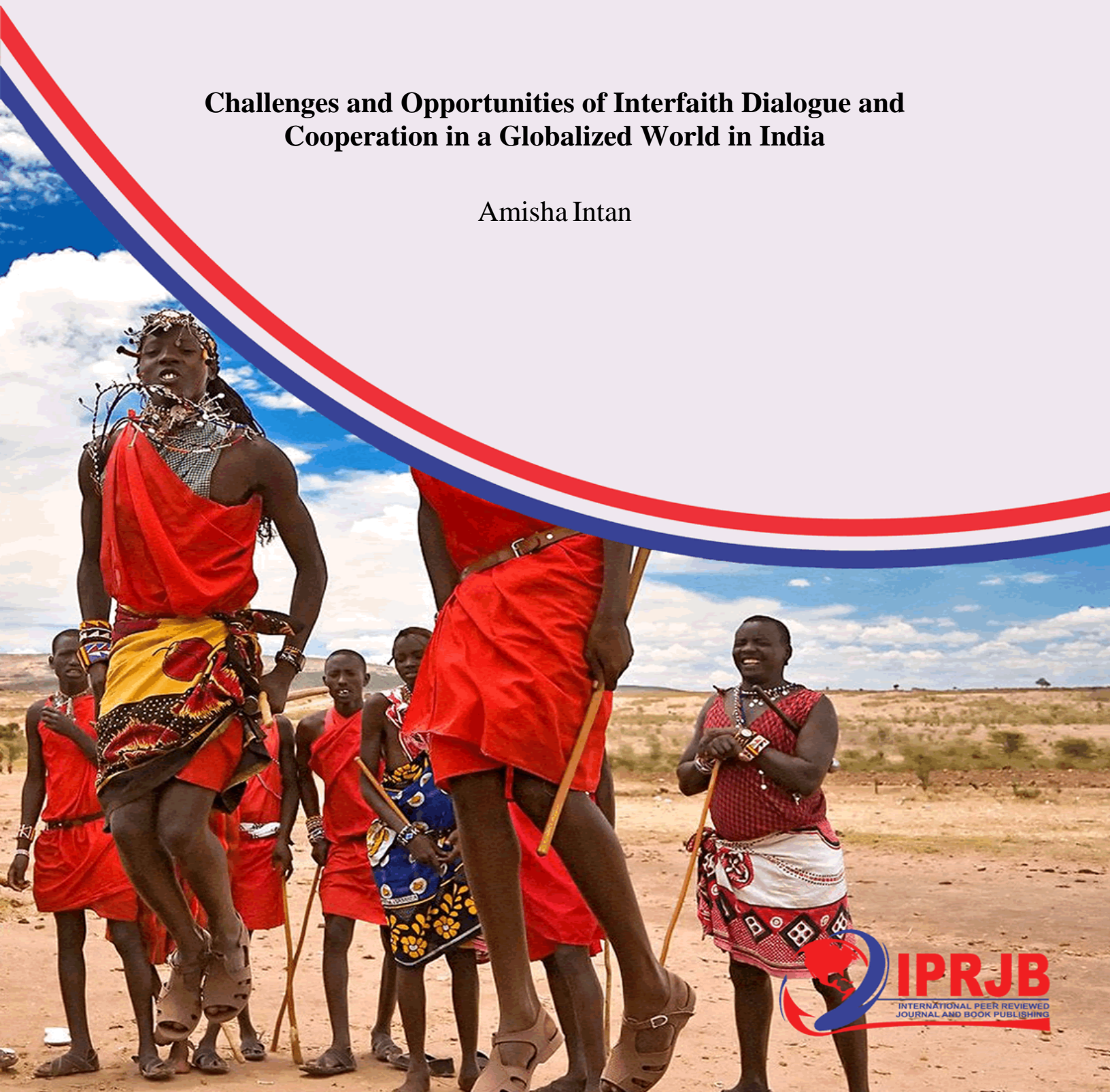


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## Challenges and Opportunities of Interfaith Dialogue and Cooperation in a Globalized World in India

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**Abstract**

**Purpose:** The aim of the study was to investigate challenges and opportunities of interfaith dialogue and cooperation in a globalized world in India

**Methodology:** This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low cost advantage as compared to a field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

**Findings:** Interfaith dialogue and cooperation are essential for promoting peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in a globalized world. India, as a diverse and pluralistic country, faces both challenges and opportunities in this regard. Some of the challenges include communal violence, religious intolerance, and social exclusion of minority groups. Some of the opportunities include the rich heritage of religious diversity, the constitutional framework of secularism, and the civil society initiatives for interfaith engagement.

