

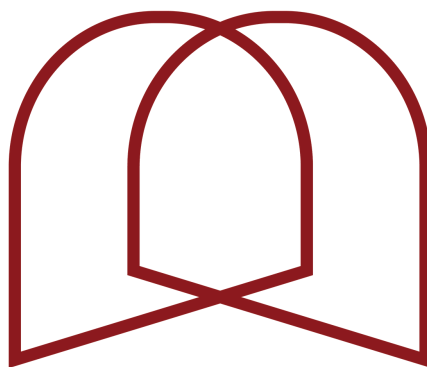


PROGRAM

WORKSHOP

LAW, EDUCATION AND INTERFAITH RELATIONS IN KENYA

18-19 September 2025



Religion and Politics
CLUSTER OF EXCELLENCE | UNIVERSITY OF MÜNSTER

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DAY 1

18th September 2025

EDUCATION, RELIGION & EVERYDAY COEXISTENCE

8:30 – 9:00 AM Arrival and Registration

9:00 – 9:30 AM Opening Session/Welcome remarks
Introductions & objectives of the workshop

9:30–10:00 AM **keynote 1**
“Education, Identity, and the Politics of Conformity in Kenya” – Prof.
Wandia Njoya (Daystar University)

10:00–10:30 AM Discussion / Q&A

10:30 AM Tea break

11:00 AM–12:30 PM **Panel 1**
Regulation of Religion in Schools — Fairness, Pluralism, and Interfaith
Relations

Guiding Question:

In what ways do regulations concerning religious dress, religious instruction, or curricula in Kenyan schools affect Muslim–Christian relations and perceptions of fairness?

Panelists:

1. Mr. Salim Abdallah (Harmony Institute)
2. Mr. Fred Nyabera (Executive Director, Arigatou International)
3. Sheikh Farhan A. Mohamed (Islamic Religious Education, Malindi High School)

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EDUCATION, RELIGION & EVERYDAY COEXISTENCE

Moderator: Prof. Olukoya Ogen (Osun State University)

12:30–1:30 PM

Lunch break

1:30–2:00 PM

keynote 2

“Everyday Negotiations: How Communities Adapt to and Resist State Regulation of Religion” –Bishop Naftali Gitonga (National Council of Churches Kenya, NCCK)

2:00–2:30 PM

Discussion / Q &A

2:30–4:00 PM

Panel 2

Everyday Negotiations — Coexistence Beyond the State

Guiding Question:

How do everyday forms of coexistence and negotiation at community level respond to, adapt to, or resist state regulatory frameworks?

Panelists:

1. Lorraine Adhiambo (Rebuilding Community Organization)
2. Ms. Njoki Maina (University of Nairobi)
3. Dr. Adan J. Golele (Umma University, Kajiado)

Moderator: Prof. Insa Nolte (University of Birmingham)

DAY 219th September 2025**LEGAL REGULATION, MARRIAGE & PERSONAL STATUS LAW****8:30 AM** Welcome & Recap of Day 1**9:00 – 9:30 AM****keynote 3**

“Personal Status Law in Kenya: Balancing Religious Traditions, State Law, and Interfaith Coexistence” – Sheikh Salim M. Charo (NAMLEF)

09:30–10:00 AM

Discussion/ Q&A

10:00–11:00 AM**Panel 1**

Marriage, Divorce, Inheritance — Reform, Resistance, and Identity

Panelists:

1. Shaikh Muhammad Khan (Imam)
2. Ms. Mary Achieng (Dandora Community Justice Center)
3. Rev. John Alusiola (IRCK)

11:00 AM–11:30 PM

Tea break

11:30 AM–1:00 PM**Panel 2**

Marriage, Divorce, Inheritance — Reform, Resistance, and Identity

Panelists:

1. Damaris Toboso (Women Land Right Movement)
2. Dennis Otieno (Federation of Women Lawyers, Fida-Kenya)
3. Ms. Tereza Aketch (Al Qamar Community Based Organization)

Guiding Question:

How do reforms (or resistances to reform) in Kenya's marriage, divorce, and inheritance laws reflect broader struggles over religious identity, gender equality, and state legitimacy?

Moderator: Cyrus Habib, SJ**1:00 PM–2:00 PM**

Lunch Break

2:00 –4:00 PM**Roundtable Discussion: Charting the Way Forward****Rapporteur:** Prof. Dorothea Schultz (University of Münster)**Moderator:** Dr. Souleymane Diallo (University of Münster)