



## **King's University College welcomes Tariq Ramadan to Centennial Hall for Religious Life Lecture Series**

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London, ON – The Office of Campus Ministry at King's University College is pleased to welcome Tariq Ramadan, PhD (Professor of Contemporary Islamic Studies and Theology at Oxford University) to Centennial Hall as part of the Religious Life Lecture Series. The event will take place at Centennial Hall (550 Wellington St.) on Thursday, March 14, 2013. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Ramadan's lecture, "Believing in One Truth in a Pluralistic Society", will ask people of all faiths to reflect on the commonalities between diverse beliefs and traditions. He will outline the approach to pluralism presented in his book "The Quest for Meaning: Developing a Philosophy of Pluralism," which provides an analysis of the challenges involved in creating pluralist societies and an insightful assessment of areas of common ground.

This lecture marks the final installment of the Religious Life Lecture Series for 2012-2013. As a Catholic University College, King's is proud to support The Religious Life Lecture Series in order to encourage open inquiry into all areas of religious life. This year, the series theme "Faithful Passages: The Door of Faith" was inspired by the 2011 *motu proprio* of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI whose call to live from and out of one's faith is applicable to members of all faiths.

"We are pleased to conclude this year's Religious Life Lecture Series with Tariq Ramadan whose approach to pluralism and emphasis on becoming a force for good in the world is particularly compelling given recent world developments," said Sister Susan Glaab, CSJ, Campus Minister at King's University College.

Ramadan has been named one of Time Magazine's top seven religious leaders, and one of the world's top 100 most influential intellectuals. He holds an MA in Philosophy and French literature and a PhD in Arabic and Islamic Studies from the University of Geneva. He has contributed substantially to the debate on contemporary Islamic issues, Islamic revival in the world and Muslims in the West through his activism, writing and lectures.

This event has been generously sponsored by The Centre for Jewish-Catholic-Muslim Learning at King's University College, in association with The London Muslim Mosque, The Islamic Centre of Southwest Ontario, The Muslim Students' Association of Western University, and London Link Magazine. Admission is free of charge; donations will be accepted. The event is open to the public and members of the press.

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