



## E-Learning Course

# Key Concepts in Interreligious Dialogue

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

Whether interreligious, or intercultural, dialogue is an important form of intellectual interaction in the spirit of openness and compassion. Dialogue is at the heart of positive peacebuilding. Its processes are in all phases, from prevention of conflicts, to peacemaking and post-conflict rebuilding. Through this course, participants will explore leading interreligious dialogue (IRD) theories and important terminology, as well as the key historical events that shaped IRD as both a scientific field and a global concern. The course will also delve into the diverse understandings of dialogue, examining the many ways it can be used, particularly in the context of conflict prevention and reconciliation, as well as the primary methodologies used in the field.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

This course is specifically designed for today's global leaders, including policymakers, UN agencies and religious leaders and institutions.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Diverse methods and key terminologies of dialogue
- The challenges for using IRD in today's global context
- A historical foundation for IRD from the five major religions of the world (Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism)
- The geopolitical aspects of religion

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**LANGUAGE:** English  
**FEES:** Free of charge

**LEARNING TIME:** 3 hours  
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## ABOUT KAICIID COURSES

The practice of using interreligious dialogue (IRD) for building social cohesion, peace and reconciliation is rapidly emerging as a necessary tool for the twenty-first century education toolbox. KAICIID e-learning courses build the capacities of global leaders to address a number of today's most pressing challenges by using IRD to establish ethical policymaking frameworks, support peace processes, and address discrimination and religiophobia at national and local levels. The courses are part of an ongoing collaboration with renowned universities such as the The Université de Montréal, the Complutense University of Madrid and the Institut Superior de Ciències Religioses de Barcelona.

## COURSE DESIGN & METHODOLOGY

This interactive digital course is specifically designed for busy professionals who do not have time to take the longer, moderated eight-module course on

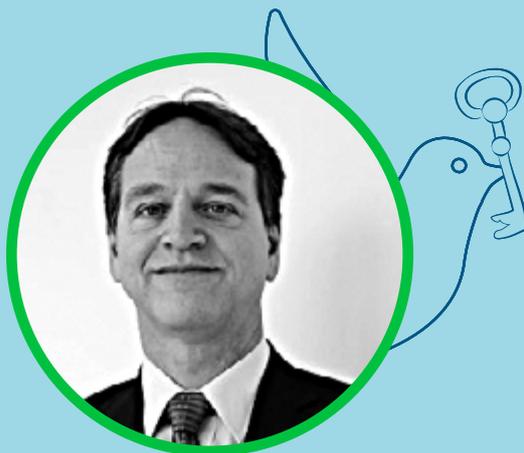
'Using Interreligious Dialogue to Strengthen Peace, Reconciliation and Social Cohesion'. They can now select the relevant thematic topics and modules and learn on the go. Administered through a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) platform, this short course takes around three hours to complete, and, using a phone or a computer, can be taken anywhere, anytime, and at a suitable pace.

## HARDWARE & SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

Modern and updated browsers.

## CERTIFICATION

A Certificate of Completion will be issued to participants who achieve a minimum total score of 70% and who complete all the mandatory activities.



### **DR. PATRICE BRODEUR**

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Dr. Patrice Brodeur is a Senior Consultant at KAICIID and a professor of Religious Studies at the Université de Montréal. With over thirty years of experience in the area of interreligious and intercultural dialogue, the highlights of Dr. Brodeur's career include the development of an interdisciplinary research team on Islam, pluralism and globalisation at the Université de Montréal, focusing on past and present intra- and interreligious, as well as inter-civilizational and inter-worldview forms of dialogue. An esteemed author and multilingualist, Dr. Brodeur has received numerous prestigious awards, including fellowships, scholarships, research grants and prizes during his distinguished career. He won 1st Prize in the social entrepreneurship venture plan competition at the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business (2005) and received an Interfaith Visionary Award from the Temple of Understanding (2010).