

**Conference on the  
Role of Interfaith Dialogue in the Protection of Creation  
18<sup>th</sup> May, 2023, Budapest  
Pázmány Péter Catholic University (PPKE), Institute for the Integrity of Creation  
and  
Ludovika-University for Public Service (NKE), Institute for Religion and Society**

Venue: Ludovika-University for Public Service (NKE), Education Centre/Ground Floor I. – Zoltán Magyar Lecture Hall (No. I); Education Centre; Üllői út 82, 1089 Budapest

**Opening – Ágnes Tahyné Kovács**

1. 9:00-9:10 - Rector's welcome – NKE – **Gergely Deli**
2. 9:10 – 9:25 – Opening – **Lőrinc Nacsá**, MP, Deputy Head of Delegation KDNP
3. 9:25 – 9: 35 – Vice-Rector's welcome – PPKE – **Krisztián Vincze**
4. 9:35 – 9:50 – Introduction of Institute for the Integrity of Creation (IIC) – **Brigitta Hidvéghiné Pulay**

**PANEL 1. – The role of interfaith dialogue in different religions – Brigitta Hidvéghiné Pulay**

5. 10:00 – 10:20 – **Sergio Massironi**, Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development (Holy See/Vatican) – *The role of interfaith dialogue in the foreign policy of Pope Francis*
6. 10:20 - 10:40 - **Márk Aurél Érszegi**, Special Advisor on Religion and Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary (Budapest) - *Interfaith dialogue and international relations – the role of the Hungary Helps Program*
7. 10:40 – 11:00 - **Ursula Fatima Kowanda-Yassin** (Vienna, Austria, Sigmund Freud University) - *Ecological foundations and muslim activism*
8. 11:00 – 11:20 – **Lóránd Ujházi** (Budapest, PPKE IIC, NKE EERC) – *Interfaith dialogue for peace in protection of the creation*

11:20 – 11:35 - Coffee Break

**PANEL 2. - Church teachings about the protection of the creation – Bernát Török**

9. 11:35 – 11:55 – **Mendel Myers** (Rabbi, EMIH) – *Orthodox jewish teachings about the protection of the creation*
10. 11:55 – 12:15 – **Mihály Kránitz** (PPKE-HTK) - *The Teaching of the Catholic Church about the protection of the creation*



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11. 12:15 – 12:35 - **Emmanuel Karagiannis** (UK, King's College London) – *The organisation of islamic cooperation and the environment*
12. 12:35 – 12:55 - **Csaba Ötvös** (orthodox church, pastor of the Ecumenical Patriarchate) – *Protection of creation in the orthodox theology*

13:00 – 14:15 - Lunch break

PANEL 3. – Founding the Roundtable discussions – **Abdessamad Belhaj**

13. 14:15 – 14:35 - **James Walters** (Director, LSE Faith Centre and LSE Religion and Global Society) - *Interreligious wisdom as the antidote to the poison: lessons from global encounters at the London School of Economics*
14. 14:35 – 14:55 - **Antoine Farhat** (Notre Dame University, Lebanon) – *Bible and Quran devoutness and current practices towards efficient and sustainable use of God's creation*
15. 14:55 – 15:15 - **Amirah Iqbal** (The Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Sciences, IFES) - *Al-Mizan; a covenant for the Earth*
16. 15:15 – 15:35 - **Birgit Krawietz** (Berlin) – *Reassembling creation: green ethics*

### ROUNDTABLES

15:35 – 16:35 - Round Table 1: Access to Natural Resources (energy, raw material) – **Brigitta Hidvéghiné Pulay**

17. **Anikó Raisz** – State Secretary - Ministry of Energy
18. **Zsolt Hetesi** – University of Public Service
19. **Gelencsér András** – Rector of Pannon University

15:35 – 16:35 - Round Table 2: Austerity and Consumption (food, water) – **Dávid Bencsik**

20. **Szabolcs Pásztor** – Chief Veterinary Officer – Ministry of Agriculture
21. **Zoltán Hosszú** – Chairman of the Hungarian Society for Krishna-consciousness
22. **Boglárka Lakatos** – Ludovika-University of Public Service

15:35 – 16:35 - Round Table 3: Scripture, religious texts and Church teachings about the protection of the Creation – **Milán Markovics**

23. **Eszter Kodácsy-Simon** – Lutheran Theological University
24. **Ágoston Bagyinszki OFM** – Sapientia College of Theology of Religious Orders
25. **Abdessamad Belhaj** – Ludovika-University of Public Science

16:35 – 16:50 – Closing remarks - **Ágnes Tahyné Kovács**



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