

The Place of Religion in the Pursuit of Social Progress

Hosts and Organisers:

Friends of Europe

International Panel on Social Progress (IPSP)

Bahá'í International Community (BIC) - Brussels Office

Faith Centre of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

2 pm - 2.10 pm

Welcome, introductory Remarks and Presentation of the Theme and IPSP

- Chair: *Dharmendra Kanani*, Director of Insights at Friends of Europe
 - Welcome and Introductory Remarks
by Dharmendra Kanani (2-3 min)
 - Introduction to the Theme by Rachel Bayani, Bahá'í International Community (BIC), Brussels Office (2-3 min)
 - Introduction to IPSP
by Prof. Grace Davie and Prof. Nancy Ammerman (5 min)
 - Video Clip from the IPSP Documentary (1:50 min)

2.10 pm - 2.40 pm Plenary and Participatory session

What is Social Progress and what is the Place of Religion in this?

- Chair: *Dharmendra Kanani*, Friends of Europe, Director of Insights
 - Impulse Contribution
by Grace Davie, University of Exeter and *Nancy Ammerman*, Boston University
 - Participatory Discussion
 - Summary
by Ben Schewel, Duke University, Center on Modernity in Transition

2.40 pm - 3.00 pm

Ebola, Covid and the role of religious actors

- Chair: *Dharmendra Kanani*, Friends of Europe, Director of Insights
 - Impulse Contribution
by Nancy Ammerman (7 min)
 - Participatory Discussion

3:00 pm - 3.20 pm

Development and the role of religious actors

- Chair: *Dharmendra Kanani, Friends of Europe, Director of Insights*
 - Impulse Contribution
by *Samia Huq*, BRAC University, Dhaka (7 min)
 - Participatory Discussion

3:20 pm - 3.40 pm

Interfaith Initiatives going beyond peaceful co-existence

- Chair: *Dharmendra Kanani, Friends of Europe, Director of Insights*
 - Impulse Contribution
by *James Walters*, Director of LSE Faith Centre (7 min)
 - Participatory Discussion

3.40 pm - 4:00 pm

Closing Session: The Way forward

- Chair: *Dharmendra Kanani, Friends of Europe, Director of Insights*
- *Participatory discussion*
 - Concluding Remarks
by *Rachel Bayani*, Bahá'í International Community (BIC), Brussels Office