

Memory and The Religious Life

Summer School presented by the Elijah Interfaith Institute, August, 2018

- Sunday 5th August, **Welcome and Introductions:** What is memory? Sharing memories.
Memory in Sikhism – Includes interview with Sikh scholar,
Dr Rahuldeep Gill; text study, discussion.
- Monday 6th August Remembering our Founders: Bibliodrama – Guru Nanak.
Memory in Hinduism – Includes interview with Hindu scholar,
Dr Anantandand Rambachan; text study, discussion.
Panel discussion with Hindu and Sikh religious leaders.
- Tuesday 7th August **Memory in Islam** – Includes visit to al-Aqsa Mosque,
led by Muslim scholar; text study, discussion; interview with
Dr Mohammed Suheyl (Pakistan); bibliodrama: al Ghazali –
“Restoring the lost memory of tradition”
- Wednesday 8th August **Memory in Christianity** – Includes walking the Via Dolorosa,
visit to Church of the Holy Sepulchre and Last Supper Room;
text study, panel discussion; interview with Christian scholar,
Dr David Ford; meeting and prayers with Syriac Christian community.
- Thursday 9th August **Memory in Judaism** – Includes guest teachers, guided text-study.
The story of the Exodus and “Memory of God.”
Visit to the Kotel.
- Friday 10th August **Memory in Buddhism** - includes interview with Dr Maria Reis Habito;
text study, discussion.
Preparation for Shabbat dinner: “**Shabbat as memory.**”
Friday night dinner - hospitality in Jewish homes.

Sunday 12th August

“Purifying Memory.”

Case studies: Bosnia, India – presented by members of the Elijah Board of World Religious Leaders and Academy.

Monday 13th August

Mt Herzl and Yad Vashem: a site for preserving and purifying memory.

Tuesday 14th August

Jerusalem – multiple narratives, conflicting memories.

“Can our different memories be reconciled?”

Includes discussion between Muslim and Jewish leaders .

Remembering saints/ tsaddikim – Rav Kook.

Includes visit to Rav Kook House.

Wednesday 15th August

Case Study: Mt Zion: Shared memory, conflicting memory, created memory, reconciled memory.

Includes Muslim and Jewish guest scholars.

Synthesising our learning.

Thursday 16th August

“Memory is malleable” – a message of HOPE.

Evaluation and feedback.