

Two –Day International Conference
on
“Rethinking Education of Religions in the Modern World: Prospects and Challenges”

In Collaboration with
Institute of Objective Studies (IOS), New Delhi

From 30th to 31st July, 2019

Concept Note

The Modern secular education is materialistic in nature and outlook. It either over looks or undermines the spiritual development of the individual as well as emphasize the material aspect at all levels. Hence, it proceeds from an incorrect understanding of human nature.

The materialistic life and education has given rise to many dangerous consequences of utter materialism and valueless life style. Materialistic understanding of life has resulted in an unending race for purposeless luxurious living and has in turn given rise to vices like dishonesty, deceit, cunningness and hatred. Religion on the other hand teaches that human beings are made for the teleological purpose of self-realisation. It teaches that human life has a purpose and the prophets came to educate man about the purpose and meaning of life. Religious education as such creates enlightenment to overcome fanaticism, cynicism and ill will and curbs religious bigotry and narrow-mindedness generated due to lack of mutual understanding among people of different faiths as religious education is an essential component of a broad and balanced education system.

Unfortunately, in the modern secular society mechanical, utilitarian and nihilistic understanding of life has rendered modern education incompatible with the nature of man. It is held that there is no ultimate purpose to human existence. As a result of this lopsided educational system modern man is in crisis in all aspects of life. A faithless society has emerged where education does not help man to cater to the needs of his being itself. This grim scenario provides very high relevance to education of religions in modern times. But at the same time religious education itself is not able to connect itself with the practical world. It therefore, seems to be almost untouchable in general. As such, we need an education that starts from a correct epistemology and civilizational perspective; education, which is meant not only for the building of skills, but also for the ordering of soul's affection in accordance with what is true, good, and beautiful. Therefore, Religious education in its right perspective where it can address both body and soul to create a harmonious human society by creating a balanced mind-set is highly relevant in modern times.

In this backdrop Department of Religious Studies, Central University of Kashmir is organising a two-day international conference on **“Rethinking Education of Religions in the Modern World: Prospects and Challenges”** from 30 to 31 July 2019.

Subthemes

Here are some of the major subthemes which may be covered in the conference.

1. Rethinking Universities: From Islamization to Integration of Knowledge
2. New perspectives about the concept of a University
3. Institutionalization of Religious Education
4. Knowledge Societies and Knowledge Production
5. Future and the Question of Values
6. Integration of knowledge movement and religious education
7. Religious education in secular institutions
8. Modern education in religious institutions
9. The educational Paradigm of scriptures Vs Seminary education
10. New Techniques of Education and Religious Institutions
11. Educational institutions during *Khilafah Uthmaniyyah*
12. Indonesian experience of *Pesenteren* (Boarding School) and religious education
13. Religious institutions in Turkey: *Madrasah, Zawiyyah, Maktab*
14. Civilizational perspectives in religious education in Turkey
15. Significance of Information Technology in religious education
16. Religious Education in Indian Subcontinent: *Gurukul, Pathshala, Vihara, Khanqah and Madrasah*
17. Reformation of Religious Education in Modern India
18. Science, Foreign languages and importance of Mathematics in Religious Curriculum

Knowledge and the Question of Language

1. Languages and Religious Education
2. Language as a medium in Religious Education
3. Role of Languages in imparting Religious Education in Indian Subcontinent
4. Religious Course books in Regional language
5. Language and its contribution in promotion of secular sciences
6. Tafsir literature in local languages
7. Hadith literature in local languages
8. Sirah literature in local languages

Important Dates:

Abstract:

- Last date for submission of Abstract: **25th June, 2019**
The abstract of the paper comprising 200-250 words should reach us by or before the said date.
- Notification of acceptance of Abstracts: **30th June, 2019**

Registration:

- Registration by or before 10th July, 2019

Registration Fee

Category	Amount
Foreign participants (Submission of Registration fee on the spot)	USD 150
Teachers	Rs. 3000
Research Scholars	Rs. 2000

Submission of Full Paper: 15th July, 2019

- The participants whose abstracts are accepted shall submit their full papers (not exceeding 5000 words by or before 15th July, 2019 at reledudrscuk@gmail.com along with the Registration form dully filled. It may be emphasised that no paper presentation will be allowed without the submission of the full paper.
- Co-author shall not be more than one in a single paper. Rules of registration fee are equally applicable for the co-author as well.
- Accommodation for outstation participants will be arranged by the organizers.
- No T. A/D. A will be paid, however, the local hospitality will be provided by the organizers.

For queries and submission, mail us at: reledudrscuk@gmail.com

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