Welcome and Introduction:
Canon Brian Mountford

Presenter: Katsuhiro Sasuga, Professor, Tokai University, Japan

Presenter: Chun-Han Chen, Visiting Scholar, Jilin Normal University, China

10:10 – 10:40 A.M. Topic: Just Pot Luck? Why Humans are Special
Presenter: Stephen Milford, Extraordinary Researcher, North-West University, South Africa

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Presenter: Doron Avraham, Senior Lecturer, Bar Ilan University, Israel
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Presenter: **Patricia Vesely**, Assistant Adjunct Professor, Union Presbyterian Seminary, US  |
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Presenter: **Barry Whittemore**, Lecturer, University of North Georgia, US  |
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Presenter: Mei-Hsia Dai, Associate Professor, Chihlee University of Technology, Taiwan |
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Presenter: Alexander Lushnikov, Doctoral Associate, Penza State University, Russia |
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Presenter: Tatyana Korneeva, Researcher, Institute of Philosophy, RAS, Russia |
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Presenter: Naseem Akhter, Assistant Professor, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Pakistan |
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2:00 – 2:30 P.M.  Topic: Evoking Religious Submission to God, Fragmenting of Moral Discourse: Sermon of Luqman to his Son Mentioned in Holy Quran
Presenter: Syed Abdul Ghaffar Bukhari, Associate Professor, National University of Modern Language, Pakistan

2:30 – 3:00 P.M.  Topic: Islamic Studies
Presenter: Sardar Tahir Sadiq, Ph.D. Scholar, National University of Modern Language, Pakistan

3:00 – 3:15 P.M.  Conclusion of Symposium

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About the Director

Canon Brian Mountford, MBE, is currently acting Chaplain of Corpus Christi College. He is former Vicar of the University Church, Oxford, and Fellow St Hilda's College. He is also an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. Interested in public theology, he has helped to make the University Church a centre for interdisciplinary debate. His bestselling book, Christian Atheist (2011), explores the phenomenon of those who find Christianity compelling but struggle with the metaphysical beliefs. His latest book is Friday's Child: Poems of Suffering and Redemption. His main interests are in the philosophy of religion, particularly questions of faith and doctrine, but he has diversified into other areas giving seminars on leadership and ethics in corporate life for the Said Business School and the Academy for Leadership in the Netherlands. During the '70s, he was Fellow and Chaplain of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, before becoming Vicar of Southgate in North London for seven years in the '80s.
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