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

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12 NOVEMBER - SATURDAY
Opening Remarks 9:00-9:10
1st Session: Dialogue and the Gülen Movement 9:10-10:40
2nd Session: Education 11:00-12:30
3rd Session: Public Space and Globalization 14:00-15:30

13 NOVEMBER - SUNDAY
4th Session: Social Contexts of Sufism 9:00-10:30
5th Session: Islam and Democracy 11:00-12:30
6th Session: Media, Dialogue, and Community 14:00-15:30
7th Session: Religion and Public Life in Turkey 16:00-17:15
8th Session: Conference Closing Remarks 17:15-17:45

Speakers

Dale F. Eickelman, Dartmouth College, USA
Pim Valkenberg, Radboud University, Netherlands
Loie Ashton, Millsaps College, USA
Darian C. De Bolt, University Oklahoma, USA
Madeleine Maxwell, University of Texas at Austin, USA
Yetkin Yıldırım, University of Texas at Dallas, USA
Bekim Agal, Universität Bonn, Germany
Ruth Woodhall, London, UK
Asma Afsaruddin, University of Notre Dame, USA
Charles Nelson, Kean University, USA
Muhammed Celil, University of Houston, USA
Fahri Karakos, McGill University, Canada
Maria F. Curtis, The University of Texas at Austin, USA
Paul Weller, University of Derby, UK
Mahmut Ersl Kılıç, 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 Sylivonen, Higher School of Economics, Russia
Y. Alp Aşlandogan, 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
Marcio Herron, Loyola University, USA
Yasin Aktay, Selçuk University, Turkey
Adnan Aslan, The Foundation of Religious Affairs Center for Islamic Studies, Turkey
Fahmi Koru, Journalist, Turkey
Caneyt Ünsever, Journalist, Turkey
Cengiz Çandar, Journalist, Turkey
Mehmet Ali Kılıç, Gazi University, Turkey
Avni Çığveri, Journalist, Turkey
Ümit Meniç, Istanbul University, Turkey
Mehmet Sergio, Former Minister of Education, Turkey
Ilımar Çevik, Journalist, Turkey
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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:

1st place $1,500.00
2nd place $1,250.00
3rd 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.

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