  

**Conference Program**
**Limits of Restrictions: Religious Minorities in Europe and Asia**
 ***Wednesday, 30th April 2025***

**University of Exeter Business School**

 **Building One: Syndicate Room B
Rennes Drive, Exeter EX4 4PU**

**🔹 10:00 – 10:15 AM | Conference Opening**

**🔹 10:15 AM – 1:15 PM | Session 1: Religious Minorities – Cases of (Non)Freedom and Discrimination**

* **Mr. Ivan Arjona-Pelado** (President of MEJORA Foundation)
* **Prof. Emma Loosley Leeming** (University of Exeter, UK)
*Russkiiy Mir and the Antichrist: How Moscow casts a shadow over religious freedom in Georgia*
* **Dr. Serhii Shumylo** (Institute of History of Ukraine, NAS Ukraine)
*Violations of religious freedom in Ukrainian territories occupied by Russia*
* **Mr. Jay Jina** (Hindu Chaplain, University of Exeter, UK)
*The asymmetry of Religious Freedom in India: Majoritarianism (re)visited*
* **Dr. Mustafa Baig** (University of Exeter, UK)
*Muslims Living in Non-Muslim Lands and Living by the Laws of the Land*
* **Prof. Mustafa Altunok** (AIB Bolu University, Türkiye)
*Turkish Diaspora in Western Europe*
* **Mrs. Gulnara Atnasheva** (St. Petersburg, Russia)
*Muslim Tatar communities in the Baltic States*
* **Dr. Vadim Atnash** (University of Exeter, UK)
*Muslim Minority in Vietnam and Cambodia: Coping with Discrimination*
* **Mr. Jaspreet Singh** (University of Leicester, UK)
*Gender and Genocide: The 1984 Sikh Genocide*

☕ **Coffee Break**: 11:30 – 11:40 AM
🍽️ **Lunch**: 1:10 – 2:00 PM

**🔹 2:10 – 3:20 PM | Session 2: The Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light – A Discriminated Shia-Derivative Movement**

* **Dr. Birgül Yılmaz** (University of Exeter, UK)
*Language, ethnicity and religion: the case of Kurdish Alevis in the UK*
* **Massimo Introvigne** (CESNUR, Torino, Italy)
*Repression of Religious Minorities in Iran and the Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light*
* **Rosita Šorytė** (EFFB, Turin/Rome)
*Cases of Persecution and Discrimination in Different Countries*
* **Hadil El-Khouly** (Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light, UK)
*Why Is the Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light Persecuted? – An Emic View*

☕ **Coffee Break**: 3:20 – 3:30 PM

**🔹 3:30 – 4:30 PM | Talk ‘Tantra-Based New Religious Movements: Sacred Eroticism, Sexual Abuse, and Repression’**

* **Camelia Marin** (Soteria International, Copenhagen, Denmark)
*Who Is Afraid of Sacred Eroticism?*
* **Massimo Introvigne** (CESNUR)
*Sacred Eroticism and Sexual Abuse: Social and Legal Issues*
* **Rosita Šorytė** (EFFB)
*Sensationalized Media Representations of Sacred Esotericism Groups*

🎙️ **Discussant**: Mrs. Naina Gupta (University of Exeter, UK)

**🔹 4:30 – 5:00 PM | General Discussion & Closing Remarks**

🔗 **Online Registration**:

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