2021 Religion and Foreign Policy Workshop

The annual CFR Religion and Foreign Policy Workshop brings together religious leaders, scholars, and representatives of faith-based organizations from across the country to discuss pressing international issues.

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Via Zoom
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Tuesday, May 18, 2021

1:00 to 2:15 p.m.  A Conversation With Richard N. Haass
Richard N. Haass, President, Council on Foreign Relations
Krista Tippett, Host, On Being Podcast, Moderating

2:15 to 2:45 p.m.  Break

2:45 to 4:00 p.m.  Responding to the Rise of Global Migration
Nazanin Ash, Vice President for Public Policy and Advocacy, International Rescue Committee
Elizabeth G. Ferris, Research Professor, Institute for the Study of International Migration, Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University
Krish O’Mara Vignarajah, President and Chief Executive Officer, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service
Niraj Warikoo, Immigration and Religion Reporter, Detroit Free Press, Moderating

4:00 to 4:15 p.m.  Break

4:15 to 5:15 p.m.  Meet and Greet

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Wednesday, May 19, 2021

11:00 to 11:45 a.m.  A Conversation With Cardinal Dolan
Timothy M. Dolan, Cardinal-Archbishop, Archdiocese of New York
Jack Jenkins, National Reporter, Religion News Service, Moderating

11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Break

12:00 to 1:00 p.m. The Religion Community's Role in Managing COVID-19
Jacqueline J. Lewis, Senior Minister for Public Theology and Transformation, Middle Collegiate Church
Melissa Rogers, Executive Director, Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, White House
Walter Kim, President, National Association of Evangelicals, Moderating

1:00 to 1:30 p.m. Break

1:30 to 2:45 p.m. Concurrent Discussion Groups on Political and Faith-Based Polarization: Bridging the Divide
Rafael Capó, Vice President for Mission and Dean of Theology, St. Thomas School of Theology and Ministry
Jocelyne Cesari, Professor of Religion and Politics, Department of Theology and Religion, University of Birmingham
Mohamed Elsanousi, Executive Director, Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers
Mark E. Fowler, Chief Executive Officer, Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding
C. Welton Gaddy, President Emeritus and Senior Advisor, Interfaith Alliance
Antonios Kireopoulos, Associate General Secretary, National Council of Churches USA
Darius Makuja, Associate Professor, Religious Studies Department, Le Moyne College
Peter Mandaville, Professor of Government and Politics, Schar School of Policy and Government, George Mason University
Katherine Marshall, Professor of the Practice of Development, Conflict, and Religion, School of Foreign Service, and Senior Fellow, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University
Ruth Messinger, Global Ambassador, American Jewish World Service
Chris Seiple, Principal Advisor, Templeton Religion Trust

2:45 to 3:00 p.m. Break

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3:00 to 4:15 p.m.  

**Religious Nationalism Around the World**

Sylvester Johnson, Professor and Founding Director, Center for Humanities, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
Mark Juergensmeyer, Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Global Studies and Affiliate Professor of Religious Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Azza Karam, Secretary-General, Religions for Peace International  
Simran Jeet Singh, Senior Advisor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, YSC Consulting,  
Moderating

4:15 p.m.  

**Closing Blessing**

Jesse L. Jackson, Founder and President, Rainbow PUSH Coalition, Inc.