CALL FOR PAPERS

SEMINAR THEME

MUSLIM SCHOLARS OF THE EAST: Philosophical Thoughts For The Contemporary Society

Muslim Scholars
Maulana Rumi,
Dr. Muhammad Iqbal,
& Sir Syed Ahmed Khan

DATE: 3 March 2016
TIMINGS: 8:30am to 6:00pm
VENUE: Main Auditorium, NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi

SEMINAR OVERVIEW

Humanities Department in collaboration with Rumi Forum and ERDC (Educational Resource Development Centre) is organizing an international seminar. The international seminar is an attempt of the Department of Humanities, NED University, to promote academic pursuits and create a culture where research in Social Sciences and Humanities could be made more relevant to a society being dominated by Science and Technology. Humanities Department by partnering with organizations like Rumi Forum and ERDC that are working towards academic and societal advancement seeks to use seminar as an opportunity to bring together the scholars, academics, professors who have worked diligently on the Philosophies of Maulana Rumi, Iqbal and Sir Syed Ahmed Khan; it provides a platform for sharing their research in the form of presentations exchange of ideas and discussions. All these activities would revolve around a specific field of study related to the works and philosophies of above-mentioned Muslim scholars. The seminar would certainly help the faculty and the students understand the philosophical underpinnings of the historical context of the age in which these scholars lived and to appreciate their relevance to the present times.

SCOPE OF THE SEMINAR

Contributions in the form of original, unpublished papers based on research or scholarly studies are invited from leading scholars, academics and faculty members in Humanities and Social Sciences on the following sub themes:

Theme 1: Concepts of Tolerance and Harmony in Maulana Rumi’s works
Theme 2: Maulana Rumi’s Philosophical Thoughts: An Interpretation in the Context of Hizmet Movement
Theme 3: Iqbal: Existential Questions to Collective Whole of Humanity
Theme 4: The Muslim Tradition of Knowledge and Philosophy: Iqbal’s Context
Theme 5: Sir Syed Ahmed Khan: The Precursor of Muslim Modernist Thinking in the subcontinent
Theme 6: The Intellectual and Political Strands in the Philosophical Thoughts of Sir Syed Ahmed Khan
GUEST SPEAKERS
Several international and local academics and experts are expected to address at the seminar including:

- **Prof. Dr. Zeki Saritoprak**, Professor of Islamic Studies, Director, and Bediüzzaman Said Nursi Chair in Islamic Studies, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, John Carroll University, USA [Participation confirmed].
- **Dr. Ibrahim Cerrah**, President Centre for Legal Ethical & Political Studies, HESA, Balgat, Ankara, Turkey [Participation confirmed].
- **Prof. Dr. Zaid Malik**, Professor and Translator at King Saud University Riyadh, K.S.A [Participation confirmed].
- **Dr. Muhhamad Suheyl Umar**, Former Director Iqbal Academy Lahore [Participation confirmed].
- **Dr. Abdul Wahab Suri**, Chairman, Department of Philosophy, University of Karachi. [Participation Confirmed]
- **Prof. Dr. Syed Jaffar Ahmed**, Director Pakistan Study Centre, University of Karachi.
- **Dr. Muhammad Abid Ali**, Professor, Education Department, Institute of Business Management, Karachi [Participation confirmed].
- **Mr. Salman Asif Siddiqui**, Director Educational Resource Development Centre. [Participation confirmed].

More speakers will be confirmed shortly.

PROCEEDINGS/SEMINAR PUBLICATION
The selected papers to be presented at the SEMNAR would be published in the thematic issue of our research journal *JSSIR (Journal of Social Sciences & Interdisciplinary Research)* ISSN, NO. 2225-2827. *JSSIR* is a referred, bi-annual Journal of the Department of Humanities, NED University of Engineering and Technology with international and national scholars on its Editorial and Advisory Board. *JSSIR* is indexed in the Ulrich’s Periodical’s Directory, EBSCO, and Library of Congress.

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