Interfaith Officer Report

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There is a lot of interfaith tension around the world. There was a recent shooting at a Canadian mosque. There was the “Muslim ban” by the American president whose name needs no introduction. Closer to home, there was the FELIX article (pg. 5 in Issue 1655) about the “secret” visit of the Israeli ambassador to Imperial. Faith societies run their own events. I have heard no news of any discrimination that needs to be raised. It is important to note that just because issues are not raised it does not mean that issues don’t exist. I was encouraged to see the article in FELIX (http://felixonline.co.uk/comment/6712/thoughts-on-the-muslimban-protests/) amplifying the voice of Islamic Society members against the “Muslim ban.”

What lies ahead? I am in the process of establishing a monthly interfaith conference at Imperial. It will be a gathering of members of people in faith societies and people who want to debate and discuss. Some of the possible topics which I am planning to have on the agenda at these conferences include:

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* National Security
* Relationships
* Art
* Science
* Raising Children
* Family Planning
* Government and Political Science
* Ethics and AI
* Censorship and Free Speech
* Mass and Social Media
* Religious Schools and Educational Curriculums
* Conservation and Environmentalism
* Feminism
* Sport
* Stem Cells and Animal Testing
* Finance and Wealth
* War
* Homelessness
* Social Hierarchy and Class
* Business
* Secularism
* Orthodoxy and Extremism”

Depending on the availability of the faith societies, I plan to chair the first interfaith conference in the last week of February or the first week of March.

If anyone has anything they would like to raise with me, please email me at: [AYL115@ic.ac.uk](mailto:AYL115@ic.ac.uk)

Thanks.