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This program brings together faculty and speakers from all the BTI schools, namely Boston University, Boston College, Andover Newton Theological School, Harvard Divinity School, Episcopal Divinity School, etc. to analyze critical conflicts happening across the globe with their differences and complexities. For each one of them, the role of religious peacebuilding (peacebuilding as done by religious leaders, churches, religious institutions) is evaluated in comparison to political peacebuilding. Since World War II, religious peacebuilding has been called the missing dimension of statecraft. World Religions, including Islam, possess moral and social characteristics that equip them in unique ways to engage in efforts to promote peace.

