

Islamic Spiritual Care and Ethics in Modern Contexts

Spiritual Care is an elemental part of religious life. The call for qualified chaplaincy for Europe's Muslim population is on the increase. In Europe as well as in other Western and Muslim countries new pastoral and ethical concepts, theories and approaches need to be developed in accordance to the societal situation. It is recognized that this should be achieved through the analysis of traditional Muslim pastoral counselling and ethics as well as in confrontation with present intellectual discourses.

Since 2016, the Center for Islamic Theology at the Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen offers a Master's degree in "Practical Islamic Theology for Spiritual Care and Social Work". In July 2017, the Center holds an international conference on Islamic Spiritual Care and Ethics in Modern Contexts. It wants to offer a platform to compare, reflect and discuss the situation and the developments of contemporary Muslim Spiritual Care and Ethics in various European and other Western and Muslim countries.

The following issues will be addressed

- Differences and similarities of the respective experiences in Europe, the USA and the Muslim World;
- Is there a concept of common Muslim ethics and/or do Muslims need a new (common) concept of ethics, for instance in the areas of medicine and social life?
- Which methods of Islamic counselling are in use and what kind of challenges exist in different contexts that we are facing?
- How can Muslim intellectuals benefit from the interdisciplinary and inter-religious research in these fields to develop new, innovative approaches and paradigms for ethics?

Date & Location

07–08 July 2017

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Center for Islamic Theology

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Friday, 07 July 2017

09.00–09.15 Opening Session

The conference will be opened by

Prof. Dr. Lejla Demiri
Vice-Director of the Center of Islamic Theology

& Prof. Dr. Mouez Khalfaoui
Head of the Organization-Team

09.15–10.45 Session I

Speaker **Kamal Abu Shamsieh**
(Muslim Spiritual Care, California)
“The Concept and Foundation of Islamic Chaplaincy”

Shaheen Sardar Ali
(Warwick University):
“Islamic Ethics – some historical antecedents and future potential”

Moderation **Sohaira Siddiqui**
(Georgetown University Qatar)

10.45–11.15 Break

11.15–13.00 Session II

Speaker **Sabnum Dharamsi**
(Stephen Maynard & Associates, UK)
“Islamic Counselling Theory and Training: equipping a community to heal itself”

Abdullah Maynard
(The Lateef Project, Birmingham)
“Professional Islamic Counselling and the elephant in the room: a case study”

Rabia Malik
(Tavistock Centre, London)
“Islamic Counselling and Ikhlāq: ethics in action”

Moderation **Abdelmalek Hibaoui**

13.00–15.00 Lunch Break

15.00–16.00 Session III

Speaker **Jafar Morvarid**
(University of Mashhad)
“Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care in Iran”

Tarek Badawia
(University of Erlangen)
“Moral autonomy as issue of Islamic Spiritual Care”

Moderation **Debora Müller**

16.30–19.00 The Graduation Ceremony of the Center for Islamic Theology

Saturday, 08 July 2017

9.00–10.30 Session IV

Speaker **Abdelmalek Aouich**
(University of Agadir, Morocco):
“Islamic chaplaincy in the modern Arab world. A case study from Morocco”

Mohamed Ajouaou
(KU Leuven)
“Ethical dilemmas in the practice of Islamic chaplaincy”

Moderation **Sohaira Siddiqui**

10.30–11.00 Break

11.00–12.30 Session V

Speaker **Birgit Weyel & Abdelmalek Hibaoui**
(University of Tuebingen)
“Revisioning pastoral counselling. Benefits and challenges arising from an interreligious perspective”

Asst. Prof. Dr. Zuhail Agilkaya Sahin
(Izmir Katip Celebi University)
“Spiritual Care and Counseling in Turkey: Institutional, Academic and Practical Developments”

Moderation **Abdelaali El-Maghraoui**

12.30–13.00 Closing Discussion and Perspectives

Moderation **Sohaira Siddiqui & Mouez Khalfaoui**