

The meeting will be divided into two sessions. The design chosen for the sessions consists of a main speech followed by comments from a respondent. Both sessions will have at the end an open period for debate to offer the other intellectuals participate and enrich the topics presented.

Among the subjects to be discussed, we can highlight the issue of what makes a Muslim intellectual or the intellectual anchor of communal practice of Muslims in the past and now. Regarding second session, some interviews to Arab intellectuals regarding the role of Islam today will be presented and we will end up the discussion by trying to answer the questions if Sharia can renew its law.

The conferences will be conducted in English and will only be opened to renown experts in the subject.



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Program

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

19:00h-19:15h

Official welcome to ICMES delegation

José Manuel Cervera Gragera, Director of Three Cultures Foundation.
Miguel Ángel Castro Arroyo, Rector University of Seville.

19:15h-20:00h

Guided Tour. Pavilion Hassan II.

Three Cultures of the Mediterranean Foundation's headquarters.

20:00h

Working dinner

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

9:30h-10:00h

Inauguration

José Manuel Cervera Gragera, Director of Three Cultures Foundation.
Lola Ferre, General Director of Universities. Regional Gov. of Andalucía.
Norton Mezvinsky, President of ICMES.

10:00h-11:00h

Opening

Carmen Vargas, deputy Rector of International Relations, University of Sevilla.
Emilio González Ferrín, director of Chair Al Andalus, 'Historical contributions of Islam'.

11:00h-11:30h Coffee break

11:30h-13:30h

First session

Chair: Norton Mezvinsky, president of ICMES.
Abdullahi An-Naim, Charles Howard Candler Professor of Law at Emory University School of Law; Senior Fellow of the Center for the Study of Law and Religion of Emory University.
'The intellectual anchor of communal practice of Muslims: then and now'.
Respondent: Zouhir Louassini

Chair: Don Wallace, Chairperson of the ICMES Board of Directors and Professor of International Law at the Georgetown University Law School.

Shamim Miah, Senior Lecturer at the School of Education. University of Huddersfield.
'Muslims and the Public Space: Policy, Politics and Governance'.

Respondent: Issam Saliba

13:30h- 14:00h

Debate

16:30h- 18:30h

Second session

Chair: Emilio Gonzalez Ferrín, director of Chair Al-Andalus of the Three Cultures of the Mediterranean Foundation.
Zouhir Louassini, writer and journalist at RAI News. PhD in Semitic Studies.
'Interviewing some Arab intellectuals on the role of Islam today'.
Respondent: Abdullahi An-Naim

Chair: Jose Manuel Cervera Gragera, managing director of The Three Cultures of the Mediterranean Foundation.
Issam Saliba, expert on Islamic law at the Law Library of Congress.
'Can Sharia renew its law?'.
Respondent: Shamim Miah

18:30- 19:00 h

Debate