



**The Centre for the Study of Religion, Conflict and Cooperation  
(CSRCC)**

## **International Conference**

**The Power of Religion: Towards Peace and  
Moderation or Violence and Extremism?**

**28-30 June 2011**

**The Faculty of Law, Governance  
& International Relations,  
London Metropolitan University  
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## Conference Summary & Aims

Recently, especially since September 11, 2001, crucial questions have been posed concerning the ability and commitment of religious leaders and religious communities to help prevent and delegitimise violence and develop cooperation and peace. Religious leaders, organisations and communities should, it is widely agreed, seek to develop improved capability and capacity to build peace and cooperation. How successful are they? Religion-based/linked conflicts appear to be growing. Why? What can religious leaders, organisations and communities do to improve things?

The key aim of this international conference is to find out how best to encourage inter-religious peace and cooperation.

Speakers, including **Haleh Afshar**, **Marc Gopin**, **Tariq Ramadan** and **Amin Saikal**, will focus on how religious leaders, organisations and communities can challenge violent extremist religious ideologies and practically support pro-peace voices and activities.

Religious values associated with peace/cooperation and violent extremism are mutually exclusive: if one gets stronger the other grows weaker. Violent extremist religious norms and values will ultimately be negated by concentrating efforts on building peace and cooperation through improved dialogue and understanding. The goal of the conference is to present recommendations to religious entities and governments to derail religious extremism and stimulate peace and cooperation.

**The Power of Religion: Towards Peace and Moderation or Violence and Extremism?** brings together scholars, activists, religious thinkers, policy makers and journalists to focus on practical steps to improve inter-religious cooperation and to derail religious extremism and violence.

Conference Fee:	£250
Early Bird Rate:	£195 (available until 31.03.11)
PG Student Rate:	£195
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