Nineteenth Annual International Law and Religion Symposium
Brigham Young University
Provo, Utah

October 7-9, 2012

“Religion, Democracy, and Civil Society”

Sunday, October 7, 2012

7-8:30 PM  Opening Session
Room 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building
Moderator:  W. Cole Durham, Jr., Susa Young Gates University
           Professor of Law and Director, International Center for
           Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School,
           Brigham Young University

Welcome:  James R. Rasband, Dean, J. Reuben Clark Law School,
          Brigham Young University
          Sandra Rogers, International Vice President, Brigham
          Young University

Speakers:  Silvio Ferrari, Professor, University of Milan, Italy
          Katrina Lantos Swett, Chair, United States Commission
          on International Religious Freedom
          Suzan Johnson Cook, United States Ambassador-at-Large
          for International Religious Freedom

8:30-9:30 PM  Reception
Howard W. Hunter Law Library, Second Floor
J. Reuben Clark Law Building
Monday, October 8, 2012

8:30-10:30 AM  First Plenary Session: “The Role of Religion in Democratic Transformations,” Room 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building
Introduction: James R. Rasband, Dean, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University
Welcome: Cecil O. Samuelson, President, Brigham Young University
Moderator: David M. Kirkham, Senior Fellow for Comparative Law and International Policy, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University
Speakers: Jeffrey Haynes, Associate Dean of Faculty, Research and Postgraduate; and Director of the Centre for the Study of Religion, Conflict, and Cooperation, London Metropolitan University, United Kingdom
Sophie van Bijsterveld, Professor of Law, Tilburg Law School, Universiteit van Tilburg, the Netherlands
Michelo Hansungule, Professor, University of Pretoria, South Africa
Scott Hibbard, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, DePaul University, United States

10:30-10:45 AM  Break

10:45-12 PM  Breakout Sessions

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Africa
Room 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building
Moderator: Jeffrey N. Clayton, Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University
Speakers: Emmanuel Kwabena Quansah, Professor of Law and Dean, School of Research and Graduate Studies, Mountcrest University College, Ghana
Jallah Allen Barbu, Chairperson, Constitution and Justice Division, Law Reform Commission, Liberia
**Imam Abdur-Rahman Olanrewaju Ahmad**, National Missioner, Ansar-ud-Deen Society of Nigeria, Nigeria

**Shaun Alberto de Freitas**, Associate Professor and Departmental Chairperson, Department of Constitutional Law and Philosophy of Law, University of the Free State, South Africa

**Vietnam**

**Room 314, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

**Moderator:** Hien Vu, East Asia Program Officer, Institute for Global Engagement, United States

**Speakers:**
- **DO Quang Hung**, Professor, International Politics Department; Faculty of Political Science, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam National University
- **PHAM Quoc Thanh**, Vice Dean, Faculty of Political Science, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam National University
- **NGUYEN Van Hieu**, Director, Office for International Affairs and Programs, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam National University
- **THIEU Thi Huong**, Division of Protestant Affairs, Committee for Religious Affairs (CRA)
- **NGUYEN Thi Hue**, Office Deputy, Committee for Religious Affairs (CRA)
- **NGUYEN The Hung**, Program Officer, International and Humanitarian Affairs, Ministry of Public Safety

**Egypt & Turkey**

**Room 205, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

**Moderator:** James A. Toronto, Associate Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Brigham Young University

**Speakers:**
- **Mohamed A. Abdelaal**, Assistant Professor of Constitutional and Administrative Law, Alexandria University Faculty of Law, Egypt
- **Fatih Öztürk**, Assistant Professor, Meliksah University, Faculty of Law, Turkey
Mexico
Room 208, J. Reuben Clark Law Building
Moderator: David Channer, Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: Gustavo Mohar Betancourt, Undersecretary for Population, Religion, and Migration, Ministry of Governance
Jesús Alcántara Méndez, Religious Affairs Counsel, Secretaria de Gobernación
Javier Saldaña Serrano, Professor of Law, Autonomous University of Mexico
Máximo Moscoso Pintado, Religious Affairs Coordinator of the State of Tabasco, Secretaría de Gobernación

