

Peace Osaka Opening Day: Peace Project Symposium

# Responsibility for Peace

The Temple Mount in Jerusalem for Three Abrahamic Religions



**Sunday, September 17, 2023 14:00 ~16:00**

**Peace Osaka 1st Floor Auditorium**

2-1, Osaka Castle, Chuo-ku, Osaka City  
North Exit of JR Loop Line "Morinomiya", Exit 1 of Osaka Metro

Language: English (Japanese consecutive interpretation)

Participation: Free

However, admission fee is required (250 yen for adults, 150 yen for high school students, and free for junior high school students and younger. Admission is also free for persons 65 and older and persons with disabilities [ID required])

The program is subject to change depending on the situation.

## 【Inquiries and applications】

Application required: by phone or through the Peace Osaka website  
Peace Osaka TEL: 06-6947-7208 (Office hours: 9:00-17:00)

Capacity: 160 people on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications will be closed when capacity is reached.

Personal information of applicants will be used only for the communication of this project and will not be disclosed or provided to any third party.

QR code for application



As citizens, it is important for us to realize our responsibility for peace and carry it with us in our daily lives. In order to achieve this, we must also understand the collective memory of wars and conflicts. Abrahamic religions, such as Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, have intersected with some of the terrors and conflicts in the world. To address these religio-political issues, it is important to have a basic knowledge of religion. The symposium will explore how we can contribute to peacebuilding by examining the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, which is a sacred site for three Abrahamic religions and has been a source of conflict. We will also discuss the issues of politics, religion, and war in Japan's modern history to reflect on our own responsibility.

### Moderator



**Professor Katsuhiko Kohara** holds multiple roles at Doshisha University, including serving as a professor and dean of the School of Theology, as well as the director of the Center for the Study of Conscience. His research focuses on exploring the connection between Abrahamic and Japanese/Asian religions, particularly in relation to modern challenges such as religious conflicts, freedom of religion, and the dialogue between religion and science.

### Panellist



**Mirco Quint** was born in 1977 in Bochum, Germany. After studying Catholic theology and pastoral training in Bochum, Innsbruck, Münster, Essen and Chicago, he was ordained a Catholic priest in 2004. He has been parish priest of the German-speaking Catholic parish in Japan since 2021. In 2017, he represented the Catholic Church at the World Reformation Exhibition in Wittenberg, on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.



**Rabbi Henri Noach** of Jerusalem has a unique background, including a seven-year tenure as the Rabbi of the Jewish community of Japan. He has taught Jewish history and Middle East politics in academic institutions in Israel and abroad, including the Hebrew University Rothberg School for Overseas Students, the Department of International Cooperation of the Israel Foreign Ministry, and Waseda University in Tokyo, and is licensed as a tour guide by the Israel Ministry of Tourism.



**Mughal Humayun** is International journalist and religious critic. He is a descendant of the Mughal dynasty. After completing a degree in Japanese language at the University of Islamabad, Pakistan, he studied psychology at Kyushu University. He is the chairperson of the Society for the Study of Islamic Culture, and has given lectures and made numerous appearances in the media. He is the author of the book "Will Islam Change Japan?" (Bungeisha).

