



ICRD Monthly Update

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ICRD's work is being recognized on numerous and disparate fronts, as illustrated below:

On Target



In early July, OxPolicy, an Oxford University Student Think Tank, published a [report](#) on "Best Practices for Diplomatic Engagement with Muslim Communities in the Middle East and South Asia." This report, which was written by a team of Oxford students, highlights ICRD's work relating to madrasa reform in Pakistan and educational reform in Saudi Arabia as possible models for the UK to emulate.

Among the principal targets of the 1994 book *Religion, the Missing Dimension of Statecraft* (precursor to the creation of ICRD) were universities, colleges, and seminaries - out of a conviction that next-generation leaders would be the most able to run with new ideas. It would appear that strategy is working.

The Inside Scoop

Columnist Donna Shor [featured ICRD's 2015 Faith-in-Action award dinner](#) in the June issue of *Washington Life* magazine. *Washington Life* is a go-to source for Washington insiders to stay abreast of happenings around the the city. The article highlights ICRD's work and in so doing, relates Faith-in-Action awardee Sally Quinn's experience working as a journalist in Iran in the late 1970s. In that capacity, she was invited to a secret meeting where she became privy to plans to overthrow the Shah. Her story was not taken seriously back in the States; and shortly thereafter, the Shah was deposed. In addition to stories about her career with the *Washington Post*, Sally provided a heartfelt account of her personal faith journey over time and how that has influenced her writing.



With best wishes,



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