

Christian-Muslim Dialogue on Ecology and Socio-Environmental Justice

Campion Hall, 23-24 June 2022

In the run-up of the COP 26 Summit in Glasgow, forty religious leaders issued a [joint appeal](#) for urgent action to meet the Paris Agreement on the basis of their common ground. What is the mobilizing power of faith communities to take action for socio-ecological change? Through which channels do they influence global policy platforms and promote socio-ecological transformation? This two-day workshop will bring together academics from the [Research Programme on Religious Communities and Sustainable Development](#) at Humboldt University of Berlin and the [Laudato Si' Research Institute](#) and other researchers at the University of Oxford to discuss what can be learned from how religious traditions have responded, and are currently responding, to the interconnected challenges of environmental degradation, poverty and inequality, or what Pope Francis calls in [Laudato Si'](#) 'the cry of the earth and of the poor' (paragraph 49).

The workshop is being held in the context of the [Oxford-Berlin Research Partnership](#).

Thu 23rd June: Christian and Muslim communities as civil society actors and agents of socio-environmental justice

11.15-11.45: Ignatius Swart and Philip Öhlmann (Berlin): Religion and environment: Exploring the ecological turn in religions and development (online)

11.45-12.15: Séverine Deneulin (Oxford): Researching religion in development: An analysis of the role of Catholic Church in promoting socio-environmental justice in the Amazon region (in person)

12.15-12.45: Mohamed S. Mohamed (Oxford): The Cap vs. the Turban: The Re-Configuration of al-Azhar-State Relationship in Post-Coup Egypt (in person)

12.45-13.00: Closing comments from Masooda Bano (Oxford) and general discussion

14.00-14.30: Juliane Stork (Berlin): What makes an eco-theology? Complex empirical findings on eco-theologies in African Initiated Churches in South Africa (in person)

14.30-15.00: Naiyerah Kolkailah (Oxford) The Qur'anic Botanic Garden: An Example of Islamic Environmentalism in Qatar (online)

15.00-15.30: Dietrich Werner (Berlin) Book presentation: *International Handbook on Creation Care and Eco-Diakonia* (online)

15.30-16.00: General discussion

Friday 24 June: Social injustices and environmental degradation as shapers of religious communities, their teachings and practices

10.15-10.45: Katharina Pyschny (Berlin): "Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good" (Gen 1:31*) – Biblical perspectives on environmental ethics (in person)

10.45-11.15: Tareq Moqbel (Regent's Park, Oxford): Quranic Eco-Theology (in person)

11.15-11.30: Tea/coffee break

11.30-12.00: Oliver Putz (Berlin/LSRI): Radical Ecological Conversion in light of Losing Biological Diversity (in person)

12.00-12.30: Closing comments from Masooda Bano and general discussion

