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MONDAY, 22 JUNE 2015

- 9:00-9:15 AM** **Introduction:**
W. Cole Durham, Jr., Susa Young Gates University Professor of Law; Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, United States
- 9:15-10:15 AM** **Session I - Keynote: Magna Carta and Religion**
- Chair/Discussant:**
Mark Hill QC, Honorary Professor, Centre for Law and Religion, Cardiff University; Extraordinary Professor, University of Pretoria; Visiting Professor, Dickson Poon Law School, King's College, United Kingdom
- Speaker:**
Richard H. Helmholz, Ruth Wyatt Rosenson Distinguished Service Professor of Law, University of Chicago Law School, United States
“Magna Carta and Religion”
- 10:15-10:45 AM** **Break**
- 10:45 AM-12 Noon** **Session II: Magna Carta and Religious Freedom: Historical and Philosophical Perspectives**
- Chair/Discussant:**
David M. Kirkham, Senior Fellow for Comparative Law and International Policy; Regional Advisor for the European Union and Council of Europe, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, United States
- Speakers:**
Tore Lindholm, Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Law, Oslo Coalition on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo, Norway
“To What Extent Did Magna Carta Serve the Advance of Religious Freedom in the United Kingdom?”
- Dr. Sophie Ambler**, Researcher, The Magna Carta Project, University of East Anglia, United Kingdom
“The Bishops and Magna Carta in the Thirteenth Century”

- 12 Noon-1:15 PM** **Lunch** – St Hugh’s College, University of Oxford
- 1:30-2:45 PM** **Magna Carta, Religious Freedom, and the American Tradition**
- Chair:**
Janet Epp Buckingham, Associate Professor, Trinity Western University;
 Director, Laurentian Leadership Centre, Canada
- Speakers:**
David Little, Professor Emeritus, Harvard Divinity School, United States
 “Magna Carta, American Law, and Human Rights”
- Frederick M. Gedicks**, Guy Anderson Chair and Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, United States
 “Myth, Meaning, and Magna Carta: Religious Liberty and Substantive Due Process in American Constitutional Law”
- Nicholas Miller**, Professor of Church History, Andrews University, United States
 “Second Magna Carta of Highest Liberties:’ American Protestant Dissenters, Religious Freedom, and the Heritage of Magna Carta”
- 2:45-3:00 PM** **Break**
- 3:00-4:15 PM** **Commonwealth Perspectives: An Introduction**
- Chair:**
Neville Rochow SC, Notre Dame Law School, Sydney; University of Adelaide Law School Research Unit for Society, Law, and Religion, Australia
- Speakers:**
Pieter Coertzen, Faculty of Theology, Stellenbosch University, South Africa
 “Magna Carta and South Africa”
- Akinola Ibidapo-Obe**, Professor and Dean, University of Lagos, Nigeria
 “The Universalism of the Magna Carta with Specific Reference to Freedom of Religion: Parallels in the Contemporary and Traditional Law of Nigeria”
- Faizan Mustafa**, Vice-Chancellor, NALSAR University of Law, India
 “Magna Carta and India: Conformity and Deviations”
- 4:30-6:00 PM** **Garden Party at the House of St Gregory and St Macrina
 (1 Canterbury Road at the back of St Hugh’s College)**
- 6:30-7:30 PM** **Keynote Address:**
Nicholas Vincent, Professor, University of East Anglia, United Kingdom
 “Stephen Langton and the Writing of Magna Carta: An Enduring Legacy?”
- 7:30 PM** **Dinner** – St Hugh’s College, University of Oxford

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