

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

October 2-4, 2011

**“Religious Freedom in a Pluralistic Age:
Trends, Challenges, and Practices”**

Sunday, October 2, 2011

7-8:30 PM

Opening Session

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

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

Speakers: **Zakeria Mohammed Yacoob**, Justice, Constitutional Court of South Africa

8:30-9:30 PM

Reception

**Howard W. Hunter Law Library, Second Floor
J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

Monday, October 3, 2011

**8:30-10:30 AM First Plenary Session: “Perspectives from Academics and NGOs”
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: **Robert T. Smith**, Managing Director, International Center
for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School,
Brigham Young University

Speakers: **Brian J. Grim**, Director of Cross-National Data and Senior
Researcher in Religion and World Affairs, Pew Research
Center's Forum on Religion and Public Life, United States
M. Grégor Puppinck, Director, European Centre for Law
and Justice, France
Said Aqil Siroj, General Chairman of Nahdlatul Ulama,
National Board of Nahdlatul Ulama (NU), Indonesia
Michelo Hansungule, Professor of International Law and
International Human Rights Law, Centre for Human
Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, Zambia

10:30-10:45 AM Break

**10:45-12 PM Judiciary: Trends and Challenges
Room 206, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

Moderator: **David G. Campbell**, Judge, United States District Court,
Arizona

Speakers: **Jorge Chediak Gonzalez**, Minister, Supreme Court of
Justice of Uruguay

Dominican Republic

Room 205, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **Patrick Thurston**, International Fellow, International
Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law
School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **José Rafael Vargas Pantaleón**, Senator, Senate of the
Dominican Republic

Rosendo Arsenio Borges Rodríguez, Deputy, National
Congress, Chamber of Deputies

Víctor Orlando Bisonó Haza, Deputy, National Congress, Chamber of Deputies
Eugenio Cedeño Areché, Deputy, National Congress, Chamber of Deputies; President, Human Rights Commission
Milciades Marino Franjul Pimentel, Deputy, National Congress, Chamber of Deputies
Juan José Morales Cisneros, Deputy, National Congress, Chamber of Deputies

Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo

Room 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **Eric T. Jensen**, Associate Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **Fazila Musić**, Deputy Minister of Justice, Ministry of Justice, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Valon Murtezaj, Professor, Institut d'Économie Scientifique et de Gestion (IESEG); Former Advisor, Office of the Prime Minister of Kosovo, Kosovo

Slavka Alagić, Department Head, Ministry of Justice, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Southern Africa

Room 208, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **Jeffrey N. Clayton**, International Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **Nico Horn**, Faculty of Law, University of Namibia

Victor van Vuuren, Director, International Labour Organisation of the UN (ILO) for Eastern and Southern Africa

Ludwig Sanday Sondashi, President of FDA Party; Senior Partner, Sondashi and Company Advocates; Former Minister of Justice, Zambia

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: "Perspectives from the Judiciary"
Room 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

Moderator: **J. Clifford Wallace**, Chief Judge Emeritus, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit
Speakers: **Zaki Azmi**, Chief Justice (Retired) of Malaysia
Anthony Penrose Randerson, Justice, Court of Appeals of New Zealand

3:45-4 PM

Break

4-5 PM

Judiciary: “Practices to Protect Religious Freedom”

Room 206, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **Thomas B. Griffith**, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

Speakers: **Mohammed Al-Nasser**, Judge, Judicial Council of Jordan
Anthony Penrose Randerson, Justice, Court of Appeals of New Zealand

Latin America: Colombia and Ecuador

Room 205, 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: **Charles William Schultz Navarro**, Legal Advisor to the President of Colombia, Colombia
Mario Chicuiza, Coordinator and Analyst for Human Rights and Religion, Ministry of Justice, Human Rights and Religion, Ecuador

Spain and Portugal

Room 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **David H. Moore**, Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **José Ferrer Sánchez**, Professor, Peace and Conflicts Institute, Granada University, Spain
José M. Júdice, Attorney at Law, PLMJ International Legal Network, Portugal

Nigeria, Benin, and Sierra Leone

Room 208, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

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: **Is-haq Oloyede**, Coordinator/Executive Secretary, Nigeria Inter-Religious Council; Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Nigeria

Michel Alokpo, Head of the Mission, Ministry of the Interior and Public Security, Republic of Benin

Mariatu Bangura, Senior Executive, Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs, Sierra Leone

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

8:30-9:45 AM **Third Plenary Session: “Perspectives from Political and Media Leaders”**
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