12:15-2 PM Lunch for Conference Delegates and Invited Guests
Assembly Hall, Hinckley Alumni and Visitors Center
Brigham Young University

2-3:45 PM Second Plenary Session: “Religious Organizations, Civil Society, and Pluralism,” Room 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building
Moderator: Robert T. Smith, Managing Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: Allen D. Hertzke, Presidential Professor of Political Science, University of Oklahoma, United States
Juan Fernando López Aguilar, Member of Parliament, European Parliament, Spain
Ram Cnaan, Director, Program for Religion and Social Policy Research, University of Pennsylvania, United States

3:45-4 PM Break

4-5 PM Breakout Sessions
China
Room 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building
Moderator: **Eric Hyer**, Associate Professor of Political Science, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **LIU Peng**, Director, Pu Shi Institute for Social Science, China  
**Ping Xiong**, Lecturer, University of South Australia Law School, Australia

Japan
Room 314, J. Reuben Clark Law Building
Moderator: **Brigham Daniels**, Associate Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University (invited)

Speakers: **Tasuku Matsuo**, Attorney at Law, Matsuo and Kosugi, Japan  
**Frank S. Ravitch**, Professor of Law and Walter H. Stowers Chair of Law and Religion, Michigan State University College of Law, United States

Armenia, Belarus, and Georgia
Room 205, J. Reuben Clark Law Building
Moderator: **Robert B. Lochhead**, Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **Stepan Danielyan**, Chairman, Collaboration for Democracy Centre, Armenia  
**Marine Solomonishvili**, President, LEA International Foundation and Georgian-Jewish Information Center, Georgia

Peru
Room 208, J. Reuben Clark Law Building
Moderator: **Scott E. Isaacson**, Senior Fellow for Latin American Programs, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University
Tuesday, October 9, 2012

8:30-9:45 AM Third Plenary Session: “Religion in Public and Private,” Room 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building
Moderator: Brett G. Scharffs, Francis R. Kirkham Professor of Law and Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: Rik Torfs, Senator, Belgian Senate, Belgium
          Hanna Kildani, Secretary General, Jordanian Christian Council of Churches, Jordan
          Jinwol Lee, Professor, Dongguk University, South Korea
          Alejandro Ordóñez Maldonado, Attorney General, Colombia

9:45-10 AM Break

10-11 AM Breakout Sessions

United States
Room 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building
Moderator: Alan Hurst, Fellow, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: Derek H. Davis, Former Director, J.M. Dawson Institute on Church-State Studies, Baylor University
          Tina Ramirez, Director of International and Government Relations, The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty
          Eric Rassbach, Deputy General Counsel, The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty
Thailand, India, and Laos
Room 314, J. Reuben Clark Law Building
Moderator: J. Clifford Wallace, Chief Judge Emeritus, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
Speakers: Jaran Pukditanakul, Justice, Constitutional Court, Thailand
S.K. Pachauri, Director, Amity Institute of Good Governance, India
Sosonephith Phanouvong, Director of Home Affairs, Department of Ethnic and Religious Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, Laos
Quneheuane Phothirath, President, Lao Front for National Construction, Laos

Hungary and Italy
Room 205, J. Reuben Clark Law Building
Moderator: Eric T. Jensen, Associate Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University
Speakers: Tamás Lukács, Member of Parliament, Committee on Human Rights, Minorities, Civil, and Religious Affairs, Hungary
José T. Martín de Agar, Professor of Canon Law, Pontificia Università della Santa Croce, Italy

Central America
Room 208, J. Reuben Clark Law Building
Moderator: Carolina Núñez, Associate Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University
Speakers: Marylin Vallarino, Member of Congress, National Congress of Panama, Panama
Brenda Ninoska Martínez Aragón, Attorney at Law, Taboada & Asociados, Nicaragua
Carlos Sabino, Professor, Universidad Francisco Marroquin, Guatemala

