

**2013 BI-ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS STUDIES
CONFERENCE**

**ORGANISED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES,
UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN**

THEME: RELIGION AND SECURITY ISSUES

**VENUE: CONFERENCE CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN, IBADAN, OYO STATE,
NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA.**

DATE: 14 - 17 APRIL 2013

CALL FOR PAPERS

Security is one of the most challenging issues in our world today. Security problem is such a global issue that there is virtually no country or continent that is left un-affected by the menace of terrorism and security challenges in general. While in principle, most religions in the world today preach and teach peaceful co-existence in one way or the other, in practice, religious personnel are found behind many of the hostilities, uprisings, attacks, and assaults in our societies. The question therefore is: if God truly is the Author of peace and the message of peace is claimed to be at the centre of every religion, why then are we constantly experiencing insecurity in our world in spite of daily proliferation of religious sects and activities? Can we say religion has done our world more good than harm in security matters or the vice-versa? What has been the role(s) of religion as a divine institution in ensuring security of lives and property in our societies?. How can religion mediate in restoring peace and stability to our world? These provoking questions and other related ones call for scholarly investigation/attention.

In view of the above, the Department of Religious Studies of the University of Ibadan (the Nigeria's premier university), as the mother of all departments devoted to the study of Religions in Nigeria, is proposing an international conference to seek contributions of academics and practitioners of religions from across the globe to this vital challenging theme. The theme can be approached from any discipline in the Humanities and Social Sciences, and other related ones. The aim of the conference is to make a critical appraisal of the roles of religion in security issues

and suggest practical ways religions can help in resolving security problems that affect our world.

Sub-Themes

- *Theoretical and Methodological issues in Religion and Security Issues
- * Religion and Global Security
- * Religion and Security Matters in Africa (An inter-religious Approach)
- * Religion and Security Issues in Nigeria (An inter-religious Approach)
- * Religion and Security Issues in Countries of the World Other than Africa (Case-Studies)
- * African Indigenous Religion and Security Matters
- * Christianity and Security Issues
- * Islam and Security Issues
- * Other World Religions and Security Matters
- *Biblical and Quranic Approaches to Security Issues
- * Religious Pluralism and Security Matters
- *Religious Language and Security Issues
- *Security Issues in Sacred Texts
- * Philosophical Perspectives of Religion and Security Matters
- *Sociological/Anthropological Consideration of Religion and Security Issues
- * Ethical Perspectives on Religion and Security Issues
- *Psychological Dimension to Religion and Security Issues
- * Phenomenological Consideration of Religion and Security Issues
- *Comparative Approach to Religion and Security Issues
- * Gender, Religion and Security Issues
- * Other Related topics

Proposals of not more than 150 words are hereby invited from interest individuals who wish to contribute to this vital theme from the list of the sub-themes above and other related ones. Contributors are to forward their proposal through email to the Conference Chair, Rev. Dr. Samson A. Fatokun (Samsonfatokun@yahoo.com); Dr. Helen Labeodan (kunbial@yahoo.com) latest by December 15, 2012. Acceptance notification will be communicated latest by January 15, 2013, while full papers are to be turned in latest by Feb..15, 2013.

Conference registration fee is N8, 000 (Postgraduate Students N6,000) and \$100 for international participants (Postgraduate Students \$60), payable to Conference Account No. 2030011963, First Bank Nigeria PLC, University of Ibadan, First gate Branch, and write immediately to the conference organisers for confirmation of payment. .

Accommodations and Feeding are available at affordable rates at the University Conference Centre, and other serene environments near the campus such as Institute of Church and Society, Pastoral Institute, and Teachers' Institute.

International participants who need a letter of invitation for visa processing should write to the conference chair on time to facilitate this. Similarly, bookings for accommodation can be made in advance through the conference organisers.

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