

9:00-10:45

Session 9: Catastrophe, Faith, and Dialogue

Location: [0012 Westbrook Building](#)

Simon Massiga, Makerere University, Kampala
Teaching Peace Education Through Interfaith Dialogue

Raphael Thurm, Bar Ilan University
Dr. Yisaac Breuer and Rabbi Ya'akov Rosenheim and WWI

Neil Bar, Bar Ilan University
This is thy God, o Hellenists of Israel
Commentators: Yaakov Ariel, UNC Chapel Hill, and Motti Inbari, UNC Pembroke

11:00-12:00

Group discussion: War, Peace and Religion: What we have learned (feedback session)

Location: [0012 Westbrook Building](#)

12:00: Summer Program Conclusion with Zohar Maor, Bar Ilan University

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