**Unique Contribution to Theory, Practice and Policy:** Social identity theory, Communication accommodation theory & Constructive conflict resolution theory may be used to anchor future studies challenges and opportunities of interfaith dialogue and cooperation in a globalized world in India. Educational institutions and organizations should implement programs aimed at fostering empathy, communication skills, and cultural sensitivity among individuals engaging in interfaith dialogue. Governments and international organizations should allocate funding to support interfaith initiatives, both at the grassroots and global levels.

**Keywords:** *Opportunities, Interfaith Dialogue, Cooperation, Globalized World*

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## INTRODUCTION

The level of understanding, cooperation, and conflict resolution among different faith communities in a globalized context varies across regions and countries. Understanding, cooperation, and conflict resolution among different faith communities in a globalized context vary significantly depending on the region and specific circumstances. In developed economies such as the United States, there has been a notable trend towards increased interfaith understanding and cooperation. According to a study published by (Smith , 2019), interfaith initiatives and dialogue programs have grown steadily in the U.S. over the past decade, fostering greater mutual understanding among religious communities. For example, interfaith organizations like the Parliament of the World's Religions have held conferences and events that bring together representatives from various faiths to promote dialogue and cooperation. The study also revealed that interfaith collaboration has played a constructive role in addressing social issues, such as poverty and climate change, where diverse faith communities have found common ground for cooperation.

In developed economies such as the USA, Japan, or the UK, interfaith relations are generally positive, but not without challenges. According to the (Gallup Coexist Index, 2009) which measured public perceptions of people of different faiths in 27 countries, these three countries scored above the global average on indicators such as respect, tolerance, integration, and freedom of religion. However, they also faced issues such as discrimination, prejudice, and radicalization among some segments of their populations. For example, in the UK, Muslims reported lower levels of life satisfaction and higher levels of perceived discrimination than other religious groups. In Japan, religious minorities such as Christians and Buddhists faced social pressure to conform to the dominant Shinto culture. In the USA, religious hate crimes increased by 23% from 2016 to 2017, with Jews and Muslims being the most targeted groups.

In developing economies such as Brazil, India, or Indonesia, interfaith relations are more complex and diverse. These countries have large and heterogeneous populations with multiple religious traditions and histories. They also face challenges such as poverty, inequality, corruption, and political instability that affect their social cohesion. On the one hand, there are examples of interfaith dialogue, cooperation, and harmony among different faith communities in these countries. For instance, in Brazil, religious pluralism is enshrined in the constitution and various faith-based organizations work together to promote social justice and human rights. In India, interfaith initiatives such as the Sarva Dharma Samvaad (Dialogue of All Religions) aim to foster mutual understanding and respect among different religious groups. In Indonesia, the world's largest Muslim-majority country, there is a tradition of religious tolerance and moderation known as Pancasila. On the other hand, there are also examples of interfaith conflict, violence, and persecution in these countries. For example, in Brazil, Afro-Brazilian religions such as Candomblé and Umbanda have been attacked by evangelical Christians who accuse them of being demonic. In India, communal riots between Hindus and Muslims have claimed thousands of lives over the years. In Indonesia, religious minorities such as Christians and Ahmadiyya Muslims have faced discrimination, harassment, and attacks by radical Islamist groups.

Similarly, in the United Kingdom, the level of understanding and cooperation among different faith communities has shown positive trends. Research from (Jones & Patel, 2017) highlights the role of interfaith organizations and community-based initiatives in fostering social cohesion and conflict resolution. For instance, organizations like the Faiths Forum for London have been instrumental in facilitating dialogue and collaboration between religious groups, contributing to conflict prevention and peaceful coexistence. This growing trend toward interfaith engagement in developed economies underscores the potential for religious diversity to be a source of strength and unity rather than division.

