

**Call for Papers**  
***Second Annual Conference on***  
***Islam in the Contemporary World: The Fethullah Gülen***  
***Movement in Thought and Practice***  
**November 3-5, 2006**  
**University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, U.S.A.**

Department of Religious Studies, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma and the Institute of Interfaith Dialog, Texas, are sponsoring a conference on the activities of Fethullah Gülen and contributions to interfaith dialogue, tolerance, and education.

**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.

**Conference Themes**

*The following possible themes suggest the range of possible issues that paper proposers are invited to address. These are neither definitive nor exhaustive:*

Fethullah Gülen's and the Gülen movement's views and practices related to the:

- a. teaching and interpretation of Islamic principles and issues
- b. interpretation of the Qur'an, roles and relationships of science, reason, faith, and religion
- c. Sufism
- d. Turkish "Muslimness"
- e. education in contemporary societies
- f. interfaith and intercultural dialogue, tolerance and peace
- g. understanding of the historical dynamics and references of tolerance, multiculturalism and the Ottoman example
- h. terrorism, coercion, and violence
- i. jihad
- j. the resolution of social, ethnic, and religious conflict in the modern world, and democracy
- k. inculcating faith by teaching (*tabligh*) and by example (*tamsil*)
- l. approaches to universal ethical values
- m. Turkey's coexistence with or integration into the European Union
- n. the changing role of women in society and in public life
- o. The social, educational, religious and moral implications of the Gulen Movement.

**Submission and Publication Guidelines**

Proposed titles and an abstract (maximum of 500 words, including an indication of sources should be received by May 15, 2006.

Abstracts will be evaluated by the conference's editorial board and the authors of accepted abstracts will be asked to prepare papers of between 3,000—5,000 words, due by August 15, 2006. Electronic submission via email is preferred. Authors who choose to submit hard copies are responsible for the timely delivery of their submissions by the same deadline.

The editorial board will evaluate and ask the authors to revise the papers (if needed) and resubmit camera-ready copies by September 15, 2006. The conference organizers reserve the right to remove from the proposed program papers not received by the published deadlines or that fail to respond to the comments of the editorial board. The accepted papers will be published on the conference webpage and as conference proceedings.

The coverage of the conference will be publicized on the related web page [www.fethullahgulenconference.org](http://www.fethullahgulenconference.org)

All authors 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.
- The Organizing Committee will provide interested contributors with the electronic and printed version of several resources, such as books and articles, related to conference themes to facilitate essay writing. (for more, see: [www.fethullahgulen.org](http://www.fethullahgulen.org) and [www.fethullahgulenconference.org](http://www.fethullahgulenconference.org))

### **Conference and Social Activities**

Conference receptions for the participants, special guests and hosts will take place on the evening of November 3 and November 4. Travel and accommodations expenses of the invited presenters including airport pick-ups, meals, and organized sight-seeing trips will be met by the organizing committee.

### **Conference Coordinator**

For further information please refer to the web page:

[www.fethullahgulenconference.org](http://www.fethullahgulenconference.org)

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