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A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

As we reflect on the past year's events, we see significant shifts in the Middle East and around the globe. Unfortunately, the past year posed many challenges for non-governmental work in much needed areas including our work for peace and justice and for the voices of the marginalized to be heard. At the same time, we saw a glimpse of hope in the cease fire in Lebanon and Gaza and the fall of the Syrian regime.

The new year is a time for reflection and renewed commitment to making the world a better place, particularly for those who have endured hardship. I remain hopeful that the year ahead will bring not only greater security and safety to all but also justice for all those who seek freedom.

At Salam Institute for Peace and Justice, we continue to advance our mission of fostering understanding and cooperation, both locally and globally. We continue our work to promote justice, pluralism, and inclusion in all communities that we work with. Through our training programs and research, we remain committed to bridging divides and building stronger, more resilient societies. As we move forward, we remain dedicated to empowering individuals and communities to build a future based on respect, collaboration, and shared values.

I wish you all a year filled with hope, security, and opportunities for positive change.

PROF. MOHAMMED ABU-NIMER

PRESIDENT OF SALAM INSTITUTE

NURTURING THE FUTURE: ADVANCING FORGIVENESS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

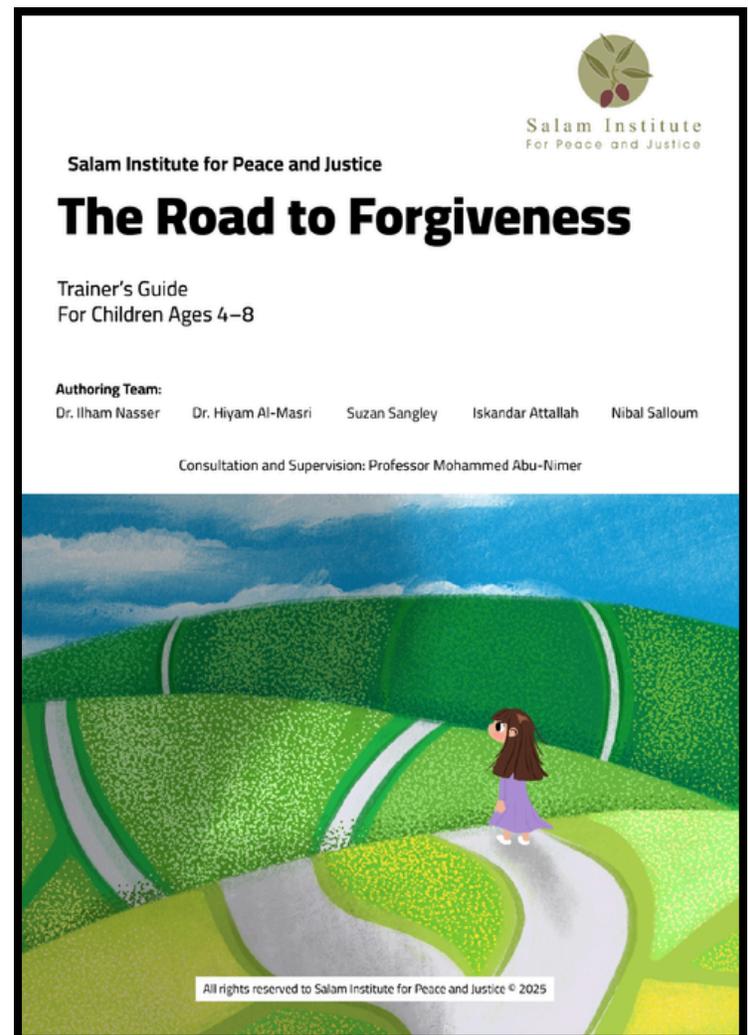
In 2025, Salam Institute marked a major milestone in its long-standing commitment to promoting forgiveness education, empathy, and emotional intelligence among young learners. With generous support from the Templeton Foundation, Salam advanced two significant guides on forgiveness education, culminating in the development and launching of two innovative and validated guides titled *Pathways to Forgiveness*—one tailored for children ages 4–8 and another for adolescents ages 12–16.

As part of the design of these guides, Salam convened two expert workshops in Amman, Jordan. Led by Prof. Mohammed Abu-Nimer and Dr. Ilham Nasser, the workshops brought together psychologists, educators, and curriculum specialists with extensive experience in early learning and youth development across the region. Participants reviewed and validated the new forgiveness guides, ensuring they are culturally grounded, pedagogically rigorous, and responsive to the practical challenges educators face in classrooms.

The guides introduce sensitive concepts through forgiveness stories, hands-on activities, and simple, and friendly language. Educators receive concrete strategies to help children and youth navigate emotions, strengthen empathy, manage conflicts, and cultivate peaceful relationships. Based on the experts' reviews and suggestions, the guides were revised to make sure that the guides are age appropriate, and culturally relevant. As one participant reflected, the group was “shaping a tool that will leave a lasting impact on children’s lives.”

