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Press Release

JMI organizes a talk by a German Scholar on Inter-Religious Dialogue

The Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) under the guidance of Head of the Department, Professor Manisha T. Pandey, organized a stimulating lecture on inter-religious dialogue by Dr. Melanie Barbato on May 24. It was an open lecture that hosted interested students from across departments and courses.

Dr Barbato is a post-doctorate researcher from Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster whose scholarship focusses on inter-religious dialogue specifically revolving around Hindu-Christian exchanges. Dr. Barbato's lecture was titled 'Interreligious greeting messages as a form of Institutional Communication.' The lecture discussed the emergence of interreligious greeting as a political strategy and touched upon the concepts of language, performativity and symbolism. Dr. Barbato problematized the notions of (political) acknowledgement, participation and recognition through a nuanced historical exchange of greetings.

The lecture was followed by an open discussion that saw a build-up of curiosity leading to a thorough exchange of ideas.

The discussion was followed by a vote of thanks.

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EXTENSION LECTURE

Topic: Interreligious greeting messages as a form of institutional communication

by Dr. Melanie Barbato, University of Munster, Germany, and Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, UK



Seminar Room, Department of Sociology.



Prof. Manisha T. Pandey Head of the Department