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WEDNESDAY, 24 JUNE, 2015

9:00-10:15 AM

OJLR 1

Opening: Cole Durham, Peter Petkoff

Session 1

Identity, Culture Wars and the Public Sphere

Chair: Roberta Herzberg, Assistant Director, Individual Freedom and Free Markets, John Templeton Foundation, United States

Speakers:

Brett G. Scharffs, Associate Dean and Francis R. Kirkham Professor of Law; Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, United States
"Four Models of Public Discourse and their Implications for the Public Sphere"

Renata Uitz, Professor of Comparative Constitutional Law, Central European University, Legal Studies Department, Hungary
"From Liberty to Identity: What is Left of Religious Freedom after the Culture Wars?"

10:15-10:30 AM

Coffee Break

10:30-11:45 AM

OJLR 2

Religious Voices and the Shaping of Religious Freedom Discourse

Chair: Pieter Coertzen, Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

Speakers:

Rex Ahdar, Faculty of Law, University of Otago, New Zealand
"Who can Claim the Right of Religious Freedom? Companies as Religious Liberty Claimants"

Mark Janis, Visiting Professor, University of Oxford, Professor of Law, University of Connecticut, United States
"Biblical Prophecy and U.S. Foreign Policy"

11:45 AM-1:00 PM

Lunch

1:00-2:00 PM

OJLR 3

Chair: Ronnell Andersen Jones, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Research; Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, United States

Speakers:

Iain T. Benson, Professor of Law, University of the Free State, South Africa
“State Neutrality, Public Prayer and Diversity: A Commentary on Two Decisions of the Supreme Court of Canada”

Richard Moon, Professor of Law, University of Windsor, Canada
“The Limits of Neutrality: The Case of Civic Prayers”

2:00-2:15 PM

Break

2:15-4:00 PM

OJLR 4

Chair: Matthew Richards, Attorney at Law, Kirton McConkie, United States

Speakers:

Keith Thompson, Associate Dean and Murdoch Adjunct Professor, School of Law, University of Notre Dame Australia, Australia
“The Liberties of the Church and the City of London”

Augusto Zimmermann, Senior Lecturer, Murdoch University School of Law, Australia

“Subsidiarity and Its Application for the Achievement of a Democratic Society of Free (and Responsible) Individuals”

Neil Foster, Professor of Law, Newcastle Law School, University of Newcastle, Australia

“Balancing Provisions in Discrimination Law”

4:00-4:15 PM

Break

4:15-6:00 PM

OJLR 5A (Concurrent Session)

Chair: Merilin Kiviorg, Senior Research Fellow in Public International Law, University of Tartu, Estonia

Speakers:

Renae Barker, Lecturer, University of Western Australia, Australia
“Burqas in the Court Room: Voices from Behind the Veil”

Andrea Ajibade, Lecturer and Doctoral Candidate, Department of Jurisprudence and International Law, University of Lagos, Nigeria

“The Heritage of the Magna Carta: A Sub-Saharan Perspective”

Emily Tavcar, Oxford

“Hebrew-Speaking Catholics of Israel”

4:15-6:00 PM

OJLR 5B (Concurrent Session)

Freedom of Religion or Belief between Manifestation and Offence to Religion

Chair:

Peter Petkoff, Research Fellow; Director of Law, Religion and International Relations Programme, Centre for Christianity and Culture, Regent’s Park College, United Kingdom

Speakers:

Thiago Alves Pinto, St Peter's College, Oxford

“Contemporary Concepts of Offence to Religious Belief”

Carolyn K Roberts, School of Law, Bristol

“The Right not to Manifest Religion or Belief in Article 9 of the ECHR”

Menaal Munshey, Oxford

“Blasphemy, Law and Violence in Pakistan”

Deborah Thebault, Oxford

“The Legal Protection of Religious Sites in the French Legal System”

6:00-6:30 PM

Conclusion



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