



3rd International Conference on Peace and Harmony: A Religious Concern

Organized by

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Dates: 8th–9th October 2025

Venue: MANUU Campus, Hyderabad

About Conference

The 21st century reflects a paradox: while humanity advances in science, technology, and communication, it continues to face conflicts, social fragmentation, and ideological polarization—often linked to religion or identity. Though religion is frequently portrayed as a source of division, its essence lies in moral guidance, justice, compassion, and peacebuilding. Historically, religions have shaped civilizations, promoted human dignity, and driven reconciliation. Today, however, extremism, politicization of faith, and sectarianism threaten this legacy. In traditions Islam's Rahmah (mercy) and 'Adl (justice), Christianity's love and forgiveness, Hinduism's Ahinsa (non-violence), Buddhism's compassion, and Sikhism's egalitarianism lie powerful resources for harmony. South Asia, with its deep religious diversity, especially India, holds unique potential for interfaith understanding through its ethos of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam ("the world is one family"). Yet, communal tensions, identity politics, and digital misinformation challenge this vision.

This international conference seeks to revive religion's peace-promoting dimensions, focusing on Islamic teachings while engaging other faiths. By gathering scholars, theologians, and peace practitioners, it will explore theological, ethical, and philosophical foundations for coexistence. The aim is to critically address religion's contested roles, highlight its transformative potential, and promote religious diversity as a driver of inclusive, global harmony.

Objective

This international academic gathering aims to **explore and critically examine** the religious, theological, and ethical dimensions of peace and harmony, with special attention to **Islamic teachings** and **interfaith perspectives**. The conference seeks to:

- **Analyse** religious doctrines, texts, and historical experiences in the context of peacebuilding.
- **Encourage** inter-religious and intra-religious dialogue as pathways to mutual understanding.
- **Address** the misuse of religion in conflicts and the rise of radical ideologies.
- **Promote** faith-based initiatives that have successfully contributed to reconciliation and social harmony.
- **Recommend** ways to integrate peace education into religious and secular curricula.

Themes & Sub-Themes

The conference will include (but is not limited to) the following areas:

- Concepts of Peace and Justice in the Qur'an and Hadith
- Biblical and Vedic Visions of Reconciliation and Love
- Prophetic Models of Mercy and Coexistence
- The Role of Religious Education in Promoting Tolerance
- Interfaith Dialogue and Religious Pluralism
- Religious Ethics in Conflict and Peace

- Forgiveness, Compassion, and Moral Leadership
- Peace and Harmony in Islamic Mysticism (Sufism) and Other Mystical Traditions
- Building Bridges: Dialogue to Reduce Prejudice
- Pluralism and Religious Coexistence in Multi-faith Societies
- Case Studies of Interfaith Cooperation and Grassroots Peacebuilding
- Religion and Extremism: Causes and Remedies
- Islamophobia, Religious Intolerance, and Hate Speech
- Peacebuilding in the Digital Age: Role of Media and Social Networks
- Faith-Based Approaches to Education for Peace
- Role of Religious Institutions in Conflict Mediation
- Women and Youth as Peacebuilders in Faith Communities
- Philosophies of Transformative Pedagogy in Religion
- Religious Responses to Modern Conflicts
- Role of Faith-Based Organizations in Peacebuilding
- Comparative Theologies of Peace Across Religions

Important Dates

Event	Date
Abstract Submission Deadline	31 August 2025
Notification of Acceptance	02 September 2025
Full Paper Submission	30 September 2025
Conference Dates	8–9 October 2025

■ Submission Guidelines

- **Abstract:** 250–350 words
- **Include:** Title, Author Name, Affiliation, Full Address, Contact Number, and at least 5 Keywords
- **Format:**
 - **English:** Times New Roman, Font Size 12 (main text), 10 (footnotes), 1.5 spacing
 - **Urdu:** Jameel Noori Nastaleeq, Font Size 15 (main text), 12 (footnotes), 1.5 spacing
- **File Type:** MS Word (.doc/.docx)
- **Submission Email:** conferencedois2025@gmail.com
- **Conference Languages:** Urdu & English

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