

## National Seminar

On

### **Understanding Right Radicalism among the Faith Communities in Kerala**

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Department of Islamic Studies, University of Kerala, Kerala

**(28 February – 2 March, 2017)**

Communalism is perversion of religion from a moral order to temporal arrangement of contemporary convenience, from a faith into a realm of a strategy of living into tactics of politics. It is a tactics to use the religious and cultural differences to mobilize people to narrow political ends. Kerala is noted for its uniqueness in religious diversity and communal harmony. Unfortunately, recent history of the state is marred by a revival of caste loyalties, communal politics and even extremist and sectarian tendencies. In a politically polarised society like Kerala this trend has unusual destructive and manipulative power.

The extreme right and ultra nationalist parties and groups propagate ideology of hatred to create communal polarization for their political ends. Variety of opinions, outlooks and ideological views on this issue prevent the scholars from attempting to create a single authentic theory of extreme right political and ideological evolutions. Now the issues of practical and theoretical dimensions of extreme right activities are seeking the attention of academic community. Political, social, and cultural problems that opened tremendous opportunities for far right groups which created a conducive atmosphere for right radicalism, globally. The contemporary socio political atmosphere in India provides certain favourable conditions for ultra nationalism and the development of extreme right concepts. The department of Islamic Studies organizes a three day seminar to discuss the wide spectrum of conceptions, approaches and case studies on the analysis of far right groups, ultra nationalist ideologies and religious extremism globally, nationally and regionally.

#### **Major Themes of the seminar**

- The conceptual analysis of contemporary right - wing radicalism
- Communal politics, religious extremism in Kerala
- Religious spaces and disputes in the national and regional context
- Caste, class and religion in Kerala Politics
- Involvement of socio religious groups in the communal tensions
- Social inclusion and exclusion in the Contemporary Indian power structure
- Role of religious and community organizations in the building of social harmony

The department cordially invites the scholars teachers, researchers and students to take part and present papers on the major themes given above.

**Important dates:**

Abstract Submission Deadline : **25/02/2017**

Notification of Accepted Abstracts : **26/02/2017**

**Seminar** : **28/02/2017 to 02/03/2017**

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