

Session 4: Closing session

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Dr. Michiaki Okuyama, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture

17.00 - 17.30 : Closing remarks (5 mns each) :

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Dr. Eileen Barker, London School of Economics

Dr. Paul Swanson, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture

Mr. Joseph Roger Bismuth, Member of the Chamber of Councilors, Vice president of UTICA

Dr. Tarek Chehidi, Cabinet Advisor, Ministry of Education and Training

Dr. Ahmed N. H  lal, President of the University of Sousse

17.30 - 18.00 : Closing speech :

H.E. Dr. Sadok Korbi, Minister of Education and Training

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Session 1: Opening session

Welcome remarks

14.30 - 14.35 : **Dr. Ahmed N. Hélal**, President of the University of Sousse

Opening session

14.35 - 14.50 : **Dr. Wade Clark Roof**, Director of the Walter H. Capps Center for the Study of Ethics, Religion and Public Life - University of California, Santa Barbara

14.50 - 15.05 : **Dr. James Heisig**, Former Director of the Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture, Nanzan University, Nagoya

15.05 - 15.20 : **Dr. Salah Hannachi**, Ambassador of Tunisia in Japan

Keynote speech

15.20 - 15.40 : **H.E. Dr. Lazhar Bououni**, Minister of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Technology

15.20 - 15.40 : **Dr. Mhamed Hassine Fantar**, Member of the Chamber of Councilors, Holder of the Ben Ali Chair for Dialogue among civilizations and religions
“Dialogue Among Cultures and Religions: What and How ?”

16.05 - 16.30 : **Dr. Susumu Shimazono**, former President of the Japanese Association for the History of Religions, University of Tokyo
“Peace and Harmony from Within: Buddhist Pacifism in Contemporary Japan”

16.30 - 16.45 : **Coffee break**

16.45 - 17.10 : **Dr. James Beckford**, former President of the International Society for the Sociology of Religion, University of Warwick
“Islam and European Experiences”

17.10 - 17.35 : **Dr. Mary McGee**, former Chair of the Committee on International Connections of the American Academy of Religion, University of Columbia
“Blinders, Blunders, and Boundaries: International Scholarship and American Approaches to the Academic Study of Religion”

17.35 - 18.05 : Commentators (6 mns each):

Mr. Joseph Roger Bismuth, Member of the Chamber of Councilors, Vice president of UTICA
Dr. Mohamed Haddad, Holder of the UNESCO Chair on comparative studies of religions, University of Manouba

Dr. Hatem Ben Othman, former Minister of Education and President of the Tunisian Organization of Education and Family

Dr. Lynn Hannachi, University of November 7 at Carthage

Mr. Mohamed Driss, Director of the Tunisian National Theatre

18.05 - 18.30 : Q&A

18.30 - 18.45 : Closing remarks :

Dr. Abdelaziz Chebil, General Director of the Center for Research and Study on Dialogue of Civilizations and Comparative Religions

19.30 : Welcome reception

May 31st (Thursday): Opening

June 1st (Friday) : Academic sessions

Reconsideration on Religious Pluralism and Inter-religious Dialogue in Light of Islam and the Middle Eastern Experiences

Session 2 : Islam and Religious Pluralism in Europe and Japan

Co-chairs :

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Dr. Paul Swanson, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture

09.30 - 10.00 : **Effie S. Fokas**, London School of Economics

“Islam within the Changing Religious Landscape of Europe”

10.00 - 10.10 : Comments by **Recep Boztemur**, Middle East Technical University

10.10 - 10.40 : **Nancy Venel**, University of Lyon 2

“Islam as Display ? The Social and Political Experience of Young People from North-African Immigration”

10.40 - 10.50 : Comments by **Desislava Pulieva**, Center for Religious Studies and Consultations

“St. Cyril and St. Methodious” Sofia

10.50 - 11.15 : **Coffee break**

11.15 - 11.45 : **Kenta Kasai**, University of Tokyo

“Identifying Muslim Groups in Japan: Towards developing a Mutual Understanding with the Japanese Folks”

11.45 - 11.55 : Comments by **Titus Hjelm**, University of Amsterdam

11.55 - 12.30 : Q&A

Session 3: The Study of Religion and Interreligious Dialogue in the Middle East

Co-chairs:

Dr. Jalloul Jribi, President of the Higher Islamic Council of Tunisia

Dr. James Heisig, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture

14.30 - 14.55 : **Hajer Ben Hadj Salem**, University of Sfax

“Religious Pluralism in Tunisia : A Founding Ideal”

14.55 - 15.05 : Comments by **J. Shawn Landres**, University of California, Los Angeles

15.05 - 15.30 : **Mabrouk Mansouri**, University of Sousse

“North African Approaches to the Science of Religion; Comparative Religion and Modernization Tendencies”

15.30 - 15.40 : Comments by **Holly Grether**, University of California, Santa Barbara

15.40 - 15.55 : **Coffee break**

15.55 - 16.20 : **Ziad Fahed**, Notre Dame University

“Lebanese Religious Pluralism and Inter-religious Dialogue: Chances and Challenges for the Third Millennium”

16.20 - 16.30 : Comments by **Akiko Sumi**, Kyoto Notre Dame University

16.30 - 17.00 : Q&A