



**ST ANTONY'S COLLEGE**  
**62 Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 6JF, UK**

## **The Sudanese Programme**

**Conference on**

# **“The Future of Religious Minorities in the Middle East, North Africa and the Two Sudans”**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

**The Nissan Lecture Theatre, St. Antony's College**

### **Programme**

#### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June: 2.30 – 6.00**

- 12.00**            **Registration, Hilda Besse Foyer**
- 12.45–2.30**    **Lunch at the Dining Hall**
- 2.30 –3.00**    **Opening Remarks; Professor Margaret MacMillan (Warden of St. Antony's College and Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi**

#### **Session 1**

**Chair: Bona Malwal**

- 3.00 – 3.20**    **Dr John Eibner (Christian Solidarity International)**  
*“Introductory Remarks”*
- 3.20-4.00**    **The Rt. Rev. and Rt. Hon Baron Williams of Oystermouth (Master of Magdalen College, Cambridge University, and Former Archbishop of Canterbury)**  
*“The Church and Human Rights”*
- 4.00-4.30**    **Tea, Hilda Besse Foyer**
- 4.30-5.00**    **H.E. Amine Gemayel (Former President of Lebanon)**

*“The Future of Religious Minorities in the Middle East”*

**5.00-5.30** Mr. Sydney Assor (Head of the Moroccan Jewish Community in Britain)

*“The Jewish Communities in Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia”*

**5.30-6.00** Q&A

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June: 9.30 – 7.00**

**9.00 – 9.45** Registration and Coffee, Hilda Besse Foyer

**Session 2**

**Chair: Ahmed Al-Shahi**

**9.45-10.00** Opening Remarks by Dr Michael Willis (Director of the Middle East Centre) and Dr Ahmed Al-Shahi

**10.00-10.30** Dr Nazila Ghanea (Lecturer in International Human Rights Law, Oxford University)

*“Minority Rights Protections under International Human Rights Law”*

**10.30-11.00** Mr. Nabil Adib Abdullah (Advocate and Human Rights Lawyer, Republic of Sudan)

*“Discrimination against Christians: Perpetrated or Condoned by the State of Sudan”*

**11.00-11.30** Coffee: Hilda Besse Foyer

**12.00-12.45** Q&A

**12.45-2.00** Lunch (Dinning Hall, St. Antony’s College)

**Session 3**

**Chair: Bona Malwal**

**2.00-2.30** H. E. Pascale Warda (Former Minister of Migration and Displacement, Iraq)

*“The Situation of the Christian Communities in Iraq”*

**2.30-3.00** Dr Mariz Tadros (Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex University)

*“From Revolt to Sectarian Ruptures: the Challenges of building an inclusive Society in Post-Revolutionary Egypt and Syria”*

3.00-3.30 Dr Kishan Manocha (Director, Office of Public Affairs, National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha’is of the United Kingdom)  
*“Religion, Social Change and Responding to Persecution – the Case of the Baha’i Community in Iran”*

3.30-4.00 Tea: Hilda Besse Foyer

**Session 4**

Chair: Ahmed Al-Shahi

4.30-6.00 Q&A and General Discussion

6.00-7.00 Reception: The Buttery

ALL WELCOME

The Sudanese Programme will offer hospitality for Friday lunch and afternoon tea and for the whole of Saturday

In view of the wider interest in the topic

**IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOU BOOK A SEAT EARLY**

**PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER YOU WANT TO COME ON EITHER THE 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE or THE 8<sup>th</sup> JUNE or BOTH**

(The conference is supported by Christian Solidarity International)

**There is no Conference Fee**

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