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Public announcement

**The Seventh Sarajevo UN World Interfaith Harmony Week**

**Public discussion**

**On *The Future of Interfaith dialogue:***

***Muslim-Christian Encounters through a Common Word***

**February 7th (Thursday) 2019, at 18:00**

It is our honour to inform you that International Forum Bosnia will be hosting a public discussion on *The Future of Interfaith dialogue: Muslim-Christian Encounters through A Common Word*, eds. Yazid Said and Lejla Demiri, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018), in the IFB meeting room (ul. Sime Milutinovića 10/III) to start at 18:00 hours on February 7th (Thursday) 2019.

Muslim-Christian relations are crucial for the future of the world. They will only become even more important, as religious pluralism plays an increasing role in every sphere of life. The unacceptably poor state of relations between Muslims and Christians is often attributed to the sacred doctrines held by these complex global communities. In fact, the doctrinal core of their sacred traditions already contains the grounds for understanding religious pluralism as a gift from God. This was why, on October 13, 2007, 138 Muslim intellectuals addressed the world public, but particularly their Christian brothers, with *A* *Common Word between You and Us*. Their document sets forth the doctrinal basis for dialogue and for our shared responsibility for peace and order. It has led to an ongoing process of interfaith dialogue.

The book that serves as the occasion for this discussion includes essays on this process by 19 leading Muslim and Christian theologians, philosophers, and political scientists: Lejla Demiri, Tim Winter, Jonathan Kearney, Michael Louis Fitzgerald, Rowan Williams, Ingrid Mattson, Reuven Firestone, Sarah Snyder, Peter Admirand, Asma Afsaruddin, Daniel A. Madigan, Pim Valkenberg, Clare Amos, Rusmir Mahmutćehajić, Mustafa Abu Sway, Matthias Böhm, Amir Dastmalchian, Marianne Farina and Yazid Said.

The panel discussing the book will include Samir Beglerović, Muslim philosopher and theologian, Jakob Finci, Jewish public intellectual and activist, Ivo Marković, Catholic priest, philosopher and theologian, and Krsto Mijanović, analyst of Bosnian religious pluralism.

Asim Zubčević, an expert in Muslim culture in Bosnia and Chair of the IFB Centre for Interfaith Dialogue will moderate.

The discussion is part of the programme of the Seventh Sarajevo UN World Interfaith Harmony Week, being organised by International Forum Bosnia in response to the UN General Assembly's initiative of October 20th, 2010.

The event is open to all members and friends of International Forum Bosnia and the media.

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