

International Roundtable

Decolonizing Politico- Religious Relations in Asia

— Interfaith Dialogue Towards
Sustainable Peace in the
Post-Nation-State Era

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International House,
Bombay Young Men's
Christian Association
(Mumbai, India)

The current crisis in Palestine vividly demonstrates the extent to which the problems of violence and discrimination associated with religious nationalism haunt domestic and international politics throughout the world today. Such problems are not confined to Palestine under Israeli rule: they are simultaneously observed in and across a wide range of countries including the United States, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Japan, and India. Historically in Asia, various spiritual traditions such as Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism played a critical role in the evolution of anticolonial struggles. The same traditions, however, have increasingly become bounded up with the "nation state" during the period of decolonization and beyond. Today, religious nationalism is a serious cause of majoritarian oppression across Asia. Even after the formal end of colonialism, Asia is not free from the kind of violence and discrimination which are reminiscent of the colonial kind. Today's crisis forces us to critically rethink the relationship between religion and nation. This international roundtable draws scholars / activists from around the world. Its aim is to engage with an interfaith dialogue, exploring the possibilities of alternative politico-religious relations.

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