

**Shahid Beheshti University holds;**

**Fifth International Conference of "Religious Democracy" entitled: "Religious  
Democracy and the Future of the Islamic World"**

**Conference time: February 2022**

**Deadline for submitting abstracts: August 22, 2021**

**Deadline for submitting original articles: December, 21 2021**

**Conference Partners:**

Culture and Civilization Committee of the Supreme Council of the Cultural Revolution

Sadra Humanities Research Center

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**Objectives of the conference:**

1. Presenting the theory of religious democracy as a new and appropriate model of the political system in the Islamic world;
2. Examining the theoretical and practical challenges and gaps in the theorization of religious democracy;

3. Enriching the studies in the field of Islamic political thought to create a discourse for the theory of religious democracy;
4. Comparative study of the religious democracy with other models of democracy in the world and their theoretical and practical critique;
5. Future research of the religious democratic system in the Islamic world according to the various Islamic religions and the developments of the Islamic world;
6. Studying the practical models of religious democratic system in the Islamic world;
7. Identifying the objectives and performance of the system of domination in opposition to the theory and system of religious democracy;
8. Creating appropriate bases for the presence of professors and thinkers (internal and external) and making different spaces (supportive and guiding) for their theorization regarding this theory;
9. Attracting the support and cooperation of thinkers, enthusiasts, organizations, institutions, and scientific and research centers including domestic and foreign, and guiding them in achieving the objectives of the Secretariat;
10. Pathology of practical experience of the model and system of religious democracy in Iran and providing practical solutions to eliminate them in the Islamic world.

### **Axes and topics of the Fifth International Conference: Religious democracy and the future of the Islamic world**

#### **The first axis: Theoretical topics**

1. Studying the theoretical gaps in the theorizations regarding religious democracy;
2. Religious democracy in the views of thinkers of monotheistic religions;
3. Different read-outs of religious democracy;
4. Religious democracy and theories of government in Islam;
5. Religious democracy in the thought of contemporary Islamic thinkers;
6. Comparative study of religious democracy in Sunni theological and jurisprudential views;
7. Comparative study of religious democracy in Shiite theological and jurisprudential views;
8. Comparing the model of religious democracy with alternative models;
9. Comparing the theoretical foundations of religious democracy with liberal democracy;
10. Theoretical foundations of liberal democracy and its critique.

#### **The second axis: Practical topics**

- 1- Practical challenges facing religious democracy;
- 2- Religious democracy and minorities;
- 3- Criticizing the performance of liberal democratic systems based on themselves;
- 4- Examining and criticizing the situation of freedom of expression in liberal democratic systems;
- 5- Examining and criticizing the situation of freedom of parties in liberal democratic systems;
- 6- Examining and criticizing the electoral structure of liberal democratic systems;
- 7- Comparative study of democratic electoral system in Iran with other countries.

**Third axis: Feasibility study of applying the experience of religious democracy in Iran for the Islamic world**

1. Religious democracy and the theory of Velayat-e-Faqih;
2. The possibility of realizing religious democracy in the view of different Islamic sects;
3. Theoretical areas of Velayat-e-Faqih in Sunni political jurisprudence;
4. Areas of realization and feasibility study of religious democracy in the Islamic world;
5. The model of religious democracy in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran and its application to the Islamic world;
6. Studying the practical experience of religious democracy in the Islamic Republic of Iran and its application to the Islamic world.

**Forth axis: Strategies and solutions for the realization of religious democracy in the Islamic world**

1. The position of religious democracy in the process of realizing the new Islamic civilization;
2. Areas and methods of promoting liberal democracy by the West in the Islamic world;
3. Challenges and opportunities of religious democracy in the Islamic world;
4. Religious democracy and contemporary intellectual and political movements in the Islamic world;
5. The role of social networks in developing the theory of religious democracy in the Islamic world;
6. Studying the theorizations regarding religious democracy in Western Study Centers;
7. Different patterns of religious democracy in the Islamic world;

8. Capacities and challenges of historical and ethnic traditions in religious democracy.

**Fifth axis: Religious democracy and the future of Islamic world with emphasis on the second step statement**

1. The impact of the theory of religious democracy on the future of political systems in the Islamic world;
2. Youths, religious democracy, and the future of Islamic world;
3. Emerging powers and their role in the realization of religious democracy in the Islamic world;
4. The role of leaders in the Islamic world in the realization of religious democracy in the Islamic world;
5. Capacities of religious democracy in laying the groundwork for the promised world government;
6. The role of women in the realization of religious democracy in the Islamic world;
7. Theory of religious democracy as a new and appropriate model of political system in the Islamic world.

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The submitted articles will be published in the scientific journal of Islamic Democratic Thought if the conditions are met.

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