

THE INITIATIVE IN RELIGION, CONFLICT, & PEACEBUILDING



THE INITIATIVE IN RELIGION, CONFLICT, & PEACEBUILDING
announces its inaugural lecture series:

Humanity at the Crossroads

Wednesday, March 21, 2007, 5:00–7:00 p.m.
**“Recent Experiments in ‘Track One and a Half’
Interfaith Diplomacy in the Middle East: Lessons
for Foreign Policy and Conflict Prevention”**
White Hall 111
Emory University



The next lecture is by **MARC GOPIN**, the James H. Laue Professor at George Mason University’s Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution, and the director of its Center on World Religions, Diplomacy, and Conflict Resolution. Gopin has lectured around the world and trained

thousands of people in peacemaking strategies for complex conflicts in which religion or culture play a role. His research on values dilemmas as they apply to international problems of globalization, clash of cultures, development, social justice, and conflict has resulted in the volumes *Between Eden and Armageddon: The Future of World Religions, Violence, and Peacemaking* and *Holy War, Holy Peace*. His most recent book is *Healing the Heart of Conflict*. Gopin was ordained as a rabbi at Yeshiva University in 1983 and received a PhD in religious ethics from Brandeis University in 1993.

Gopin’s lecture will draw upon experience in back-channel diplomacy with religious, political, and military figures on both sides of conflicts, especially in the Middle East.



Upcoming speakers in the series:

Wednesday, April 11, 2007, 12:00–2:00 p.m.
DAVID O. JENKINS, director of Faith and the City Program; lecturer in Church and Community; codirector of Contextual Education, Emory University

Jenkins is a specialist in faith-based community development and organizing, community-based experiential learning, and community violence reduction and peacebuilding.

Previous speakers in the series:

EDWARD L. QUEEN, Director, Ethics and Servant Leadership Program, Center for Ethics, Emory University

CYNTHIA MAHMOOD, senior fellow, Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies; associate professor of anthropology, University of Notre Dame

MOHAMMED ABU-NIMER, School of International Service; director of the Salam Institute for Peace and Justice; director of the Peacebuilding and Development Institute, American University

JOHN PAUL LEDERACH, Professor of International Peacebuilding at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame

These events are free and open to the public.

Religion, Conflict, & Peacebuilding is a key component of Emory’s university-wide strategic plan in the theme “Understanding Religions and the Human Spirit.”

More information about the initiative and the speaker series appear at www.gdr.emory.edu/ircp.htm. Contact Dr. Tom Flores for more information at 404.727.7394 or tvflore@emory.edu.



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