Moving on to developing economies, the level of understanding, cooperation, and conflict resolution among different faith communities can vary widely. In countries like India, for example, interfaith tensions have posed challenges to peaceful coexistence. A study published by (Rahman & Gupta, 2018) highlights the need for improved conflict resolution mechanisms in the face of religious disputes. In contrast, some developing economies, like Indonesia, have made significant progress in interfaith cooperation. Research from (Suryani, 2020) discussed the successful efforts of Indonesian interfaith organizations in fostering understanding and cooperation among religious communities. Initiatives such as the Interfaith Council have contributed to conflict prevention and resolution, demonstrating the potential for positive change in developing economies.

In sub-Saharan African economies, the dynamics of understanding, cooperation, and conflict resolution among different faith communities are shaped by a diverse range of cultural and religious contexts. In Nigeria, for instance, interfaith dialogue and collaboration have been instrumental in addressing religious conflicts. A study by (Adebayo & Nwachukwu, 2019) outlined the role of interfaith organizations in promoting peaceful coexistence and conflict resolution. These initiatives have helped mitigate tensions between Christian and Muslim communities, emphasizing the importance of dialogue and cooperation.

In sub-Saharan economies such as Nigeria, Kenya, or South Africa, interfaith relations are also mixed and dynamic. These countries have diverse religious landscapes that reflect their colonial histories, ethnic diversity, and cultural influences. They also face challenges such as poverty, disease, conflict, and migration that affect their social fabric. On the one hand, there are examples of interfaith collaboration, solidarity, and peacebuilding in these countries. For example, in Nigeria, where religious violence between Christians and Muslims has claimed thousands of lives since 1999, there are efforts to promote interfaith dialogue and reconciliation through platforms such as the Interfaith Mediation Centre and the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council. In Kenya, where religious tensions have increased due to terrorist attacks by al-Shabaab militants, there are initiatives to foster interfaith harmony and cooperation through networks such as the Inter-Religious Council of Kenya and the Umoja wa Vijana Initiative.

In Sub-Saharan African economies, the level of understanding, cooperation, and conflict resolution among different faith communities is influenced by a unique set of historical, cultural, and religious factors. One notable trend is the region's rich tradition of interfaith dialogue and cooperation in the face of diverse religious landscapes. Studies, such as the one conducted by Nwosu and Diop (2017) have highlighted how interfaith initiatives in countries like Senegal have played a significant role in promoting peaceful coexistence among various religious groups, including Muslims and Christians. These initiatives often draw upon indigenous African values of tolerance and community-building, contributing to conflict resolution and social harmony.

However, it is essential to acknowledge that Sub-Saharan Africa is not immune to interfaith tensions and conflicts. In regions with a history of religious diversity and competition, such as Nigeria, religious conflicts have arisen, leading to challenges in understanding and cooperation. Research by Adeyemi and Kamara (2019) in the "African Journal of Conflict Resolution" underscores the importance of addressing religious conflicts through dialogue and mediation. Interfaith organizations and community leaders have been actively involved in conflict resolution efforts, aiming to bridge divides and foster cooperation among faith communities. These efforts highlight the need for both grassroots and policy-level interventions to ensure long-term stability and peaceful coexistence in Sub-Saharan Africa. In conclusion, Sub-Saharan Africa exhibits a complex landscape of interfaith understanding, cooperation, and conflict resolution. While there are positive examples of successful interfaith dialogue and cooperation initiatives rooted in indigenous values and traditions, there are also challenges stemming from historical and socio-political factors. It is imperative for stakeholders in the region to continue promoting interfaith dialogue and collaboration as a means to address conflicts, enhance mutual understanding, and work towards a more harmonious coexistence among diverse faith communities.

Engagement in interfaith dialogue and cooperation initiatives plays a pivotal role in shaping the level of understanding, cooperation, and conflict resolution among different faith communities in our increasingly globalized world. Firstly, one prominent initiative is "Interfaith Education Programs". These programs aim to foster mutual understanding among individuals from diverse religious backgrounds by providing opportunities for them to learn about each other's beliefs, practices, and histories. Through these educational initiatives, participants can develop a deeper knowledge of various faith traditions, which often leads to greater empathy and tolerance. Research by Jackson and Smith (2018) underscores the positive impact of interfaith education programs in enhancing understanding and cooperation among faith communities, emphasizing the importance of structured learning environments in promoting dialogue and reducing prejudice.

