

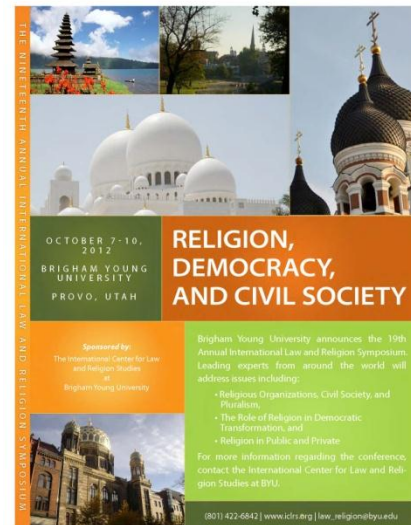
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**Keynote Speakers for 2012 International Annual Law and Religion Symposium:
Professor Silvio Ferrari, Dr. Katrina Lantos Swett, and Ambassador Suzan D. Johnson Cook**

The International Center for Law and Religion Studies (ICLRS) at Brigham Young University (BYU) is pleased to announce that Silvio Ferrari, professor of Canon Law at the University of Milan and professor of Church-State Relations at the University of Leuven in Belgium; Dr. Katrina Lantos Swett, Chair of the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom; and Ambassador Suzan D. Johnson Cook, U.S. Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom will be the keynote speakers for the 2012 Annual International Law and Religion Symposium.

The Symposium will be held at BYU October 7-9, 2012. The speakers will address this year's theme, "Religion, Democracy, and Civil Society."



The keynote addresses will be given Sunday, October 7 at 7 p.m. MDT and will be streamed live from the Moot Court Room at BYU's J. Reuben Clark Law School. Also at this opening session, Professor Ferrari will be awarded the Distinguished Service Award for Religious Freedom, given each year to an outstanding proponent of the cause of freedom of religion or belief worldwide.

Since its inception in 1994, the Symposium has gathered more than 900 leading scholars, judges, educators, human rights workers, and government and religious leaders from 120 countries to discuss challenges, opportunities, and successes in implementing principles of freedom of religion or belief.

The ICLRS is an internationally recognized authority on church-state issues. Its directors have lectured and published widely about the law and religion, have testified before legislatures and courts, and have sponsored conferences, seminars, and training sessions in all parts of the world, all of which has helped to shape laws and legal systems in many countries.

The ICLRS maintains a variety of specialized resources available to students, friends, and visiting scholars, including its website www.iclrs.org, the website of its sister organization the Strasbourg Consortium, which is devoted to tracking the religious freedom decisions of the European Court of Human Rights (www.strasbourgconsortium.org), and the comprehensive database of the Religion and Law Consortium (www.religlaw.org).