



KAICIID launches free, online course with tools to build peaceful communities

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The International Dialogue Centre (KAICIID) is launching a free, online course in March for individuals and institutions looking to broaden their knowledge of interreligious dialogue as a tool to support conflict resolution and peace processes.

Designed to meet the evolving needs of religious leaders, policymakers, and civil society organizations, the 8-module course addresses a number of global challenges through topics such as: establishing a shared ethical framework, using dialogue to support peace processes, and implementing initiatives to address Islamophobia, Christianophobia and Anti-Semitism at the national and local levels.

“In a world which faces global unrest and conflict, interreligious dialogue is a positive, transformative method for peacebuilding,” Dr. Patrice Brodeur, course adviser and professor at the Institute of Religious Studies at the University of Montreal, said. “The knowledge and use of this tool is vital for today’s religious and political leaders in order to find common solutions allowing closer and more equitable collaborations, thus promoting better mutual respect.”

Participants will learn from experts in the field of interreligious dialogue through interactive exercises, which enable them to apply new tools and methods, and online forums, where they can share best practices with their peers. The course has been specifically adapted for busy career professionals, allowing users to take the course at their own pace.

The online course is the result of an ongoing collaboration with renowned universities such as the University of Montreal, the Complutense University of Madrid, and other institutions of higher learning. It is administered through KAICIID’s Dialogue Knowledge Hub (DKH) which offers a number of online resources and learning tools to foster the exchange of knowledge and experience in the field of interreligious and intercultural dialogue.

“The KAICIID Dialogue Knowledge Hub and its online courses are expanding the voices of interreligious discourse by providing networking and learning opportunities to support the work of individuals and institutions around the world,” Faisal Bin Abdulrahman Bin Muaammar, KAICIID Secretary-General, said.

“These courses are one more way the Centre hopes to contribute to peaceful, inclusive solutions for global problems and equip leaders, from the grassroots to the highest level, with important tools for dialogue.

Courses are currently scheduled to take place beginning in March, and will continue throughout the year. To register for a course or to receive more information about course dates and modules, please visit: www.kaiciid.org/online-course-form.

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