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Dr. Amineh Hoti is an accomplished Social Anthropologist and an innovative peace studies designer and leader. She has been invited twice to the White House in Washington DC to participate and speak on peacebuilding. She is the governor of St. Mary's Senior School Cambridge for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI). Amineh Hoti obtained her Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge where she was awarded the Wyse Fund, Trinity College. She graduated from the London School of Economics where she received the Foreign and Commonwealth Award for developing global leaders. She is a Fellow Commoner, Lucy Cavendish College, University of Cambridge, and has supervised undergraduates from half a dozen Cambridge colleges. Amineh Hoti was the co-founding director of the Center for the Study of Muslim-Jewish Relations, Cambridge where she taught rabbis, priests and imams. She is an Honorary Professor at the University of Nottingham, UK. She is a Senior Consultant for the United Nation's Office on Genocide Prevention and the Responsibility to Protect, New York. She is a member of UNESCO/OSAPG Advisory Group on addressing hate speech. She was Program Director at the Seerat Centre to promote global peace, Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.

Cambridge University Press published her anthropological study, *Sorrow and Joy Among Muslim Women* (2006). Her latest book *Gems and Jewels: The Religions of Pakistan* (2021) is based on the ten religious communities of Pakistan. She is co-author of *The Mingling of the Oceans: How Civilizations can Live Together*, Brookings Press, forthcoming. She is author of *Seerat*, Higher Education Commission, forthcoming. She contributed a chapter on "Pope Francis's Compassion" to a major study-book on *Pope Francis and Interreligious Dialogue: Religious Thinkers Engage with Recent Papal Initiatives*, edited by Kasimow and Race (Palgrave Macmillan, 2018). She also contributed another chapter, "Empathy as Policy in the Age of Hatred," to *Confronting Religious Violence: A Counternarrative*, edited by BurrIDGE and the Late Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks, Baylor University Press, 2018.

For more than two decades, she has been a director, teacher, researcher, and public intellectual. She has extensive teaching experience on several continents. She has designed, pioneered and taught interfaith peace studies courses for United States Institute of Peace (USIP), the Institute of Continued Education (ICE, University of Cambridge), the Center for the Study of Muslim-Jewish Relations, the Woolf Institute (Cambridge), Ridley Hall (University of Cambridge), and in South Asia at Forman Christian College University, Air University, NUST and Fatima Jinnah University and St Mary's School, Cambridge. Her work has focused on cutting edge interdisciplinary teaching methods of peace building studies, interreligious dialogue, women's voices and the social anthropology of South Asia and its diverse communities. She appears frequently in the media.

## SELECTED TESTIMONIALS

**His Royal Highness Prince Charles, Prince of Wales:** "I just wanted to write and thank you for sending me your marvelous book *Teaching Acceptance*." It really was immensely kind of you, and I am very heartened to see that your work of promoting interfaith understanding is proceeding so tirelessly, despite all challenges."

**His Royal Highness Prince Hassan of Jordan:** (From the Foreword to *Gems and Jewels: The Religions of Pakistan*) “ ‘Gems and Jewels: The Religions of Pakistan’, by Dr. Amineh Ahmed Hoti, is a glorious read; accessible, enjoyable, a radiating resonance of vivid human images, of voices, faces, and places, and a celebration of the richness of diversity that connects us with the beauty of the different and of the human character at its best.”

**Eileen Kugler, editor of *Innovative Voices in Education; Engaging Diverse Communities*, USA:** “Dr. Amineh Hoti’s unwavering commitment and personal peace in (her) work reminds me of great leaders like Gandhi, Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King Jr., I am so privileged to know her.”

**Dr. James Shera, MBE, Star of Pakistan and Former Mayor of Rugby, UK:** “Where there is a desperate need to promote peace, scholarship, and religious understanding within the western and eastern societies, Dr. Amineh Hoti is a rising star in our dark world who is continuing to shine the bright light in those areas where there is prejudice and religious hatred on the basis of creed, breed and society you belong to. I have not come across a person who is so respectful and so close to different faith community members.”

**Dr. Rowan Williams, former Master, Magdalene College, University of Cambridge, and former Archbishop of Canterbury:** “There is no doubt that she is a really significant voice in Muslim thought and scholarship internationally, and she has built up an impressive network of collaborators and friends in the interfaith world. She combines conventional scholarly precision with a genuine flair for large questions and fresh answers.”

**Professor Julius Lipner, Professor Emeritus, Comparative Study of Religion, University of Cambridge:** “In the wake of the adverse reaction to the horrors of 11th September 2001 in the US and of 7th July 2005 in London, Dr. Hoti’s work has done much to calm the consequent hysteria and hate and to demonstrate that Islam harbours the potential for the realization of a great humanity. In our times, such work should be encouraged, especially at the hands of such a knowledgeable researcher.”

**Professor Lawrence Rosen, Princeton University, Member of the Bar, United States Supreme Court:** “I have known Dr. Hoti throughout her development as a professional anthropologist, a tireless advocate for human rights, and a writer of unusual talent. As an anthropologist Dr. Hoti’s publications demonstrate the sort of intense field experience, theoretical sophistication, and humane presentation one identifies with the best in the discipline. Dr. Hoti draws the reader and listener into her presentations and to the insightful interpretations she brings to that engagement.”

**Alumni, University of Cambridge, Special Feature: A Blueprint for World Peace on Dr. Amineh Hoti:** “Amineh’s courses have helped change the mindset of young people from remote regions, including those from the border of Afghanistan and Pakistan. In her writing, Amineh has contributed valuable chapters for books on the Pope, the former Chief Rabbi and in UNESCO publications...But Amineh’s path has not been easy. She has had to battle misogyny, cultural stereotypes, and Islamophobia.”