These new resources build on Salam Institute’s long-standing research and training in forgiveness education, an initiative that has pioneered social forgiveness education in the Arab world since 2011. Originally implemented in Jordan and Lebanon between 2011–2015, the guides draw on real stories of social

forgiveness from across the region, presenting culturally rich narratives that foster empathy, reflection, and nonviolent communication. (1)

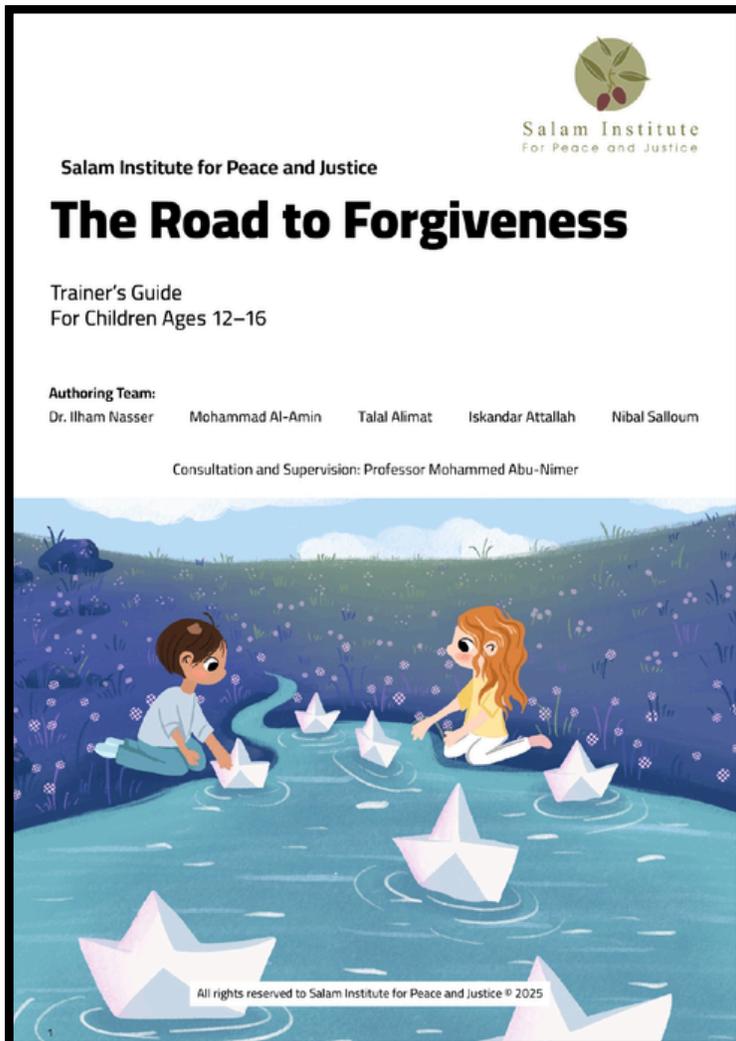


1 Salam Institute extends sincere appreciation to the contributors whose expertise shaped the development of these guides: Dr. Hiyam Al-Masri, Suzan Stangley, Iskandar Atallah, Nibal Salloum, Mohammed El Amine, and Talal Alimat. For further information, please contact: ilham@salaminstitute.org or nibal@salaminstitute.org

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With the development phase completed, Salam is preparing to launch the first training program on the new manuals in Tunisia in February of 2026. The training will focus on more than 20 educators, each of whom will pilot the manual with at least 30 students—bringing the total number of student beneficiaries to more than 500. Salam will also provide follow-up and support sessions to help educators overcome any challenges during implementation.

Looking ahead to 2026, Salam aims to secure funding to expand the application of the manuals in Tunisia, introduce the program in additional Arab countries, and adapt the resources for diaspora communities with large Arab populations. Given the availability of the guides in both Arabic and English, the initiative is well positioned for global outreach. Salam is actively building partnerships with interested stakeholders to broaden the program's impact and support long-term sustainability.



REACH: A RESEARCH STUDY ON INTER-PERSONAL FORGIVENESS SKILLS FOR ADULTS

In 2024–2025, the Salam Institute advanced a landmark, multi-country research initiative to strengthen the research agenda on social forgiveness, especially across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Central to this effort is the introduction, cultural adaptation, and evaluation of the REACH Forgiveness Workbook—a self-paced guide that is a globally recognized and evidence-based model of forgiveness developed by Dr. E. Worthington. The REACH workbook guides individuals through five structured steps that support the transition from resentment toward authentic forgiveness. While widely implemented internationally, this approach had not previously been introduced in the Arab region, despite the need for practical tools that foster healing, reconciliation, and emotional resilience in societies affected by conflict and prolonged trauma.

