

Global peace based on mutual respect

280 students enrol in King Hamad Chair for Interfaith Dialogue and Peaceful Coexistence courses in Rome

● To be held at Sapienza University during the first semester this year

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The King Hamad Global Center for Peaceful Coexistence has announced the enrollment of 280 students in the King Hamad Chair for Interfaith Dialogue and Peaceful Coexistence courses at Sapienza University in Rome during the first semester.

Dozens of students representing different religions have been interested in the specialised courses offered by the university in the field of interfaith dialogue and peaceful coexistence, attending 42 hours of lectures, 20 hours of workshops and 20 hours of conferences.

Alessio Mayo graduated from the King Hamad Chair for Interfaith Dialogue and Peaceful Coexistence at Sapienza University with honours. He presented a research paper entitled "The Cathedral in the Desert: A Brief History of Christianity in Bahrain from the Beginning to the Establishment of a New House of Worship."

Elena de Loreto and Mar-



Dr Shaikh Khalid

tha Skaldon discussed two MA theses entitled "Algerian Emir Abdelkader: An Example of Fraternity between Islam and Christianity" and "Baha'i: A Comparative Study between Bahrain and Italy."

In February, the center will launch its winter programme with the participation of 25 students representing several prestigious European countries and universities, including university students from Bahrain. The lectures will be held virtually in light of the exceptional restrictions imposed by COVID-19.

The programme aims to provide students with the skills to enable them to use the best analytical methods and methodological tools to study the nature of the existing links between different religions in terms of peaceful coexistence and common denominators among religions and sects.

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developments," said Dr Shaikh Khalid bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, chairman of the Board of Trustees of King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence.

"This is also by harnessing modern technologies and the latest distance learning tools to communicate with students and scholarships, and to offer innovative interactive workshops and courses to enhance the values and principles of interfaith dialogue, peaceful coexistence, and moderation in thinking and cultural diversity."

Shaikh Khalid affirmed the keenness of the Center and the University of Sapienza to sustain the programmes and initiatives under the umbrella of the King Hamad Chair for Interfaith Dialogue and Peaceful Coexistence in a way that boosts the participation of more promising youth from different parts of the world.

This paves the way for respect of religious freedoms, ensuring the rights of everyone to practise freely their rituals, building a constructive and fraternal dialogue between different religions and beliefs, and rejecting all forms of racism, sectarianism, and abuse based on ethnic or sectarian lines.

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discipline launched in 2018 to enlighten and engage young people from around the world as a means to combat terrorism, extremism and radicalisation.

The activities of the Chair are presented on a Bachelor's degree in History, Anthropology and Religions, a Master's Degree in Religious Studies and a PhD in Religions and Cultural Meditation, in addition to an annual summer programme.



Driving to the new Bahrain International Airport Terminal

Ahead of the transfer of operations to Bahrain International Airport's new Passenger Terminal on January 28, 2021, Bahrain Airport Company would like to inform passengers on how to reach the new facility. From Khalifa Al Khabeer Highway, turn right towards the Airport Road and then follow the directions below.

