

Edward M.Kennedy Institute, National University of Ireland Maynooth and St.  
Patrick's College Maynooth

**Workshop on Religion and Conflict/Religion and Peace under the  
auspices of the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic  
Institutions, John Hume Boardroom, Maynooth, 13 April 2018**

Thursday 12 April

17:30 "Education as the Making of a World in Common Across Difference" –  
inaugural lecture of Professor Carl Anders Säfström, Professor of Educational  
Research,

19:45 welcome dinner at The Avenue (restaurant), Main Street, Maynooth

Friday 13 April, John Hume Boardroom, North Campus

09:30 Opening Session

introductory remarks by Dr. Peter Cassells, Director, Edward M. Kennedy  
Institute, National University of Ireland, Maynooth; and Rev. Dr. Michael  
Shortall, Registrar, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth

*brief tour de table*

10:00 Keynote address: Professor Michael O'Flaherty, Director, European Union  
Fundamental Rights Agency

10:30 – 11:15

Working Session I: constructive engagement of policymakers and religious  
leaders

presentation by Professor Mohammed Abu-Nimer/Ambassador Alvaro  
Albacete (King Abdullah International Centre for Intercultural and Inter-

religious Dialogue); response by Mario Buil-Merce, UN Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect

11:15 Break for coffee/ tea

11:30 to 12:45

Working Session II: religion, the common good, business, the economy

presentations by Professor Suzanne Mulligan (St. Patrick's College Maynooth), Michael Wakelin (Coexist), Philip McDonagh (Kennedy Institute, on behalf of Professor Helen Alford, Vice-Rector, the Angelicum)

13:00 lunch

14: 30 – 15:45

Working Session III: religion, security, reconciliation

presentations by Dr. Kishan Manocha (ODIHR); Professor Martin Leiner/Dr. Zeina Barakat (Centre for the Study of Reconciliation, Jena); Dr. Frank Evers (Centre for OSCE Research, University of Hamburg).

15: 45 Break for coffee or tea

16:00 – 16:30 Working Session IV: the State and religious communities - Swiss Political Culture: Addressing Religious Conflicts in a Practical and Consensual Manner

presentation by Owen Frazer, Centre for Security Studies, ETH Zurich

16:30 – 17:15 Working Session V: next steps

Can the OSCE or OSCE participating States do more to engage with religious actors? Can the OSCE as a values-led Organisation benefit from a deeper dialogue around concepts having some of their roots in a religious view of life?

Dinner