To address this gap, Salam Institute launched a large-scale research study titled “The Pathways to Forgiveness”, examining the relevance, cultural appropriateness, and effectiveness of the REACH model among adults in Egypt, Tunisia, and Iraq, three contexts shaped by political transitions, community tensions, and legacies of violence. The study is among the most comprehensive social forgiveness initiatives undertaken in the region, engaging more than 1,000 participants in each country across diverse educational settings.



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Designed as a self-guided, low-cost, and accessible intervention, the REACH workbook enables participants to independently develop forgiveness, reconciliation, and emotional regulation skills. By adapting the model to local cultural and social realities and assessing its impact, the study aims to equip adults with practical tools for conflict resolution, psychosocial well-being, and constructive social engagement, particularly in environments where such resources remain limited.

The study is led by Dr. Ilham Nasser and implemented through a network of distinguished regional scholars and practitioners. Collectively, these efforts position the REACH study as a pioneering regional platform for advancing forgiveness education. By strengthening compassion, resilience, and social trust, the initiative contributes to long-term peacebuilding and lays the foundation for integrating evidence-based forgiveness practices into educational and community systems across the Arab world.



THE REGIONAL NETWORK FOR FORGIVENESS AND RECONCILIATION IN THE ARAB WORLD

A network of 36 members from 11 Arab countries, the Regional Network for Forgiveness and Reconciliation demonstrated strong and sustained engagement in 2025, especially through more than 30 network meetings, committee sessions, and regional collaboration activities addressing Sudan, Gaza, Syria, and hate speech across six Arab countries. These efforts brought together over 400 participants, including network members, civil society leaders, experts, and activists, fostering coordinated dialogue, knowledge exchange, and collective action. The Network advanced joint analysis, developed policy-oriented recommendations, expanded its membership, and amplified its impact through media coverage, awareness videos, and regional advocacy initiatives—contributing meaningfully to peacebuilding, social cohesion, and countering hate speech in the region.

Regional and International Collaborations

The Network strengthened its regional and international collaborations through a broad series of joint meetings, thematic dialogue sessions, and policy-oriented working groups spanning more than six Arab countries. In partnership with regional experts, civil society organizations, faith leaders, and international allies, the Network convened over 20 collaborative activities focused on hate speech, forgiveness, reconciliation, supporting women efforts in forgiveness in the region, and peacebuilding. These engagements reached more than 280 participants, including practitioners, researchers, activists, and decision-shapers. The collaborations supported membership expansion, knowledge exchange, and cross-country learning. Collectively, they enhanced the Network's visibility, credibility, and impact at both regional and international levels.

Lectures and Dialogue Sessions

The network organized a series of lectures and dialogue sessions focused on reconciliation and forgiveness.

The network held special expert sessions on religious pluralism and the role of women, a focused dialogue on religious pluralism, several sessions on the situation in Gaza, Yemen, Syria and Sudan discussed the efforts and support can be provided by the network experts to the peace activists and organizations in these countries, and a dedicated session on women's participation in reconciliation aligned with UN Resolution 1325. Additionally, participants explored reconciliation experiences across the Arab world, engaged in a film discussion of "Unexpected Peace", and took part in activities for the International Day of Peace. These initiatives collectively foster knowledge sharing, critical reflection, and practical strategies for advancing gender-inclusive reconciliation and peacebuilding.



