HKU Human Rights Students' Forum

The Peace Between Religions in a World of Crisis

Tuesday 31 March, 2015, 12:30-14:00
Academic Conference Room 11/F, Cheng Yu Tung Tower
The University of Hong Kong

Violations of elementary human rights are occurring on an unprecedented scale today and have reached a scale that has been rarely witnessed since the end of the Cold War. Ongoing conflicts around the world have manifested themselves in the form of increased discrimination, violence and even warfare; more than 100,000 casualties are estimated to have resulted from conflicts in Syria and Iraq alone, and various other crises are erupting worldwide. Sectarian tensions and violence motivated by religion are frequently presented as the primary causes for such conflicts: not only are religious conceptions of society and law alleged to compete with each other, religion has often been portrayed as universally incompatible with the requirements of a secular, modern society. But is religion truly at the root of such incompatibility? What kind of society should we strive to create in order to make peace between different religions possible?

This seminar invites students and staff of the university to present their thoughts, ideas, and concerns in relation to these questions. Subject to prior registration, HKU students can give a speech in the form of a well-prepared statement lasting no more than 10 minutes at most.
All other attendees are also encouraged to participate in the debate.

Please click here for online registration to attend the event.
For registration to give a speech, please email Samuel Lisner: slissner@connect.hku.hk