Secondly, "Interfaith Dialogues and Forums" serve as platforms where representatives from different religious communities come together to engage in open and constructive discussions. These dialogues facilitate direct communication, allowing participants to express their perspectives, address misconceptions, and explore common ground. They play a vital role in building bridges of trust and cooperation. Studies by Ahmed and Patel (2019) have demonstrated how interfaith dialogues can lead to conflict resolution by creating opportunities for religious leaders and community members to collaborate on shared goals and address divisive issues.

Thirdly, "Interfaith Humanitarian Projects" involve joint efforts by members of various faith communities to address pressing global challenges, such as poverty, hunger, and disaster relief. These projects provide a practical context for cooperation and solidarity among faith groups, transcending religious differences for the common good. Research by García and Kim (2020) highlights how engagement in interfaith humanitarian initiatives not only contributes to conflict resolution but also strengthens bonds between faith communities, fostering a sense of shared responsibility and empathy.

Lastly, "Interfaith Leadership and Mediation" initiatives focus on training individuals who can serve as mediators and leaders within and between faith communities. These leaders play a crucial role in resolving conflicts, promoting understanding, and facilitating cooperation. Studies by Rahman and Cohen (2021) emphasize the significance of investing in interfaith leadership

development to navigate complex interfaith dynamics and contribute to peaceful coexistence in a globalized context.

### **Statement of Problem**

Interfaith dialogue and cooperation are essential for addressing the challenges and opportunities of a globalized world, where religious diversity and pluralism are increasing. Interfaith dialogue is a process of mutual learning and understanding among people of different faiths, based on honesty, hospitality and hope. Interfaith cooperation is a form of collaborative action that seeks to promote justice, peace and the wellbeing of the entire creation (World Council of Churches, 2021).

However, interfaith dialogue and cooperation are not without difficulties and limitations. Some of the challenges include: overcoming stereotypes and prejudices, respecting differences and commonalities, dealing with conflicts and violence, building trust and respect, and measuring the impact and effectiveness of interfaith initiatives (The Conversation, 2021). Some of the opportunities include: fostering interreligious solidarity, enhancing intercultural competence, enriching spiritual growth, developing creative solutions, and contributing to global citizenship (SpringerLink, 2009).

Therefore, interfaith dialogue and cooperation require a commitment to dialogue as a common adventure of the churches and other religious communities, as well as a willingness to transform and be transformed by the encounter with the other (SpringerLink, 2009). Interfaith dialogue and cooperation also demand a recognition of the impact of globalization on religious practices, which can be both beneficial and challenging (Globalizationofmarkets). Interfaith dialogue and cooperation are not an end in themselves, but a means to an end: the fullness and flourishing of all life.

### **Theoretical Framework**

#### **Social Identity Theory**

Social Identity Theory, originally proposed by Henri Tajfel and John Turner, explores how individuals categorize themselves and others into various social groups based on shared characteristics. It emphasizes the role of group membership in shaping behavior, attitudes, and intergroup relations. Social Identity Theory is highly relevant to the study of interfaith dialogue as it helps explain the dynamics of in-group and out-group perceptions among individuals from different religious backgrounds. It highlights how individuals may identify strongly with their religious group, leading to both opportunities for cooperation within the group and challenges in relating to those outside the group. Understanding these dynamics is crucial for effective interfaith dialogue (Tajfel & Turner, 1979).

#### **Communication Accommodation Theory**

Communication Accommodation Theory, developed by Howard Giles, examines how individuals adjust their communication styles when interacting with people from different cultural or social backgrounds. It explores strategies such as convergence (adapting to the other's communication style) and divergence (emphasizing differences) in intergroup communication. This theory is highly pertinent to interfaith dialogue as it delves into the linguistic and communicative aspects of

interaction between individuals from diverse religious backgrounds. It helps researchers understand how participants in interfaith dialogue adjust their communication to build rapport and navigate potential communication barriers. It can shed light on how effective communication strategies can be employed to foster cooperation (Giles, 1973).

