G20 INTERFAITH SUMMIT: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

- Religious Freedom and the Unleashing of Social Capital
- Religion, Social Cohesion and Economic Factors in Development
- Finding Economic Synergies through Interfaith Cooperation

The G20 Leaders Summit being held in Brisbane in November 2014 aims at promoting global development in a variety of ways. Yet the latest empirical research demonstrates that in most parts of the world, development objectives cannot be optimized without taking the role of religion into account.

The G20 Interfaith Summit addresses this challenge by enabling prominent politicians and religious leaders together with some of the world’s foremost experts on these issues for three days of discussion and dialogue.
EXPLORING THE RELIGIOUS DIMENSION OF DEVELOPMENT

Following this year’s G20 Leaders Summit in Brisbane, the G20 Interfaith Summit is being convened on Queensland’s Gold Coast from November 16-18 to bring global and national experts together to discuss the role of religion and religious freedom in enhancing development. Confirmed speakers are coming from an array of countries, including Argentina, Australia, Brazil, India, Malaysia, Turkey, United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, USA, and Uruguay, with many others invited and expected.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Brian Adams, Director, Centre for Interfaith & Cultural Dialogue, Griffith University
Carmen Asiain, President, Latin American Consortium for Law and Religion Studies
Paul Babie, Associate Dean and Director, Research Unit for the Study of Society, Law and Religion, Adelaide Law School
Des Cahill, Professor of Intercultural Studies, RMIT University, Australia and Co-President of Religions for Peace, Asia
Ram A. Cnaan, Professor and Associate Dean for Research, and Chair of the Doctoral Program in Social Welfare at the University of Pennsylvania
W. Cole Durham, Jr., President, International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies (Milan, Italy)
Neil Foster, Newcastle University Law School
Brian Grim, President, Religious Freedom and Business Foundation; previously, Senior Researcher, Pew Research Center’s forum on Religion and Public Life
Rachael Kohn, Ph.D., Producer and Presenter with ABC Radio National
Andrew Markus, School of Philosophical, Historical and International Studies, Monash University
Juan Navarro Floria, Professor of Civil Law, Pontificia Universidad Catolica Argentina
Katrina Lantos Swett, Chair, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom
Tim Wilson, Australian Human Rights Commissioner
Augusto Zimmermann, Senior Lecturer, Murdoch University and Commissioner of the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia
Members of National Parliaments
Representatives of major religious humanitarian aid organizations
An interfaith panel from the United Arab Emirates will consider the extent and impact of religious freedom in the Middle East

Registration Pricing

General Admission Fee: $AUD 100 per day or $AUD250 for the whole conference.

Concession Fee (For Students, Pensioners, Griffith University Staff, Government Officials and Not-for-Profit Organizations): $AUD 75 per day or $AUD 190 for the whole conference. An “Early Bird” 10% discount is available for registrations completed by September 30, 2014.

Registration fee includes access to all workshops, panels and plenary sessions, plus Sunday evening dinner and reception, Monday lunch and dinner, Tuesday lunch and all conference refreshment breaks, as well as conference materials.

Accommodation

Limited hotel space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the Crowne Plaza Surfer’s Paradise. The conference rate for a single room is $AUD 145 (165 with breakfast) per night. Bookings must be made directly with the Crowne Plaza Hotel by phoning +61 (0) 7 5592 9956 or via email to: res1@crowneplazasurfersparadise.com.au. The hotel will honour the conference rate on a space available basis for reservations made after September 30.

CPD Points for Legal Practitioners

Depending on local CPD requirements and pertinent Bar or Law Society Rules, Legal Practitioners may be able to claim 3 hours of dedicated legal content and 3 hours of associated economic content, primarily for attendance at sessions on November 17.

To register for the conference, or for other information about the hotel or the conference, go to: griffith.edu.au/conference/g20-interfaith-summit