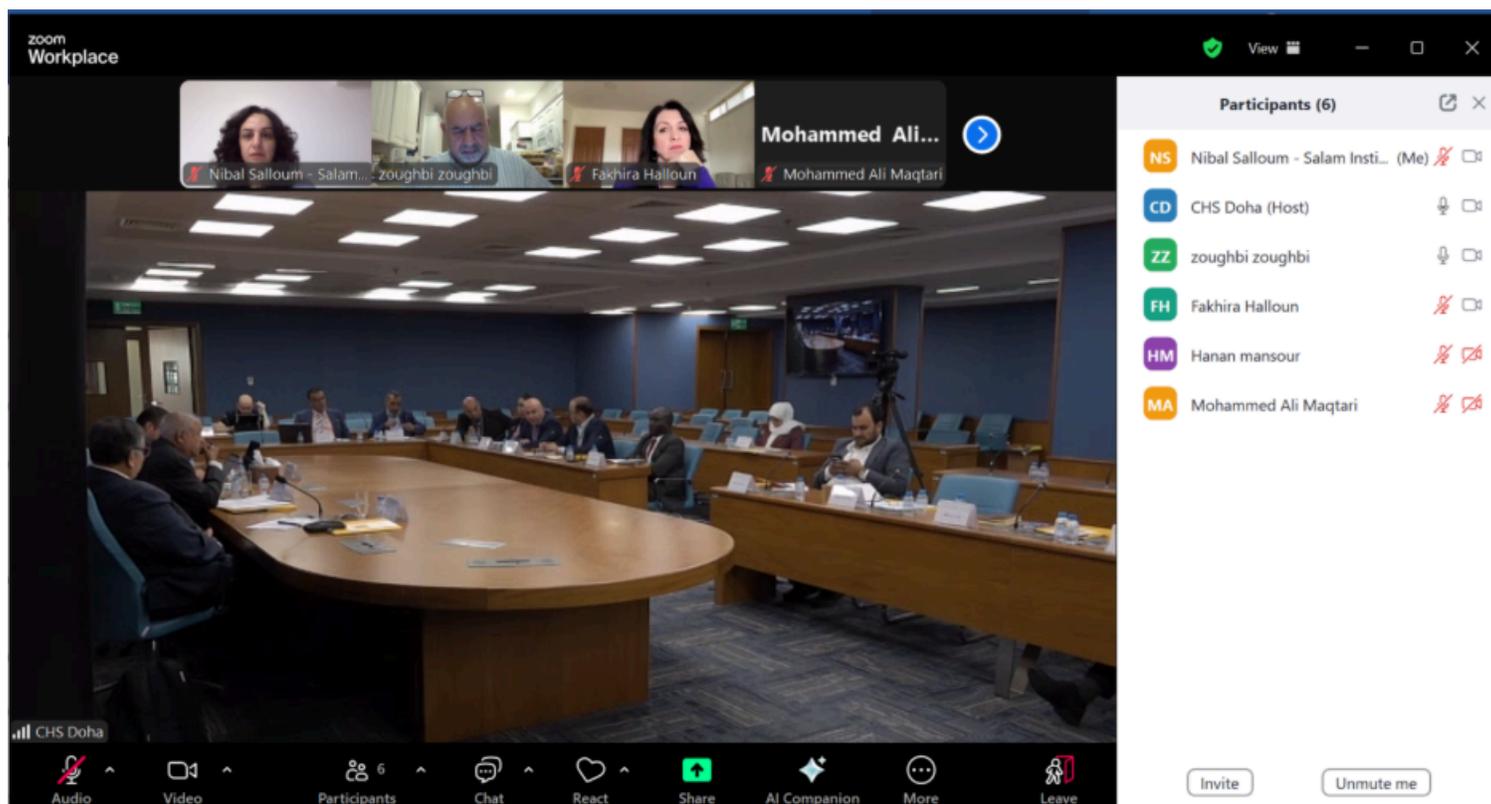
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Countering Hate Speech

Five local sessions were held in Libya, Yemen, Syria, Iraq, and Palestine to analyze the roots and contexts of hate speech in national settings. Six regional sessions were also organized to develop joint recommendations, identify priority areas of intervention, and produce a regional policy paper. This process resulted in building a collective vision and an advocacy plan aimed at strengthening legislation, enabling responsible education and media, and enhancing social cohesion to confront hate speech.

- Local sessions: Five sessions in Syria, Iraq, Palestine, Yemen, and Libya to analyze the roots and causes of the spread of hate speech.
- Regional sessions: Six regional sessions to analyze local causes, develop joint recommendations, identify areas of intervention, and formulate a policy paper and an advocacy/promotion plan.
- Social media awareness campaign: a regional social media campaign under Voices for Harmony (2), in partnership with ACT for Conflict Resolution and the Regional Network for Reconciliation and Forgiveness, with support from KAICIID. Five short videos amplified influential voices from across the Arab world to counter religious hate speech and promote coexistence. Featuring faith leaders and experts, the campaign challenged distorted religious narratives and called for coordinated civic action, responsible interpretation, and collective engagement to strengthen social cohesion and inclusive peace.



(2) Video (1): <https://www.facebook.com/share/r/17kA11CHqo/>

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- Policy paper: Across the five countries, the policy paper identifies recurring structural challenges, including legislative gaps on hate speech, weak education systems, fragmented and politicized media, instrumentalized religion, constrained civil society, and limited security and judicial capacity. In response, it advances a regional vision grounded in human rights, pluralism, and equality, supported by a comprehensive, multi-dimensional strategy. The framework proposes six interlinked pillars covering legal reform, educational transformation, media responsibility, religious and cultural leadership, community empowerment, and strengthened security and judicial systems. It outlines phased implementation over one to six years, with priorities such as passing hate-speech legislation, reforming curricula, training key actors, and establishing regional monitoring mechanisms. The strategy emphasizes coordinated action among governments, civil society, and regional networks. Ultimately, it frames countering hate speech as a legal, political, and security imperative essential to building stable, inclusive, and resilient societies.