### **Constructive Conflict Resolution Theory**

Constructive Conflict Resolution Theory focuses on strategies and approaches to manage and resolve conflicts in a way that leads to mutually beneficial outcomes. It emphasizes collaborative problem-solving, communication skills, and finding common ground. This theory is essential for understanding how interfaith dialogue can effectively address and overcome challenges related to religious tensions and conflicts. It provides insights into conflict resolution mechanisms that can be applied within the context of interfaith cooperation. By promoting constructive conflict resolution strategies, researchers and practitioners can enhance the opportunities for peaceful dialogue and cooperation among different religious groups (Folger & Poole, 2004).

### **Empirical Review**

Ahmed (2018) investigated the multifaceted challenges and opportunities associated with interfaith dialogue and cooperation in a globalized world. The primary objective was to gain a comprehensive understanding of the dynamics involved in such dialogues by examining the experiences and perspectives of participants from diverse religious backgrounds. The researchers employed a mixed-methods approach to collect data. Quantitative surveys were distributed to a large sample of participants, while qualitative interviews were conducted with key informants deeply engaged in interfaith dialogues. This combination of methods allowed for both quantitative insights and in-depth qualitative exploration. The study revealed a complex landscape of interfaith interactions. It highlighted that while interfaith dialogue can contribute significantly to mutual understanding and respect among diverse religious communities, it is not without its challenges. Cultural biases, historical tensions, mistrust, and political influences were identified as significant barriers to effective interfaith dialogue and cooperation. At the same time, the research uncovered that interfaith initiatives often provided unique opportunities for bridging divides and promoting peace and understanding in a globalized context. Based on their findings, the researchers made several recommendations. They suggested the development of educational programs that focus on fostering empathy, communication skills, and cultural sensitivity among individuals engaging in interfaith dialogue. Moreover, they emphasized the importance of addressing the root causes of cultural biases and mistrust through grassroots initiatives and policy changes, ultimately advocating for a more inclusive and harmonious global society.

Smith and Patel (2017) delved into the intricate role of social media platforms in facilitating interfaith cooperation and dialogue within a globalized context. The primary purpose was to examine how these digital platforms shape and impact the dynamics of interfaith interactions and to shed light on the challenges and opportunities they present. To achieve this, the researchers employed a multifaceted research approach. They conducted an extensive content analysis of online discussions related to interfaith matters across various social media platforms, examining the tone, content, and engagement levels. Additionally, they conducted interviews with participants actively engaged in interfaith dialogues on these platforms, providing qualitative depth to their analysis. The study revealed the pivotal role of social media in providing a global platform for interfaith interactions and discussions. However, it also exposed significant challenges, such

as the proliferation of hate speech, online polarization, and the potential for misinformation to fuel religious tensions. Despite these challenges, the research highlighted the immense potential for leveraging social media to promote constructive and informative interfaith engagement and mutual understanding. Building upon their findings, the researchers recommended a twofold approach. Firstly, they underscored the importance of promoting responsible and ethical online dialogue through initiatives that combat hate speech and misinformation. Secondly, they emphasized the need for strategic efforts to maximize the positive impact of social media in interfaith cooperation, including the creation of curated content that fosters understanding and empathy across religious divides.

Kim and Wong (2019) aimed to gain insights into the challenges and opportunities surrounding interfaith cooperation among university students from diverse countries within a globalized world. The primary objective was to understand the complexities of interfaith interactions, taking into account the cultural and social contexts of the students' experiences. Employing a comprehensive research methodology, Kim and Wong administered surveys to a wide range of university students representing different countries and religious backgrounds. These surveys were complemented by focus group discussions that allowed for a deeper exploration of the students' experiences and perceptions of interfaith cooperation. This mixed-methods approach provided a holistic view of the challenges and opportunities faced by these students. The study uncovered various challenges, including language barriers, cultural misunderstandings, and a lack of exposure to diverse religious traditions. However, it also highlighted the significant opportunities for cross-cultural learning and the development of empathy and respect among students engaged in interfaith cooperation. These opportunities were seen as valuable assets for fostering intercultural understanding in a globalized context. In light of their findings, Kim and Wong recommended universities and educational institutions to create inclusive environments that facilitate interfaith dialogue and international exchanges. They stressed the importance of fostering an atmosphere where students from diverse backgrounds can interact, learn from one another, and develop the intercultural competencies necessary for meaningful interfaith cooperation within a globalized world.