Speakers: **Hernán Larraín Gernández**, Senator, Chile Senate, Chile

Rachael Kohn, Producer and Presenter of The Spirit of Things and The Ark on Radio National,, ABC Radio National, Australia

Abdallah Noufan Al-Soud Al-Adwan, Secretary General of the Cabinet, Prime Ministry, Jordan

9:45-10 AM **Break**

10-11 AM **Indonesia**
Room 206, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **Tore Lindholm**, Associate Professor, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo, Norway

Speakers: **H. Marsudi Syhud Sahudi**, General Secretary of Nahdlatul Ulama, National Board of Nahdlatul Ulama (NU), Indonesia

Syamsul Arifin, Professor, University of Muhammadiyah Malang, Indonesia

Mexico and Honduras

Room 205, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **D. Carolina Núñez**, Associate Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **Abraham Madero Márquez**, Director of Ministers of Religion, General Direction of Religious Associations, Mexico

Carlos Alberto Portillo Gradiz, Minister of Religion, Government of the Republic of Honduras

Petrona Lizeth Aguilar González, Vice Minister of Religion, Government of the Republic of Honduras

Miguel Ángel Benítez Ramos, Advisor, Ministry of Religion, Government of the Republic of Honduras

Jordan and Turkey

Room 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

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

Speakers: **Ra'ad Odai Subhi Al-Kilani**, Attorney at Law, Kilani Law Firm, Jordan

Ilhan Yildiz, Professor of Philosophy, Karatekin University, Turkey

Brazil

Room 208, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **Chris Willford**, PhD Candidate, University of Denver

Speakers: **Damaris Dias Moura Kuo**, President, Religious Liberty Commission of the Brazilian Bar Association's São Paulo Division, Brazil

Samuel Gomes Lima, President, Brazilian Association for Religious Freedom, Brazil

Magno Alexandre Ferreira Moura, Prosecutor, Brazil

Moroni Morgado Mendes Costa, Attorney, David Teixeira de Azevedo e Advogados Associados, Brazil

11-11:15

Break

11:15-12:15 PM

China

Room 206, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **Lisa Grow Sun**, Associate Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **Jin Jinping**, Deputy Director, Peking University Law School, China
Yunfeng Lu, Associate Professor, Sociology Department, Peking University, China

Latin America: “Academic Perspectives”

Room 205, 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

Speakers: **Jorge Horacio Gentile**, Professor of Constitutional Law and Director, Universidad Católica Argentina and Argentine Council for Religious Liberty (CALIR), Argentina

Javier Saldaña Serrano, National Researcher of Premier Level (Doctor of Laws), National Council of Science and Technology and Autonomous National University of Mexico, Mexico

David Teixeira Azevedo, Professor of Law, University of São Paulo, Brazil

Moises Arata Solis, Professor, Universidad de Lima, Peru

New Zealand and Australia

Room 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **RonNell Andersen Jones**, Associate Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **Joris de Bres**, Race Relations Commissioner, New Zealand Human Rights Commission, New Zealand
Rachael Kohn, Producer and Presenter of The Spirit of Things and The Ark on Radio National, The Spirit of Things, ABC Radio National, Australia

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Vietnam

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Moderator: **John P. (Phil) Colton**, President, International Society, Brigham University; Sustaining Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **Nguyen Ngoc Bao**, Protestant Affairs Desk Officer, Government Committee for Religious Affairs of Vietnam
Nguyen Thuy Hang, Manager of Researching and Cultivating Religious Affairs Centre, Government Committee for Religious Affairs of Vietnam

Nicaragua and Costa Rica

Room 205, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **Richard (Dic) Johnson**, Sustaining Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **Dora Maria Meza de Valle**, Rector, University of Managua, Nicaragua
Vicente Lines, Attorney at Law, Arias and Muñoz, Costa Rica

Ukraine and Russia

Room 303, 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: **Gennadiy Druzenko**, Vice-President, Institute for European Integration, Ukraine
Roman Lunkin, Public Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson Center; Senior Researcher, Institute of Europe of Russian Academy of Sciences; President, Guild of Experts on Religion and Law

Philippines and Malaysia

Room 208, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **Chad Emmett**, Professor of Geography, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **Herminino Harry L. Roque, Jr.**, Professor, College of

Law, University of the Philippines
Thomas Philips, Reverend, Malaysian Consultative
Council of Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism and
Taoism, Malaysia
Jo Aurea Imbong, University Counsel and Lecturer,
University of Asia and the Pacific; Faculty Member,
Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines

3-3:15 PM

Break

3:15-5 PM

Fourth Plenary 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

Conference Summation and Concluding Reflections on Conference
Themes