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WHAT IS SPIRITUAL CARE IN LIGHT OF COVID-19 FROM THE PERSPECTIVES OF DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS?

All seminars will run approx. 1 hour 45 minutes

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JULY 21 – ISLAM

Moderator: Georg Wenz, PhD (Evangelische Akademie der Pfalz, Landau, Germany)

Hooman Keshavarzi, MA, PsyD, LCPC (Istanbul/ Chicago)



Dr. Hooman Keshavarzi is currently an assistant professor at Ibn Haldun University (Istanbul, Turkey), adjunct faculty at Hartford Seminary, a fellow of the International Association of Islamic Psychology and the Executive Director and Founder of Khalil Center in Lombard, IL (the largest provider of Muslim Mental Health care in North America).

Mohammad Imran Sagir

Mohammad Imran Sagir is a Berlin native with cultural roots in India. He works as a communication and behavioral trainer on the one hand and as an anti-violence and competence trainer on the other. Since December 1, 2008, he is the managing director of the Muslim telephone counselling (*Telefonseelsorge*) in Berlin.



Aid Smajić, PhD (Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo)



Dr. Aid Smajić is Associate Professor at the Chair of Religious Pedagogy and Religious Psychology at the Faculty of Islamic Studies, University of Sarajevo. He teaches general psychology courses as well as courses on Islamic Spiritual Care and Conflict Resolution. He is author of a book on *Religiosity and Ethnic Tolerance in Bosnia and Herzegovina* as well as several articles and research studies dealing with Muslim contributions to psychology and psychotherapy, Muslim religiosity, group dynamics and interreligious tolerance, youth value orientations, religion and research policy, and Islam in Bosnia. Most currently, he has been doing research on work stress among Bosnian *imams* and religious encounter with modern psychology.

JULY 28 – JUDAISM

Moderator: Pamela Cooper-White, PhD (Union Theological Seminary, New York)

Michelle Friedman, MD (New York)



Dr. Michelle Friedman received an MD from the NYU School of Medicine and has completed advanced training at the Columbia University Psychoanalytic Center for Training and Research. She is the Steven and Marilyn Lieberman Professor of Pastoral Counseling at Yeshivat Chovevei Torah Rabbinical School, a Modern Orthodox yeshiva; Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Health System in New York and the co-author *The Art of Jewish Pastoral Counseling: A Guide for All Faiths*.

Mychal Springer, MA (New York)

Rabbi Mychal B. Springer is the manager of Clinical Pastoral Education at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital. She founded the [Center for Pastoral Education](#) at the Jewish Theological Seminary in Manhattan in 2009. Mychal is a Certified Educator in ACPE: *The Standard for Spiritual Care & Education* and a certified Jewish chaplain in *Neshama: Association of Jewish Chaplains*.



Ruhama Weiss, PhD (Jerusalem)



Dr. Ruhama Weiss is Associate Professor of Talmud and Spiritual Care and Director of the Blaustein Center for Pastoral Counseling, Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion, Jerusalem, a novelist, an artist, and a poet.

AUGUST 4 – CHRISTIANITY

Moderator: Emmanuel Lartey, PhD
(Candler School of Theology/Emory University, Atlanta)

Esther Mombo, PhD (Limuru, Kenya)



Esther Mombo is Lecturer and Director of International Partnerships and Alumni Relations at St. Paul University (formerly St. Paul's United Theological College) in Limuru, Kenya. She teaches and supervises students in the Faculty of Theology in history and theology. She is a member of the Circle of Concerned African Women Theologians and involved in mentorship of young theologians.

Daniel S. Schipani, PhD, PsyD (Chicago)

Dr. Daniel S. Schipani was born and raised in Argentina. Dr.Psy (Universidad Católica Argentina), and Ph.D (Princeton Theological Seminary). Professor Emeritus of Pastoral Care and Counseling (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary). Affiliate Professor of Spiritual Care (McCormick Theological Seminary and San Francisco Theological Seminary). Lecturer in Latin America and Europe and author and editor of over twenty-five books on Pastoral and Practical Theology.



Angella Son, PhD (Madison, New Jersey)



Dr. Angella Son is Professor of Psychology and Religion at Drew University. She is Past-President of the Society for Pastoral Theology, and has served on the Executive Committee of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors' Eastern Region, and the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee of the American Academy of Religion. She directs the Korean Pastoral Care and Counseling Program at Blanton-Peace Institute, New York. She has numerous publications including *Spirituality of Joy: Moving Beyond Dread and Duties*, and serves on editorial boards for several scholarly juried journals including the Journal of Pastoral Theology and Pastoral Psychology.

AUGUST 11 – BUDDHISM

Moderator: Claudia Kohli-Reichenbach
(Universität Bern/ Institut für Praktische Theologie, Switzerland)

Geshe Lobsang Tenzin Negi, PhD (Atlanta)



Lobsang Tenzin Negi, Ph.D. is the Executive Director of the Center for Contemplative Science and Compassion-Based Ethics at Emory University where he also serves as a Professor of Pedagogy in the Department of Religion. A former Buddhist monk, he has overseen the academic endeavors undertaken by Emory in collaboration with His Holiness the Dalai Lama since 1998 including the Emory-Tibet Science Initiative, an educational program for Tibetan monastics; Social, Emotional and Ethical Learning, a K-12 education program; and CBCT® (Cognitively-Based Compassion Training), a contemplative education program designed to promote sustainable compassion.

Chikako Ozawa-de Silva, DPhil

Dr. Chikako Ozawa-de Silva is Associate Professor of Anthropology in the Department of Anthropology at Emory University. Her researches focus on cross-cultural understandings of mental well-being, by bringing together Western and Asian (particularly Japanese and Tibetan) perspectives on the mind-body, religion, medicine, therapy.



Bikshuni Lozang Trinlae, BSc, EdM, PhD (Tartu, Estonia)



The scholarly work of Rev. Dr. Bhikshuni Lozang Trinlae has forged the philosophical and empirical foundations of contemporary international Buddhist practical theology and spiritual care, and is based on her research, contemplative practice, and service within Buddhist communities in Asia and the West for over thirty years. She presently serves as Visiting Lecturer in Asian Religions at the School of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Tartu in Estonia.