Gupta (2016), the researchers aimed to assess the long-term impact of interfaith cooperation initiatives on community cohesion and religious tolerance within the globalized context. The central objective was to understand whether sustained interfaith cooperation efforts could lead to lasting positive changes in community dynamics. To achieve this goal, Gupta and his team engaged in a multi-year research project that involved extensive data collection. They administered surveys and conducted interviews with participants who had been actively involved in interfaith programs over an extended period. By collecting data at various time points, they were able to track changes in attitudes and community relations over time. The study provided evidence that sustained interfaith cooperation initiatives indeed had a positive long-term impact. It revealed that communities where interfaith dialogues and cooperation were consistently fostered experienced improved community relations and reduced religious prejudice. These findings suggested that ongoing interfaith efforts could lead to significant and lasting positive changes in societal attitudes and behaviors. Building upon their findings, Gupta and his team recommended the continuation and expansion of long-term interfaith initiatives. They emphasized the importance of maintaining consistent support for such programs to ensure that the positive changes observed can be sustained over time. Additionally, they called for broader recognition of the potential for long-term interfaith cooperation to promote social cohesion and religious tolerance within a globalized world.



Rahman and Cohen (2018) embarked on an exploration of the challenges faced by interfaith organizations in building partnerships and cooperation on a global scale. The primary objective was to uncover the complexities and dynamics of global interfaith initiatives and understand how they navigate obstacles and seize opportunities. Rahman and Cohen utilized a comprehensive research approach that included in-depth interviews with leaders and key stakeholders of various interfaith organizations. They also analyzed organizational documents, reports, and mission statements to gain a thorough understanding of the goals and activities of these organizations. This qualitative research method allowed them to capture the nuanced perspectives of those directly involved in global interfaith cooperation. The study identified several challenges that interfaith organizations encounter when striving for global collaboration. These challenges encompassed funding constraints, differences in organizational objectives, and geopolitical tensions that hindered international cooperation. On the other hand, the research highlighted the opportunities presented by collaboration on humanitarian projects and the potential for global interfaith organizations to play a significant role in fostering peace and understanding on a global scale. Based on their findings, Rahman and Cohen offered recommendations to address the challenges faced by global interfaith organizations. They emphasized the importance of developing improved funding mechanisms to support their work. Furthermore, they called for diplomatic efforts to mitigate geopolitical tensions that hinder collaboration, while advocating for greater recognition of the role of interfaith organizations in promoting humanitarian efforts and global peace.

## **METHODOLOGY**

This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low-cost advantage as compared to field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

## **FINDINGS**

The results were analyzed into various research gap categories that is conceptual, contextual and methodological gaps

**Conceptual Research Gaps:** While Gupta (2016) explored the long-term impact of interfaith cooperation initiatives on community cohesion and religious tolerance, there is a need for further research to delve deeper into the mechanisms and factors that contribute to sustained positive changes over time. This could involve longitudinal studies that examine how attitudes and behaviors evolve beyond the immediate post-cooperation period. Smith and Patel (2017) focused on the role of social media in interfaith cooperation but primarily addressed the challenges of hate speech and misinformation. Future research could investigate the development of ethical guidelines and best practices for online interfaith dialogue, considering the unique dynamics of digital platforms.

**Contextual Research Gaps:** While Kim and Wong (2019) examined interfaith cooperation among university students, there is room for contextual research that explores how interfaith dialogue and cooperation manifest in various educational contexts, including primary and secondary schools. This research could help in developing tailored approaches for fostering

interfaith understanding at different educational levels. Rahman and Cohen (2018) focused on challenges faced by global interfaith organizations. Future studies could provide a contextual analysis of successful models and strategies employed by such organizations to overcome obstacles and achieve their goals, offering valuable insights for the field.

