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PAPER TITLE:

Towards Sustainable Inter-Faith Dialogues:

Social Inclusivity and Inter-Religious Understanding

in a Multicultural Society

ABSTRACT: In its recent policy statements, the UNESCO has time and again emphasized the role of cultural factors in ensuring sustainable development and social inclusivity. Without a sustainable inter-faith dialogue, a multi-religious society cannot ensure substantial social inclusivity. While there are certain tendencies within “secular” discourses to see religion as detrimental to pluralism and essentially regressive, scholars from various communities and ideological positions as well as the policy-makers of the UNESCO have underscored the positive role that religions can play in sustaining social inclusivity and fostering pluralist values. In fact, it might be argued that, in a country like India, we need to have a proper policy of encouraging interreligious understanding and interfaith dialogue so that we can move towards a future of sustainable communal harmony, rather than simply rehashing an age old, politically motivated binary of secularism and communalism.



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Paper title: Mapping Sustainability: An Eco/Environmental Approach

Abstract: When there is an inherent disharmony or discrepancy between consumption/use and regeneration/replenishment of resources - both material as well as cultural - the question of sustainability becomes very important. The material resources of the physical world and the cultural legacy that one inherits ought to be passed on to the future generations in a state that would be richer or better in some way or the other than what they are today.

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