

Peace and Reconciliation from an Asian Perspective

Jesuit Peace Initiatives



DATE

Thursday, 12 November 2026 | 15:15 – 17:15

FORMAT

In-person only
(Admission: Free, pre-
registration is required)

VENUE

Sophia University Yotsuya Campus
Building 6, Room 304

LANGUAGE

English
(No interpretation)

ORGANIZER

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Religious Dialogue and Peace Building Project

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Register here

Deadline: 10 November

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Speakers



Main Speaker

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Coordinator, Peace and Reconciliation
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Speaker

Dr. Daisaku Higashi

Professor, Center for Global Education and
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Commentator

Dr. Thomas Varkey

Assistant Professor, Center for Liberal
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Development Studies.

Organizer & Moderator

Dr. Sali Augustine

Professor, Faculty of Global Studies, Sophia University.
Representative of the IAAMES Research Project on Inter-
religious Dialogue and Peace Building.

Concept

Peace is the most critical component in the current world, and a dynamic process grounded in justice, reconciliation, and respect for human dignity. In this spirit, Sophia has a distinctive approach to peace and reconciliation through interdisciplinary research, interreligious dialogue, and sustained attention to issues such as human security, violence, and social transformation in Asia and beyond. The Peace and Religious Dialogue Project of IAAMES provides an important platform for examining these challenges by bringing together scholarly inquiry and lived religious and cultural realities.

Focusing on P&R from the Jesuit education perspectives, particularly focusing on the Indian subcontinent, the seminar reflects on how discernment, solidarity, and service contribute into concrete peace-building practices. By engaging the experience of Jesuit peace initiatives and offering critical commentary from Sophia University scholars, the seminar seeks to foster dialogue, collaborative learning, and renewed commitment to peace as a core academic and ethical mission.

