



## Islamic University, Kushtia 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Nursi Studies in Bangladesh



### "Global Peace and Harmony : The Risale-i Nur Perspective"

28-29 January 2019

Venue: Islamic University Kushtia, Bangladesh

#### Organizers :

Islamic University, Kushtia [http:// www.iu.ac.bd](http://www.iu.ac.bd)

The Istanbul Foundation for Science and Culture <http://iikv.org>

#### CALL FOR PAPERS

Muslims need to come together, express their opinions in an international platform on various matters and cooperate in dealing with the problems concerning not only themselves, but also all human beings. This is the basic reason behind organizing an international conference on global peace and harmony.

The ideas that will be presented in this conference will hopefully become a common voice to preserve the rights and welfare of all people living in Islamic countries as well as non-Islamic countries and eventually will promote peace, security and harmony among various nations of the world.

Muslims as inheritors of a glorious civilization that lasted for centuries in the past, nowadays have a heart-touching appearance in many ways. Muslim societies and countries have been grappling with a great number of challenging problems which they cannot overcome by themselves separately.

Throughout the nineteenth century and until the beginning of the second half of the twentieth century majority of Muslim lands in Asia, the Middle East, Africa and the South East Asia were occupied by the colonial powers of the West and after winning their political independence Muslim nations still had to struggle with a multitude of social, economic, and political problems. Poverty, ignorance, social, ethnic and political conflicts and administrative crises often aggravated by the intervention of foreign powers are just a few of their most common troubles. Muslim countries mostly have had neither the proficiency nor the sufficient economical and human resources to overcome these huge multifaceted problems.

Therefore there seems to be a tremendous need for the presence of constructive ideas that must establish and maintain cooperation between Muslim peoples and countries in their struggle with their problems.

This conference aims at explaining the views of the great Islamic scholar Bediuzzaman Said Nursi over the basic problems of the humanity and the ways of solving them through peace and harmony. He proposes basically unity, solidarity, and brotherhood for the Muslims and then peace and tranquility for mankind. He expounds in his masterwork, the Collection of Risale-i Nur, the messages of the Qur'an and the Prophet Mohammad (SAW) which suggest peace, justice, development and happiness for all mankind. We hopefully wish this conference to serve to these noble aims.

This international conference is going to be organized jointly by The Istanbul Foundation for Science and Culture and the Islamic University in Kushtia on 28-29 January 2019 to get a clear understanding of the objectives mentioned above. Distinguished academicians, specialists, intellectuals and writers of different persuasions from all over the world will attend the conference to present their research papers on the given themes in the light of Risale-i Nur.

**Subthemes:**

We encourage the presenters to consider writing on one of the following general topics from the perspective of the Risale-i Nur Collection:

- Basic principles of the world peace
- Elements threatening the world peace:
  - Imperialism
  - Materialism
  - Hedonism
  - Immorality
  - Selfishness
  - Poverty
  - Terrorism
  - War
  - Racism
  - Social Injustice
  - Extremism
  - Consumerism
  - Anarchism
  - Dissipation
  - Islamophobia
- Preserving and maintaining the world peace
- Problems Arising from Modernity and the Solutions
- Basic principles of the Islamic civilization:
  - Peace
  - Truth
  - Justice
  - Positive nationality
  - Brotherhood
  - Cooperation
  - Solidarity
  - Compassion
  - Freedom
  - Spiritual development
- The problems of the Muslim Ummah and their solutions
- The problems concerning individuals in a Muslim society
- Perception of existence, man and society
- Approaches to members of different ethnic, culture and religious groups
- Nationalism and Islamic nationality
- Bonds that connect believers
- How to reflect a sound belief in life
- Weakness in the belief, morality and worshipping
- A true Model of Islam and Iman
- Relationship between Religion and Government or between Piety and Power
- True Islam and truthfulness in Islam
- Educational Philosophy of Bediuzzaman Said Nursi

- Educating individuals for a peaceful and harmonious society
- Human Rights in Islam
- Preserving the rights of minorities
- Communal harmony in a pluralistic society

Academicians, researchers, and Islamic scholars are invited to take part in the selection process of the conference. In order to apply for participation in the conference the applicants should follow the instructions below:

An abstract of the paper explaining the aim, content, method and results, (maximum 300 words) should be sent to [the Abstract Submission link](#) by 21.12.2018.

A concise CV and the other required information should also be entered to the form connected to the above Abstract Submission link.

The authors whose abstracts are accepted will be notified on 31.12.2018.

Full paper should be submitted before 18 January 2019. (Maximum 15 pages, 12 font, 1.5 line space).

The research paper should be within one of the above themes of the conference, and it must not have been submitted to any other conference, seminar or forum.

The paper must be prepared according to the common rules of research.

The language of the paper will be either English or Arabic.

The paper presenters from Bangladesh will be provided with accommodation in the facilities of Islamic University, Kushtia and their bus/train travel expenses will be provided by the Organizers.

The accommodation and travel expenses of the invited speakers and presenters from other countries will be provided by the Organizers.

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