

Call for Papers

Third Annual Conference on Islam in the Contemporary World: The Fethullah Gülen Movement in Thought and Practice

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University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, Texas, U.S.A.

The Institute of Interfaith Dialog, Texas; Department of History, Department of Sociology, Department of Political Science & Geography, Increment and Community Engagement at UTSA; St. Mary University; University of the Incarnate Word Liturgical Outreach are sponsoring a conference at on the activities of Fethullah Gülen and their 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. The resolution of social, ethnic, and religious conflict in the modern world, and democracy,
- i. Inculcating faith by teaching (*tabligh*) and by example (*tamsil*),
- j. Approaches to universal ethical values,
- k. Turkey's coexistence with or integration into the European Union,
- l. The changing role of women in society and in public life.

Submission and Publication Guidelines

The authors should submit an abstract (approximately 250) and bio. (approximately 150 words) to the conference coordinator by August 27. Electronic submission via email is preferred. The editorial committee will review the abstracts and respond to the submitters by September 3.

The authors should submit papers of minimum 3000 and maximum 6000 words to the conference coordinator by October 3, 2007. 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 October 15, 2007. 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.fethullahgulencference.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 and maximum 6000.
- 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 and www.fethullahgulencference.org)

Conference and Social Activities

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.fethullahgulencference.org or contact the coordinator:

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