

# Islam in the Contemporary World: The Fethullah Gülen Movement in Thought and Practice

November 12-13, 2005, Place: Herring Hall HE 100, Rice University, Houston, Texas

The Boniuk Center for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance at Rice University, the A. D. Bruce Religion Center University of Houston and the Institute of Interfaith Dialog, are sponsoring a conference on the activities of Fethullah Gülen and contributions to interfaith dialogue, tolerance, and education.

#### 12 NOVEMBER - SATURDAY

Opening Remarks 9:00-9:10

1<sup>st</sup> Session: Dialogue and the Gülen Movement 9:10-10:40

2<sup>nd</sup> Session: Education 11:00-12:30

3<sup>rd</sup> Session: Public Space and Globalization 14:00-15:30

#### 13 NOVEMBER - SUNDAY

4<sup>th</sup> Session: Social Contexts of Sufism 9:00-10:30

5<sup>th</sup> Session: Islam and Democracy 11:00-12:30

6<sup>th</sup> Session: Media, Dialogue, and Community 14:00-15:30

7<sup>th</sup> Session: Religion and Public Life in Turkey 16:00-17:15

8<sup>th</sup> Session: Conference Closing Remarks 17:15-17:45

#### Speakers

Dale F. Eickelman, Dartmouth College, USA

Pim Valkenberg, Radboud University, Netherlands

Loye Ashton, Millsaps College, USA

Darian C. De Bolt, University Oklahoma, USA

Madeline Maxwell, University of Texas at Austin, USA

Yetkin Yildirim, University of Texas, USA

Bekim Agai, Universität Bonn, Germany

Ruth Woodhall, London, UK

Asma Afsaruddin, University of Notre Dame, USA

Charles Nelson, Kean University, USA

Muhammed Cetin, University of Houston, USA

Fahri Karakas, McGill University, Canada

Maria F. Curtis, The University of Texas at Austin, USA

Paul Weller, University of Derby, UK

Mahmut Erol Kilic, Marmara University, Turkey

Ali Bulac, Journalist, Turkey

Michael J. Fontenot, Southern University at Baton Rouge, USA

Karen A. Fontenot, Southeastern Louisiana University, USA

Heon C. Kim, Temple University, USA

Leonid Sykiainen, Higher School of Economics, Russia Y. Alp Aslandogan, University of Texas at Arlington, USA

Jane B. Schlubach, University of Central Oklahoma, USA

Greg Barton, Deakin University, Australia

Ian G. Williams, University of Central England, UK

Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University, USA

Yasin Aktay, Selçuk University, Turkey

Adnan Aslan, The Foundation of Religious Affairs Center for Islamic

Studies, Turkey

Fehmi Koru, Journalist, Turkey

Cüneyt Ülsever, Journalist, Turkey

Cengiz Çandar, Journalist, Turkey

Mehmet Ali Kiliçbay, Gazi University, Turkey

Avni Özgürel, Journalist, Turkey

Ümit Meriç, Istanbul University, Turkey

Mehmet Saglam, Former Minister of Education, Turkey

Ilnur Cevik, Journalist, Turkey

S.Ali Tekalan, Fatih University, Turkey







### **CALL FOR PAPER**

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#### **Objective**

The conference aims to explore the appeal, meaning, and impact of Fethullah Gülen and the Gülen movement on Turkish, regional, and increasingly global societies.

An Essay-Writing Competition is organized among submissions from graduate students and the prizes below will be awarded to the winners. The prizes are:

1<sup>st</sup> place \$ 1,500.00 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$ 1,250.00 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$ 1,000.00

4th place (awarded to 5 persons) \$ 400.00

All students are requested to comply with the following guidelines.

References to the Qur'an and the Hadith and the works of Fethullah Gülen are to be cited in relevant articles

- Word count should be minimum 3.000.
- Papers should be received by October 15, 2005.