



Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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The Czech Academy
of Sciences

The International Conference

Overcoming Global Threats: Enhancing Inter-cultural Dialogue, Stability and Peace

April 13–14, 2016, Prague

Wednesday, April 13, 2016
The Czech Academy of Sciences
(Národní 3, Prague 1)

Thursday, April 14, 2016
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
(Loretánské náměstí 5, Prague 1)

----- Conference Themes -----

The conference wants to address the issues of overcoming global threats and developing inter-cultural dialogue, including religious tolerance and inter-faith dialogue, exploring stability and developing mutual cooperation. The theme of global threats includes an analysis and ideas for the solution of various cultural, religious, military and other conflicts. The theme is connected with issues of peace, nonviolence, mutual cooperation, etc. The theme of inter-cultural dialogue contains a debate between European secular cultural and religious perspectives, on the one side, and Islamic religious and cultural perspectives, on the other. It is closely connected to issues of tolerance between various cultural and religious points of view. The theme of stability is linked to the topics of plurality of public models, participation of citizens, democracy, rights, and the rule of law.

The conference will be attended by Czech and foreign human and social scientists, the ambassadors of countries of the European Union and the Muslim countries, special guests, and journalists.



Conference Program

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2016

**Venue: The Czech Academy of Sciences
(Národní 3, Prague 1)**

9:00 AM Registration

9:30 AM Opening Addresses

The representatives of the organizing sides the Czech Academy of Sciences (specifically the Centre of Global Studies, the Institute of Philosophy, and the Oriental Institute) and the OIC Prague Group, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic as the patron of the conference:

Lubomír Zaorálek, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Jiří Drahoš, President, The Czech Academy of Sciences

Pavel Baran, Vice-President for Social Sciences, The Czech Academy of Sciences

H.E. Ahmet Necati Bigali, Ambassador of Turkey, Chairman of the OIC Prague Group

H.E. Souriya Otmani, Ambassador of Morocco, Representative of the OIC Prague Group

Faisal Bin Muaammar, International Intercultural Dialogue Centre, Vienna, Representative of the OIC Prague Group

10:30–12:00 Panel #1: Intercultural and Interreligious Dialogues: Perspectives on Overcoming Threats and Violence

Morning session with presentations of papers given by experts, and following discussions with experts and ambassadors. Focus on a dialogue between cultures, shared and various values, issues of cultural tolerance.

Chair of the Panel 1: **Marek Hrubec**

Director of the Centre of Global Studies in the Institute of Philosophy, the Czech Academy of Sciences

Recep Senturk

Director-General and Dean of graduate studies at the Alliance of Civilizations Institute at Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakif University, Istanbul; Chair of the Department of Civilization Studies; founder and President of International Ibn Khaldun Society.

Open Civilization and Diversity Management

Ahmed Abbadi

Secretary-General of the Muhammadan League of Scholars, Morocco

Countering Violent Extremism, What Mutational Strategy in the New Geopolitical Context?

Nasharudin Mat Isa

Head of the Global Movement of Moderates Foundation, Malaysia

Reclaiming the Spirit of la Convivencia via Moderation and Intercivilizational Dialogue

Ondřej Štěch

Centre of Global Studies, Institute of Philosophy, the Czech Academy of Sciences

On the Supposed Link between Religion and Violence

12:00–13:30 Lunch Reception

13:30–15:00 Panel #2: Stability, Tolerance and Reconciliation

Afternoon session with presentations of papers given by experts, and following discussions with experts and Ambassadors. Shared and divergent principles in the legal and societal systems of the European and Muslim countries.

Chair of the Panel 2: **Ondřej Beránek**

Director of the Oriental Institute, the Czech Academy of Sciences

Burhan Köroğlu

Director, Civilizations Studies Center and Professor of Islamic Philosophy in Bahcesehir

University in Istanbul, Head of the Board of Aljazeera Turk

Role of Media in Enhancing Islamophobia in the Western World

Mohammad Sammak

Secretary-General of the Lebanon's National Committee for Dialogue

The Culture of Building Bridges between Peoples

Theodosius Atallah Hanna

Archbishop of Sebaste

The Role of Religion to Disseminate Mutual Cultural and Humanitarian Relations and Dialogue

Monsignor Miguel Ayuso

Bishop of Luperciana, Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue

A Catholic Viewpoint on Overcoming Problems

Bronislav Ostřanský

Oriental Institute, the Czech Academy of Sciences

The Muslim Community in the Czech Republic and Its Local Perception

15:00–15:30 Break

15:30–17:00 Panel #3: Cosmopolitan Peace and Alternatives to Extremism

Afternoon session with presentations of papers given by experts, and following discussions with experts and Ambassadors. Overcoming extremism in a globalized world; ways of engaging the broad public in a meaningful dialogue to promote understanding and peace.

Chair of the Panel 3: **Burhan Köroğlu**

Director, Civilizations Studies Center in Bahcesehir University, Istanbul

Asma Lamrabet

The Muhammadan League of Scholars, Marocco

Any Alternative to Extremism?

Anar Valiyev

ADA University, Baku, Azerbaijan

Islam in Azerbaijan: Can It Become Model for Solving Sectarian Violence?

Milan Kreuzzieger

Centre of Global Studies, Institute of Philosophy, the Czech Academy of Sciences

Cosmopolitanism as a Platform for Global Polylogue

Stefano Taglia

Oriental Institute, the Czech Academy of Sciences

Ottoman Cosmopolitanism?

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2016

**Venue: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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11:00 AM Short Opening Addresses

Representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, the Czech Academy of Sciences, and the representatives of the OIC

11:30–12:00 (1) Presentations by the Three Rapporteurs of the Conference

12:00–12:30 (2) The Presentation of the Conclusions of the Prague Conference

12:30–13:00 (3) Discussion with the Conference Participants and the Media

13:00 Lunch Reception

