



15th Doha Conference on Interfaith Dialogue

Family Structure in Light of Changing World: Religious Perspective

“Integration of families, faith, values, and education”

(7 – 8 May, 2024)

Foreword

This conference aims to explore the family in its most literal sense (man, woman, and children), but the concept of the family expands with the breadth of the circles of varied affiliations until we reach the great human family, which is made up of one father and one mother.

The ideal balance in that family structure has been constructed on the complementarity of roles between men and women since its inception, not by changing, dysfunction, or deleting them, without neglecting one's rights or assaulting and violating the other's.

Furthermore, Religions have paid special attention to the family in light of divine revelation, legislation, and commandments, laying spiritual, intellectual, and moral foundations on which to establish, survive, develop, achieve cohesion and success, and provide solutions to their social, educational, and psychological issues.

In Islam, we read the words of the Almighty: {And Allah has made for you spouses of your own kind and given you through your spouses, children and grandchildren.¹ And He has granted you good, lawful provisions. Are they then faithful to falsehood and ungrateful for Allah's favours }. 16:72.

The Torah and the Bible both mention this: {So, God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it}. Genesis: 27 – 28.

Although we do not deny human beings have religious, cultural, and social differences, most people believe in common faith values that exist within the family. The established values of compassion, solidarity, and cooperation among family members are very important and foster the sacred relationship between them - husbands and wives - sons and daughters.

When contemporary issues are considered, such as the intertwining of historical and cultural roots, as well as similarities in causes, effects, and consequences, it is clear that these issues can best be addressed, and solutions determined by dismantling them and calling upon God for his help in searching for and understanding their origins and reasons for their existence.

In light of this, Doha International Center for Interfaith Dialogue has decided to present “**Family Structure in Light of Changing World: (Religious Perspective)**” a title for its 15th Doha Conference on Interfaith Dialogue, in an attempt to conduct serious academic studies and discussions on this topic.

DICID invites interfaith leaders, researchers, academics, and activists to contribute to this vital topic in all its aspects and dimensions in accordance with the following themes:

Conference Themes

Theme 1: Faith and Family

١- The family structure in religions: notion, obligation, and status

٢- Faith and moral values in fostering family integration

٣- Faith and family harmony (Rights and Responsibilities)

Theme 2: The family is the cornerstone of raising and educating

١- Characteristics of the internal structure of a healthy and resilient family

٢- Empowering family influence on societal and national growth and renaissance

٣- External interference, influence, and destabilization of the family fundamentals

Theme 3: Current family concerns (How to support, solve, and remedy?)

١- The State, Faith-Based Organizations, and civil society institutions in protecting family

٢- The Family in Multi-faith and Multicultural Societies

٣- Family status in national and international laws

Closing Session

Effects of wars and armed conflicts on families

Important Dates

| No. | Item | Date |
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| 1 | Last day of Abstract Submission | 15 February , 2024 |
| 2 | Abstract Acceptance Notification | 28 February , 2024 |
| 3 | Last day of Paper Submission | 31 March, 2024 |
| 4 | Paper Acceptance Notification | 15 April, 2024 |
| 5 | Conference Program | 25 April, 2024 |

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Submission Guidelines

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1. Indicate to which of the conference themes your abstract and paper belong.
2. Note the deadlines listed below for submission of abstracts, research papers, and other mentioned important dates.
3. All papers should include an abstract no longer than 200 words.
4. Abstracts should include the title of the topic, the major subtopics addressed in the paper, the objectives of the paper, the methodology, and the expected results.
5. The committee will communicate only with the authors of the selected abstracts within the established deadlines.
6. Please submit a professional headshot photograph.
7. The author should include his/her CV in a Word document of no more than (12) lines, indicating his/her full name and affiliation.
8. The paper will be submitted after receiving the notification of acceptance of the abstract by the relevant committee and within the specified deadline; participation will be possible only if the full paper is submitted.
9. The manuscript submitted should be an original manuscript (not published elsewhere or submitted for publication) and written in either English or Arabic.
10. The length of the manuscript should be 10-15 pages (3000-5000 words), including references, footnotes, figures, etc.
11. The English manuscript should be written in Microsoft Word program with a font size of 14 Times New Roman, while the Arabic manuscript should be written in font size 16 Traditional Arabic.
12. The author should consistently follow one of the well-known citation styles for scientific papers (APA, MLA, Chicago, etc...)
13. Footnotes and references should be placed at the end of the research paper.
14. Accepted research papers will be published in the conference proceedings.