



# “The Nature of the Soul and Death”

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023



10:30 – 11:00 – Registration

11:00 – 11:15 – Opening Remarks

## 11:15 – 12:15 – PANEL ONE: – Ontology of the Soul (Chair: Adam Ramadhan)

- **The Case for the Pre-existence of Human Souls: A Qur’ānic Perspective**  
Shaykh Arif Abdul Hussain (*Al-Mahdi Institute*)
- **Not a Simple Soul: Jewish Views of the Human Psyche**  
Rabbi Mark L. Solomon (*Leo Baeck College, London*)

12:15 – 13:30 – Lunch and Prayer

## 13:30 – 15:00 – PANEL TWO: – The Transition from this Life (Chair: Dr. Wahid Amin)

- **Qur’ānic Conceptions of Life, Death and Resurrection**  
Prof. Ali Fanaei (*Al-Mahdi Institute and Mofid University*)
- **The Soul, the *Barzakh*, and Human Transformation in Life and Death**  
Prof. Maria Massi Dakake (*George Mason University*)
- **Living Eschatologically: A Catholic Understanding of Death**  
Prof. Christopher Clohessy (*The Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies*)

15:00 - 15:20 – Tea/Coffee Break

## 15:20 – 16:20 – PANEL THREE – Theology Informing Jurisprudence (Chair: Muhammed Reza Tajri)

- **Ritual Washing Before Burial: A Comparison**  
Rabbi Jeff Berger (*KAICIID Dialogue Centre and GERIS-EU*)
- **In Support of Assisted Dying: A Christian Perspective**  
Revd. Dr. Scott S. McKenna (*Ayr St. Columba*)

16:20 – 16:30 – Closing Remarks

16:30 – Dinner/*Close*