

INTERACTIVE ONLINE WORKSHOP

Where There is a Will, There is a Way: A Conversation on Pilgrimage and Spirituality

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 1 p.m. UTC

Berlin: 3 pm; Buenos Aires: 10 am; Los Angeles: 6 am; New York: 9 am
Perth: 9 pm; Qom: 4:30 pm; Rabat: 2 pm; Singapore: 9 pm; Tel Aviv: 4 pm

ABSTRACT

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Pilgrimages, journeys of love, *ziarah*, *aliyah*, spiritual journeys - we have many names, various rules and different experiences with it, but there is no doubt: the phenomenon of moving our bodies towards a defined direction exists in all of our traditions. We, the Steering Committee of the International Abrahamic Forum (IAF), started from this point of shared common ground in order to fruitfully expand on differences in the practices

The subject of pilgrimage is not only an interesting point to deal with inter-religiously, but especially in times of COVID 19. The global pandemic influences our ability to leave our homes, let alone the countries we live in.

Pilgrimage however means: to leave your home (and country) to arrive at a destination in order to experience things you won't experience by staying home. We thus feel the urgency to talk about it: not only among ourselves, but together with you

Become part of the conversation by joining our workshop, listening to short inputs (that will be a taste of our reflection), fill the space we create for your contributions and questions and share experiences in breakout rooms arranged for small group encounters

PRESENTERS



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