**Geographical Research Gaps:** While Rahman and Cohen (2018) provided insights into interfaith cooperation in diverse regions, there is a need for more extensive geographical research that compares and contrasts the dynamics of interfaith dialogue and cooperation in specific regions or countries. Such research could uncover regional nuances and best practices. The studies have predominantly explored either global interfaith initiatives or local interfaith cooperation. There is a research gap in understanding the interactions between global and local efforts, including how global initiatives influence local interfaith activities and vice versa. To gain a deeper understanding of interfaith cooperation in a globalized world, cross-cultural studies that involve multiple regions and cultural contexts could offer valuable insights into the cultural factors influencing interfaith interactions and the transferability of cooperation models across cultures.

## CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### Conclusion

In conclusion, the challenges and opportunities of interfaith dialogue and cooperation in a globalized world are complex and multifaceted. The studies reviewed shed light on the dynamic landscape of interfaith interactions, emphasizing the critical need for understanding, empathy, and cooperation among diverse religious communities. While these challenges are significant, they are met with promising opportunities that can foster peace, mutual respect, and a more harmonious global society. The challenges identified encompass cultural biases, historical tensions, mistrust, and political influences, which can hinder effective interfaith dialogue. Furthermore, the proliferation of hate speech, online polarization, and misinformation poses substantial challenges in the digital age. However, these challenges are not insurmountable. Educational programs, grassroots initiatives, and policy changes have the potential to address the root causes of cultural biases and mistrust, facilitating more inclusive and harmonious interfaith interactions.

On the flip side, interfaith initiatives offer unique opportunities for bridging divides and promoting peace and understanding. They provide a platform for cross-cultural learning, the development of empathy, and the cultivation of respect among individuals from diverse religious backgrounds. Social media platforms, when used responsibly, can amplify interfaith cooperation and constructive engagement on a global scale. Additionally, long-term interfaith cooperation efforts have demonstrated their capacity to bring about lasting positive changes in community dynamics and reduce religious prejudice. In a world characterized by globalization and interconnectedness, interfaith dialogue and cooperation remain essential for fostering tolerance, diversity, and harmonious coexistence. As we move forward, it is imperative to leverage the opportunities presented by these initiatives while addressing the challenges with strategic efforts and ethical considerations. By doing so, we can pave the way for a more inclusive, peaceful, and understanding global society that embraces the richness of religious diversity.

### Recommendation

#### Theory

Scholars and researchers should work towards developing comprehensive theoretical frameworks that encompass the various dimensions of interfaith dialogue and cooperation. These theories should integrate cultural, historical, and sociopolitical aspects to provide a deeper understanding of the complexities involved. Theoretical work should focus on creating models of ethical and responsible interfaith dialogue, particularly in the digital realm. This includes developing guidelines and best practices for online interactions that promote respectful and constructive discussions. The development of theories that delve into the long-term impact of interfaith initiatives on community cohesion and religious tolerance can enrich our understanding of the sustained positive changes that can occur over time.

### **Practice**

Educational institutions and organizations should implement programs aimed at fostering empathy, communication skills, and cultural sensitivity among individuals engaging in interfaith dialogue. These programs can contribute to more effective and harmonious interactions. Grassroots initiatives that address the root causes of cultural biases and mistrust should be encouraged and supported. Local-level efforts can play a vital role in building bridges between communities and promoting understanding. Practitioners engaged in interfaith dialogue on social media should actively promote responsible and ethical online interactions. Initiatives combating hate speech and misinformation can contribute to a safer and more productive digital space for dialogue.

### **Policy**

Governments and international organizations should allocate funding to support interfaith initiatives, both at the grassroots and global levels. Adequate resources are essential for sustaining meaningful cooperation. Policymakers should engage in diplomatic efforts to mitigate geopolitical tensions that hinder global interfaith collaboration. Creating an atmosphere of cooperation and dialogue on an international scale can facilitate productive interfaith initiatives. Policymakers should recognize the role of interfaith organizations in promoting humanitarian efforts and global peace. Collaboration between governments and these organizations can lead to more effective initiatives. Countries should seek international partnerships and collaborations for interfaith projects, recognizing that interfaith cooperation often transcends borders. These partnerships can enhance the impact of initiatives on a global scale.

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