

**The First Annual Middle East Conference on the Rule of Law and Religion:
“The Amman Message in a Changing World”**

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Brigham Young University, United States**

PROGRAM

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018

9 – 10 AM

SESSION 1.0: OPENING SESSION

THE ROYAL ANTHEM OF JORDAN

READING VERSES FROM *THE HOLY QUR’AN*

Speakers:

Fayyad M. Alqudah, Professor and Law School Dean, School of Law,
University of Jordan

Brett G. Scharffs, Rex E. Lee Chair and Professor of Law; and Director,
International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law
School, Brigham Young University, United States

Omar Okour, Lecturer, School of Law, University of Jordan

10 – 10:15 AM

GROUP PHOTO – Main Entrance, School of Law, University of Jordan

10:15 – 10:45 AM
Law

BREAK – Lobby of the School of Law, University of Jordan School of

10:45 – 12 NOON

**SESSION 1.1: THE THREE POINTS OF THE AMMAN
MESSAGE**

Chair:

Fayyad M. Alqudah, Professor and Law School Dean, School of Law,
University of Jordan

Speakers:

HE Abdelsalam Abbadi, Former Minister of Awqaf and Religious
Affairs; Head of International Islamic Jurisprudence Foundation, Jordan
“Point One: Validity of all 8 Mathhabs”

Dr. Ruhail Ghraybeh, Faculty of Sharia, University of Jordan
“Point Two: Prohibition of Takfir (Declaration of Apostasy)”
Mohammad Alkhalayleh, Grand Mufti, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
“Point Three: The Subjective and Objective Preconditions of Issuing Fatwas”
Ján Figel, Special Envoy for the Promotion of Freedom of Religion outside the European Union, European Commission, Slovakia
“Promoting Human Dignity: Religious Freedom and Responsibility”

**12 NOON –
12:15 PM**

BREAK – Lobby of School of Law, University of Jordan

12:15 – 1:30 PM

SESSION 1.2: CONSTITUTIONAL AND JUDICIAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE AMMAN MESSAGE

Chair:

Omar Okour, Lecturer, School of Law, University of Jordan

Speakers:

Nuaman Alkhatib, Judge, Constitutional Court

“The Perspective of the Constitutional Court”

Kamal Alsmadi, President, Sharia High Court

“The Perspective of Sharia Courts”

Nehad Alhusban, Judge, Amman Appeals Court, Jordan

“The Perspective of the Civil Courts”

Tahir Mahmood, Chairman, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Amity University; President, South Asia Consortium for Religion and Law Studies, India

“Indo-Jordanian Constitutional Perspective on the Amman Message”

1:30 – 3 PM

LUNCH – University of Jordan Main Restaurant

3 – 4:15 PM

SESSION 1.3: THE AMMAN MESSAGE AND THE MEANING OF JIHAD

Chair:

Ahmad Alhiyari, Professor, Department of Arabic Language and Literature, University of Jordan

Speakers:

HE Prof. Bassam Amosh, Former Minister, and Professor, Faculty of Sharia, University of Jordan

“The Amman Message Perspective of Jihad”

Ali Alsawa, Professor, School of Sharia, University of Jordan

“The Islamic Perspective of Jihad”

4:15 – 4:30 PM **BREAK** – Lobby of the School of Law, University of Jordan

4:30 – 6 PM **SESSION 1.4: AMMAN MESSAGE AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND MINORITY PROTECTION**

Chair:

Ján Figel, Special Envoy for the Promotion of Freedom of Religion outside the European Union, European Commission, Slovakia

Speakers:

Laith Nasraween, Associate Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Jordan School of Law

“Islamic Solutions for Religious Freedom Issues”

Brett G. Scharffs, Rex E. Lee Chair and Professor of Law; and Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, United States

“Religious Resources for Religious Freedom”

Namaa’ Albana, Associate Professor, School of Sharia, University of Jordan

“The Islamic Perspective of Minorities”

8:30 PM **SPEAKERS’ DINNER – AMMAN MARRIOTT HOTEL**
Shmeissani, Issam Ajluni Street, Amman

MONDAY, APRIL 23, 2018

9 – 10:30 AM **SESSION 2.1: THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMMAN MESSAGE**

Chair:

Eric T. Jensen, Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, United States

Speakers:

Rashad Kilani, Director, King Abdullah 2nd Institute for Imams Training, Jordan

“Religious Teaching in Jordan”

Michael Wiener, Human Rights Officer, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Switzerland

“The 18 Commitments on ‘Faith for Rights’”

Kishan Manocha, Senior Adviser on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Organization for Security and Cooperation in the Europe Office for Democratic Institutes and Human Rights, Poland

“Plan of Action for Religious Leaders and Actors to Prevent Incitement to Violence That Could Lead to Atrocity Crimes”

10:30 - 11 AM **BREAK** – Lobby of the School of Law, University of Jordan

11 AM - 12:30 PM **SESSION 2.2: THE AMMAN MESSAGE AND ISLAMIC SOLUTIONS FOR FREEDOM ISSUES**

Chair:

Erlend D. Peterson, International Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School; and Associate International Vice President (Retired), Brigham Young University, United States

Speakers:

Father Nabil Haddad, Director, Jordan Interfaith Coexistence Research Center, Jordan

“Protection of Non-Muslim Minorities in Jordan”

Ghaleb Abou Zein, Lecturer, Lebanese University and the Islamic University, Lebanon

“Religious Freedom in Lebanon”

12:30 – 2 PM **LUNCH** – Jordan University Main Restaurant

2 – 3:30 PM **SESSION 2.3: THE AMMAN MESSAGE AND RESPONDING TO VIOLENT EXTREMISM**

Chair:

Muath Al-Zoubi, Assistant Professor of Criminal Law, School of Law, University of Jordan

Speakers:

Dr. Mohammad Al-Fawareh, Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of Jordan

“Judicial Practice in Terrorist and Violent Extremist Cases”

Judge Dr. Muhammed Afif, Head, State Security Court, Jordan

“Judicial Practice in Terrorist and Violent Extremist Cases”

Musa Shtewi, Professor of Sociology and Head of the Center for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan

“Social and Psychological Aspects of Terrorists and Extremists”

Daniel C. Peterson, Professor of Islam Studies and Arabic, Brigham Young University, United States

“Terrorism, Tolerance, and Holy Envy”

3:30 – 4 PM **BREAK** – Lobby of the School of Law, University of Jordan

4 – 5:15 PM **SESSION 2.4: THE ONGOING RELEVANCE OF THE AMMAN MESSAGE**

Chair:

Robert C. Freeman, Associate Dean, Department of Church History and

Doctrine, Brigham Young University, United States

Speakers:

Michael Wiener, Human Rights Officer, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Kingdom

“Islamic World Initiatives since the Amman Message”

Fayyad Alqudah, Professor and Dean, School of Law, University of Jordan

Adnan M. Al Assaf, Professor, Faculty of Sharia, University of Jordan

“Internal Ongoing Relevance of the Amman Message”

Arsalan Suleman, Acting U.S. Special Envoy to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, United States

“The Ongoing Relevant of the Amman Message”

5:15 – 5:30 PM

CLOSING CEREMONY

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