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WORKSHOP

Tuesday, June 22, 08:00 a.m. UTC:

RELIGION AND RESILIENCE: RISING ABOVE COVID 19 INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP - CASE STUDY ON JEWISH CHRISTIAN AND MUSLIM RELATIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC (SINGAPORE)

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The ongoing pandemic has affected mankind in many ways. For a religious community, in particular, the virus has not only forced us to revisit our understanding of the epistemological approach towards medical observation, a spiritual relation and religious practices but also embracing a certain religious ideology that potentially led to radicalization. In Singapore, the number of self-radicalized young individuals are increasing for the past 7 years and it's becoming more apparent in COVID times. These incidents have made the government work closely with tech companies to look into cybersecurity and manage violent content as well as relooking at enhancing educational approach in school to create awareness of the online threat. This has also pushed faith communities to step up and create more ground-up initiatives to spread interfaith in action stories.

This workshop attempts to share the challenges faced by Jewish Christian and Muslim relations in Singapore during COVID and the threat they experienced and the inspiration they gathered from each other. Subsequently, the workshop will be drawing thoughts and reflection from participants on how they navigate spiritual life and identify tools to help build religious and social harmony during this pandemic.

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