SALAM'S COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES IN 2025

Advancing Inclusive Governance: Addressing Religious Diversity in the Arab Region

Effectively managing religious diversity has become an urgent priority across Arab societies, shaped by the forces of globalization, migration, and ongoing political crises. Recent regional uprisings – many led by marginalized youth – have revealed deep frustrations with exclusionary systems of governance that weaponize religious and ethnic identities for political gain. For decades, authoritarian leaders have reinforced divisions through nationalist rhetoric and conspiracy narratives, weakening social cohesion, and sidelining minorities seeking dignity and equal rights. These issues were at the forefront of a workshop hosted by the KAICIID Dialogue Centre on April 28 in Amman, Jordan. During the event, Dr. Mohammed Abu-Nimer delivered a thought-provoking presentation to a diverse audience of civil society actors, academics, faith-based leaders, and community practitioners. His remarks emphasized the urgent need for comprehensive, inclusive approaches to religious diversity across the region. Professor Abu-Nimer underscored that lasting stability requires transformative institutional reform – not symbolic gestures. He highlighted key pillars for constructive diversity management, including:

- Inclusive education systems that reflect and respect multiple identities
- Equal citizenship rights that transcend sectarian or ethnic affiliation
- Accessible, shared public spaces that encourage interaction and belonging
- Guaranteed religious freedoms rooted in justice and human dignity

Professor Abu-Nimer urged governments, religious institutions, educators, and civil society to collaborate in building inclusive frameworks that protect minority rights, amplify marginalized voices, and cultivate mutual respect. The message was clear: constructive diversity management is not a luxury – it is essential for achieving lasting peace, justice, and dignity across the Arab region.



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Interfaith Solidarity, Ethics, and Religion in a Time of Genocide

During the ongoing genocide in Gaza, Salam Institute convened a critical interfaith panel featuring Rabbi Brant Rosen, Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, and Dr. Mohammed Abu-Nimer to explore the moral, ethical, and spiritual responsibilities of religious communities during mass atrocity. The conversation provided a rare space for honest reflection on the profound power imbalance driving violence, emphasizing the need to confront structures that sustain oppression and silence.

Across traditions, panelists underscored that faith cannot be separated from justice. They highlighted how inter-religious solidarity—rooted in shared ethics, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to human dignity—becomes a lifeline for communities enduring unimaginable loss. Together, they affirmed that even amid devastation, hope is sustained through collective action, moral clarity, and the courage of individuals who refuse to accept dehumanization as inevitable.

This dialogue not only affirmed the ethical imperative to speak against genocide but also uplifted the role of interfaith partnerships in advancing peace, accountability, and a more humane future for Gaza and the region.



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Kofi Annan Faith Briefing, 2025

The Salam Institute for Peace and Justice proudly supported the 2025 Kofi Annan Faith Briefing, held on 15 July 2025 under the theme “Advancing the 2030 Agenda through Meaningful Engagement of Faith Actors.” In alignment with #UNHLPF2025, the event underscored the essential contribution of religious leaders and faith-based institutions to achieving inclusive and evidence-driven development.

Representing Salam, Dr. Mohammed Abu-Nimer addressed critical challenges facing global peace efforts, including declining trust in UN systems, the rise of hate speech, and the urgent need for equitable and inclusive structures. He also presented new research on the responses of multi-religious institutions to the ongoing genocide in Gaza, highlighting the ethical tensions surrounding neutrality during mass atrocity.

Through this platform, Salam contributed to a global call for principled leadership, moral clarity, and deeper faith-sector engagement in the pursuit of justice, peace, and the 2030 Agenda



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Global Mobilization for the International Day of Peace: Standing Up for Children in War

In 2025, Salam Institute joined more than 130 global organizations in an unprecedented two-week mobilization leading up to the International Day of Peace, calling the world to Stand Up for Children in War. As armed conflicts escalate across multiple regions, this campaign sought to reclaim a moral truth: every war is a war against children. Through global messages, interfaith appeals, youth voices, and coordinated advocacy, the initiative highlighted the urgent need to protect the lives, dignity, and futures of the world's most vulnerable.

The Stand Up for Children in War campaign—launched in September 2025 by Arigatou International and more than 30 global partners, including the Salam Institute for Peace and Justice—aimed to mobilize faith-based and civil society organizations to confront the escalating harm faced by children in armed conflict. Through a joint statement endorsed by UN agencies, religious leaders, and international NGOs, the campaign called for immediate ceasefires, the protection of schools and hospitals, accountability for grave violations, and the establishment of safe zones that elevate children's voices. Campaign activities included high-level meetings in Geneva, global interfaith dialogues, and digital outreach that engaged thousands across continents. As an official partner, Salam Institute contributed its expertise in dialogue, nonviolent action, and community engagement, strengthening the interfaith and peacebuilding pillars of the campaign. The initiative underscores a profound global commitment: safeguarding children is not only a legal obligation, but a shared moral responsibility rooted in diverse faith traditions.