11:15 Break
11:15-12:15 PM Breakout Sessions

Cape Verde and Brazil
Room 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building
Moderator: Arlen D. Woffinden, Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: Ligia Dias Fonseca, First Lady, Office of the President of Cape Verde
Gilberto Garcia, Professor of Law, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Aldir G. Soriano, Professor, Universidade do Oeste Paulista – Unoeste, Brazil

Philippines
Room 314, J. Reuben Clark Law Building
Moderator: Douglas E. McAllister, Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: Moner M. Bajunaid, Professor, Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy
Jeremy Gatdula, Attorney, David and Gatdula Law Offices
Ric Castro, Partner, Quisumbing Torres/Baker and McKenzie International

Russia and Ukraine
Room 205, J. Reuben Clark Law Building
Moderator: Elizabeth A. Clark, Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: William Schmidt, Doctor of Philosophy, Dean of Faculty of Religious Studies, Ethnocultural Studies and Regional Studies, John the Apostle Orthodox Institute, Russian Orthodox University, Russia
Ekaterina Elbakyan, Professor of Sociology and Management of Social Processes, Moscow Academy of Labor and Social Relations, Russia

Taras Antoshevskyy, Director, Religious Information Service of Ukraine, Ukraine

Maksym Vasin, Executive Director, Institute for Religious Freedom, Ukraine

Cuba and the Dominican Republic

Room 208, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: Thomas E. “Ted” Lyon, Professor of Spanish, Brigham Young University

Speakers: Isidro Gómez Santos, Cuban Ambassador, Oficina de Atención a los Asuntos Religiosos, Cuba

Fidel Lorenzo Merán, Minister, Dominican Council of Evangelical Unity, Dominican Republic

Elvis Medina, Bishop, Iglesia de Dios, Dominican Republic

12:15-2 PM

Lunch for Conference Delegates and Invited Guests

Third Floor, Hinckley Alumni and Visitors Center

Brigham Young University

2-3 PM

Breakout Sessions

Australia and Samoa

Room 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: Craig H. Christensen, Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: Augusto Cotta Zimmermann, Associate Dean and Senior Lecturer, Murdoch University, Australia

Leilani Tuala-Warren, Executive Director, Samoan Law Reform Commission, Samoa

Neville Rochow, Barrister/Board Member, University of Adelaide Research Unit for Society, Law and Religion, Australia
**Indonesia and Malaysia**  
**Room 314, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**  
**Moderator:** Ralph B. Brown, Professor of Sociology, Brigham Young University  
**Speakers:**  
Cekli Setya Pratiwi, Lecturer, Universitas Muhammadiyah Malang Faculty of Law, Indonesia  
Amir Farid Isahak, Chairman, Interfaith Spiritual Fellowship/The Pure Life Society, Malaysia  

**Germany and Norway**  
**Room 205, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**  
**Moderator:** Gordon Smith, Associate Dean and Glen L. Farr Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University  
**Speakers:**  
Sven W. Speer, Chairman, Forum Open Religious Policy, Germany  
Tøre Lindholm, Associate Professor, Norwegian Center for Human Rights, University of Oslo, Norway  

**Columbia and Bolivia**  
**Room 208, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**  
**Moderator:** Kif Augustine-Adams, Associate Dean and Charles E. Jones Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University  
**Speakers:**  
María Patricia Ariza-Velasco, Fourth Deputy Attorney before the Council of State, Procuraduría General de la República de Colombia  
Ninoska Lazarte, Councilwoman, Municipal Council of Cochabamba City, Bolivia  

3-3:15 PM  
**Break**  

3:15-5 PM  
**Fourth Plenary Session**  
**Room 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**  
**Moderator:** Gary B. Doxey, Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University
Conference Summation and Concluding Reflections on Conference Themes

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