Línea de Investigación El Islam en Venezuela - World Interfaith Harmony Week

The Line of Research Islam in Venezuela is formalized at the Central University of Venezuela in the Psychology School through the approval of the Doctoral Thesis "The Islamic Spirituality in Venezuela, an Interdisciplinary Approach from Daily Life", in June of 2011. This Field research sought to approach Islamic spirituality and the daily living of its actors in order to know the religious sense from an interdisciplinary look at Muslim families and actors. The first activities of the line were the publication of two books, publication of the doctoral thesis and a book that is used in the course "Social Psychology of Religions" called "Approaches to Islam, Religious and Academic Reflections". Then, a file was made with 150 publications in the Islamic area to build a library with which the line already counts. In 2014, internships for the line were formally opened from the Psychology Institute of the UCV (Central University of Venezuela). At the moment we are realizing a characterization of the arrival of the Islam to Venezuela, varied composition of the Muslims and its relation with the Venezuelan society. We also want to work with the civilizing legacy of Muslims in Venezuela, scientific and social institutions and outstanding Muslim personalities in the country. Our participation in the World Interfaith Harmony Week (María Fernanda Villa, María Isabel Marval and Nadya Ramdjan) is due to the fact that we are ten years old giving a subject on social psychology of religions, which first begins with Islamic spirituality and then integrates a global perspective of religions. We pretend to celebrate this week, every year from now on, thanks to you all.

The program of the event:

30 january util 4th of february

1. A stand with all religions, relationship with each other
2. A stand with reflection about **: Who am I?, What Am I?, Where am I going?, What is our purpose as human beings?, What are the virtues that we need to become human?, What makes us human?, Are we physical human being with an occasional spiritual experience? Or are we spiritual human beings with limited physical experience?**
3. Two mandalas for people to paint
4. Meditation in Kundalini Yoga
5. The body as a sacred place
6. Testimonies from Professors and Students

I loved the information published by the World Interfaith Harmony Week , it seems to me a very good initiative, personally I believe that the interreligious work is very good and everyone can reflect from its capacity, open mind and good manner, it was a very fine exhibition and the way it was done. Mandalas was like a brake, inside this space of so many jobs and so many responsibilities. The School of Psychology should be proud of this initiative. The fact of painting mandalas relaxed you. Stefany Larota 10th semester of Clinical Dynamics Psychology

It is a very interesting initiative. In A recent work with my students I contextualize recently about what initiatives we can bring from our training as psychologists to rebuild a more integrated society; we tried to value the space of spirituality, as a initiative made the different religions integrated from a Comprehensive point of view. This is an example of how we can integrate spirituality and psychological knowledge, always from an inclusive perspective. Instead of using religion as a way to segregate and mark differences we have to undergo to it’s deeply meaning, what religion means is to reconnect, to integrate again with something and sometimes that something is what is closes to us, our neighbor, our family our friends and people that we constructu society. World interfaith Harmony week was very interesting and initiatives such as these, we claim to maintain it. Having a kundalini yoga practice here in the school’s hall is even better. Antonio Pignatiello Professor of Clinical Psychology Central University of Venezuela

I fell in love with the presentation, the mandalas as sacred and integral space was well done, the fact that they painted it marked an alternative space. I believe that such initiatives must remain every year here in the university . Franca Trezza Professor of the subject, managing the emotions

An excellent initiative, I loved the presentation of religions, the verse of the Quran that speaks of the division of waters, the message of interreligious unity and the activities scheduled for the whole week was gorgeous. Virginia Rosales Director of the Library of Psychology Central University of Venezuela

This initiative was breathing and a beautiful space of work and reflection for us and the development of our spirituality. Third-year psychology’s students

Congratulations Teacher was a beautiful initiative, I also painted the mandala

Orlando González, Copy Center Manager

Thank you for raising this kind of spaces that reminds us of a beautiful part of our culture on a global level. I loved the idea of making it interactive and encouraging students to connect with these kinds of initiatives that are out of the books. Infinite blessings for readers.