Link to report:

The campaign began with a heartfelt invitation for people of all faiths and goodwill to rise together. As millions of children face violence, displacement, exploitation, and the loss of family and home, Salam and its partners urged a collective pause—an opportunity to reflect, grieve, and recommit to protecting children wherever conflict rages. Across social media, supporters echoed a core message: children know what safety means in their communities; their voices must guide us.

A chorus of international leaders amplified this call. For example, Prof. Michel Veuthey reminded the world that protecting children is not optional – it is a moral and spiritual imperative. Seventeen-year-old Kudzai from South Africa spoke to a painful truth: war is a choice made by adults, but its consequences fall mercilessly on children. Former CRC Chair Dr. Mikiko Otani called for global accountability, emphasizing that peace is foundational to a child's right to survive and thrive. Bishop Severino Clasen demanded immediate humanitarian action, insisting no child should ever be dismissed as “collateral damage.”

Leading faith voices joined as well. Mr. Kul Gautam urged five concrete actions – from embracing a culture of peace to protecting schools and places of worship, reducing military expenditures, defending civilians, and honoring the sacred duty shared across faith traditions to protect all children. Rev. Jerry Pillay of the World Council of Churches spoke of the 473 million children living in conflict zones, reminding the world that behind every number is a life, a name, a story.

Salam's Senior Researcher and Education Director, Dr. Ilham Nasser, shared a sobering reality: every hour, an entire classroom of children is killed or injured in Gaza alone. Her message connected Gaza's devastation to parallel crises in Myanmar, Ukraine, Haiti, Sudan, and other conflict regions—urging the global community to confront the human-made nature of these atrocities. She emphasized the need for accountability, justice, and long-term commitments to peacebuilding.

Educators, parents, and caregivers were called into action too. Schools were invited to become sanctuaries of empathy and dialogue, where children learn peace, dignity, and solidarity. Arigatou International offers activity kits helping families nurture compassion at home. Faith leaders received guidance to shape prayers, ceremonies, and messages that amplify children's suffering and resilience.

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On 24 September, the campaign culminated in a Global Online Gathering bringing together children's testimonies from conflict zones, interfaith reflections, and global commitments to protect children in war. It served as a symbolic moment of unity – a collective declaration that the world must choose conscience over complacency. From Palestine to the Democratic Republic of Congo, from Myanmar to Ukraine, from Sudan to Haiti, the campaign affirmed a universal truth: children are not passive victims – they are bearers of hope whose rights must be defended with urgency and conviction. Through this global mobilization, Salam Institute reinforced its commitment to peace, justice, and the protection of every child's right to grow, learn, and dream in safety



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Dr. Ilham Nasser stands up for children in war



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Rev. Keishi Miyamoto - Stand Up for Children in War!



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STAND UP! FOR CHILDREN IN WAR

Mobilizing Communities for Consciousness, Hope, and Ethical Responses

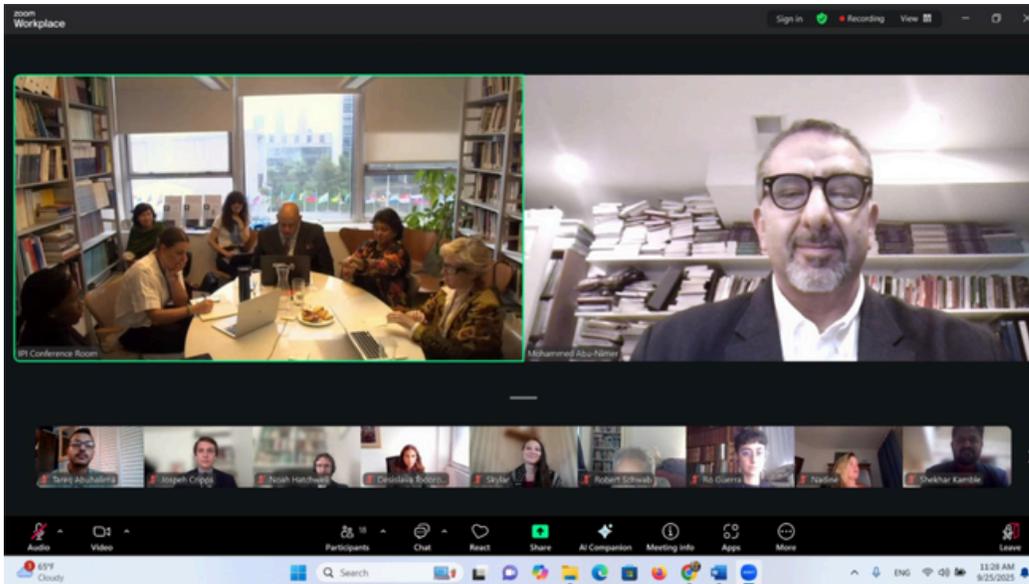


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Leadership and Courage in International Affairs: A Global Conversation on Inclusive Peacebuilding

