

ICRD Monthly Update

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What Role for Religious Leaders?

With the blitzkrieg sweep of the so-called Islamic State (IS) across Syria and Iraq, a number of concerned people have asked us, “What can be done? What can religious leaders do to address the problem?” Some of our thinking on this, and other important related issues, is shared in an interview with the Foundation for Religious Diplomacy (listen [here](#)).



No magic bullet exists, especially since the strategic input of religious leaders is largely ignored once conflict erupts, but it is hoped that the collective impact of initiatives like the one we have underway in Syria can facilitate reconciliation once the post-conflict circumstances permit.

Friendly Reminder

Georgetown University's Berkley Center will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the publication of *Religion, The Missing Dimension of Statecraft* on Wednesday, October 15th, from 5:15 to 6:45. For more information and to RSVP click [here](#). It looks as though there will be a great turnout, and we hope you can join.

With best wishes,

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