On September 25, the Internationale for Peace (I4P), in partnership with the ITUMÒ Institute and brunoforsg.com, convened a significant hybrid dialogue titled “Leadership & Courage in International Affairs: An ‘Unassuming’ & Informal Conversation.” Held at the International Peace Institute (IPI) in New York and streamed online, the event gathered global leaders, scholars, and practitioners committed to reimagining the future of international cooperation. The conversation featured contributions from Prof. Mohammed Abu-Nimer, Desislava Todorova, Noah Hatchwell, and Shahanur Islam, whose diverse perspectives enriched the dialogue. Keynote remarks were delivered by H.E. Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, former President of Mauritius, followed by thoughtful reflections from Dr. Moudjib Djinadou of the ITUMÒ Institute. Together, they examined the moral and practical challenges facing today’s multilateral institutions. Central to the discussion were questions of inclusivity, accountability, and the urgent need to decolonize humanitarianism. Speakers emphasized that communities most affected by conflict, displacement, and global crises must no longer be positioned at the margins of decision-making. Instead, they should be active architects of policies that shape their futures.

By amplifying these voices and fostering cross-regional engagement, the event underscored a shared commitment to building a more just, responsive, and equitable international system.



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Strategic Reflections on a Changing Region: Seminar on Middle East International Politics

On October 13, 2025, the Center for Strategic Studies at the University of Jordan convened a high-level seminar titled “Perspectives on the Current Developments in the International Politics of the Middle East.” The event brought together leading scholars, policymakers, and students for an in-depth dialogue on the region’s rapidly shifting geopolitical landscape.

Professor Mohammed Abu-Nimer, Founder of the Salam Institute and faculty member at American University, delivered a compelling presentation on “Peacebuilding and Resistance in Times of Genocide.” He underscored the moral, ethical, and practical responsibilities of peace practitioners as violence continues to escalate across several parts of the region, highlighting the urgent need for principled engagement and community-centered resilience.

Prof. Vali Nasr, the Majid Khadduri Professor at Johns Hopkins–SAIS, provided critical insights in his talk, “The United States and the Emerging Middle East Dis-Order,” examining global power realignments and the implications of U.S. policy in an increasingly multipolar world. Meanwhile, Prof. Joseph Bahout, Director of the Issam Fares Institute at the American University of Beirut, presented “2025–26 for Lebanon and Syria: Transition Toward the Unknown,” offering a sobering look at the political trajectories and deep uncertainties facing the two nations.

The seminar, moderated by Prof. Hasan AlMomani, fostered a vibrant discussion among academics, diplomats, analysts, and students, all reflecting on the emerging regional order and the complex interplay of conflict, diplomacy, and transformation shaping the Middle East today.



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The 2025 Said Symposium: Exploring Power, Resistance, and Justice in the Middle East

The 2025 Said Symposium convened a compelling two-day gathering that brought together leading scholars, journalists, peacebuilders, and human-rights advocates to examine some of the most urgent political, social, and ethical questions facing the Middle East today. Under the theme of Transitions, Power, Resistance, Peacebuilding, and Justice, the symposium created a timely space for critical reflection on the region's evolving dynamics.

Featuring distinguished voices such as Prof. Mohammed Abu-Nimer, the Said Chair of Peace and Conflict at the American University and the Salam Institute for Peace and Justice, Hassan Hassan, Dr. Najib George Awad, Mai El-Sadany, Sussan Tahmasebi, Dr. Tamara Kharroub, and journalist Ayman Mohyeldin, the sessions explored Syria's post-Assad future, the rise of militarism and authoritarian governance, the weaponization of media and public perception, and the ongoing struggle for dignity and justice amidst mass atrocities.

Keynote speakers Yassin al-Haj Saleh and Dr. Sari Hanafi brought profound insight into the structural violence shaping the region, highlighting the complex intersections between political transitions, forced displacement, and long-term pathways toward peace and accountability.

Throughout the symposium, participants emphasized the importance of centering local voices, advancing inclusive peacebuilding, and resisting narratives that normalize repression and suffering. The event underscored a central conviction: building a just future in the Middle East requires not only political change, but also collective courage, historical memory, and a sustained commitment to truth, human rights, and liberation.



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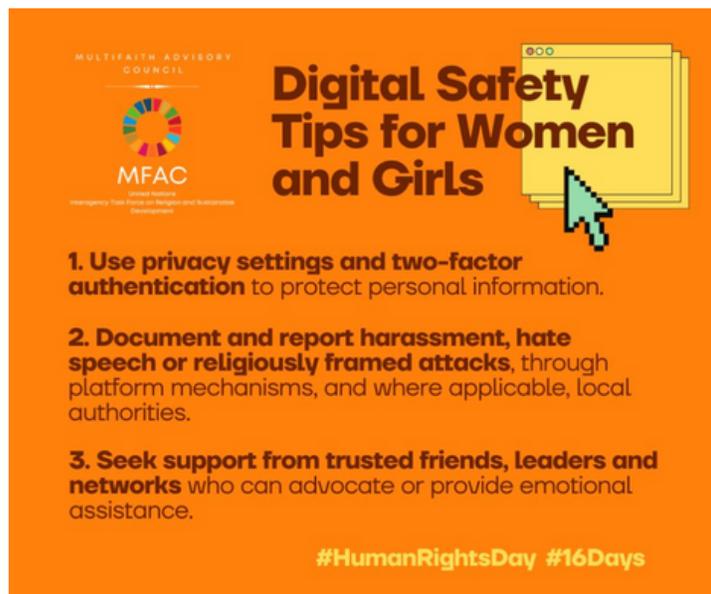
Faith, Human Rights, and Digital Safety: Addressing Online Gender-Based Violence Against Women and Girls

In an era where digital platforms shape public discourse, religion is increasingly weaponized online to silence, shame, or exclude women and girls. Misinterpretation and manipulation of sacred texts are being used to justify harassment, moral policing, and discriminatory behavior—forms of digital violence that undermine women's freedom of expression, dignity, and participation in both civic and faith communities. As part of the 2025 MFAC 16 Days of Activism, Salam Institute stands with global partners to raise awareness and confront this growing threat.

The campaign highlights a crucial truth: respect for women and girls is rooted in the sacred teachings of every major religious tradition. Their inherent dignity is divinely affirmed, cannot be taken away, and must be upheld in all spaces—including online. Through the MFAC Guidelines on Anti-Harassment, partners reiterate a #ZeroTolerance approach toward all forms of sexual harassment and digital discrimination, calling on faith institutions, civil society organizations, and individuals to actively counter harmful narratives and create safer digital environments.

On Human Rights Day, the campaign reinforced that human rights are sacred and that faith demands dignity, safety, and justice for all. Practical guidance was shared to help women and girls protect themselves from digital violence while encouraging communities to recognize online abuse as both a human-rights violation and a moral transgression.

Supported by a broad coalition—including ACT Alliance, KAICIID, UNESCO, the World YWCA, World Vision International, UN Women, and the UN Office on Violence Against Children—the initiative amplifies a unified message: ending online violence against women and girls is a shared faith-driven and human-rights imperative. Through collective action, education, and accountability, the campaign advances a safer, more equitable digital future where all voices—especially those of women and girls—can speak freely and without fear.



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Digital Safety Tips for Women and Girls

- 1. Use privacy settings and two-factor authentication** to protect personal information.
- 2. Document and report harassment, hate speech or religiously framed attacks**, through platform mechanisms, and where applicable, local authorities.
- 3. Seek support from trusted friends, leaders and networks** who can advocate or provide emotional assistance.

#HumanRightsDay #16Days



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Digital violence linked to religion can take many forms:

Harassment and abuse using religious language to shame, threaten, or discredit women who speak out publicly or challenge patriarchal norms.

Doxxing and public humiliation, where women's identities or images are exposed and linked to accusations of "immorality" or "immodesty" based on distorted religious reasoning.

Spiritual gaslighting, where women and girls are told their advocacy for equality or leadership is "against God's will."

Exclusion from online religious spaces, where their voices are dismissed or erased under claims of religious authority.

#16Days

A SPECIAL AWARD

Honoring Excellence in Peace Education: Professor Mohammed Abu-Nimer Receives the 2025 PJSA Scholar-Educator Award

The Salam Institute proudly celebrated Professor Mohammed Abu-Nimer, who was honored with the 2025 Peace Educator-Scholar Award from the Peace and Justice Studies Association (PJSA). This prestigious recognition acknowledges his outstanding contributions to peace education, scholarship, and decades-long commitment to shaping generations of peacebuilders around the world. Professor Abu-Nimer's pioneering work in forgiveness and reconciliation education across the Arab region, alongside his research on the role of religious and interreligious institutions in advancing peace and human rights in conflict zones, has positioned him as a leading global voice in the field. As noted by Dr. Sa'ed Atshan, Co-Chair of PJSA, Abu-Nimer's "long-standing commitment through teaching, scholarship, and practice has shaped generations of peacebuilders."

The award was formally presented during the 2025 PJSA Annual Conference at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, a fitting moment to honor his lifetime of leadership. Reflecting on the recognition, Abu-Nimer shared: "I am honored that PJSA, our main network in the field, has recognized this work on education for peace and justice—especially during a period of increased polarization and militarization." Founded in 2001, PJSA represents scholars, educators, activists, and practitioners across the U.S., Canada, and the world, united in advancing peace, social justice, and nonviolence through research and education. Professor Abu-Nimer's award stands as a testament to his lifelong dedication to building a more just and peaceful world.

