INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE ON SHARING SACRED SPACE: LEGAL, THEOLOGICAL, AND SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

9 AM Introduction

9:15-11:15 AM Theology and Philosophy of Sacred Space (2 hours)

1. What Is A Sacred Space?

Moderator: James Faulconer, Brigham Young University, United States

Andrea Poma, University of Turin, Italy
Saint Versus Sacred

Ben Vedder, Radboud University, Netherlands
How to Think the Holy

Mark A. Wrathall, University of California Riverside, United States
The Temporality of Sacred Space

11:15-11:30 AM Break

11:30 AM-1:15 PM Theology and Philosophy of Sacred Space (1.75 hours)

2. What is the Philosophical Theology of Sacred Space in the Abrahamic Religions?

Moderator: Rabbi Jack Bemporad, The John Paul II Center, Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum), Rome

Islam: Imam Yahya Pallivacini, al-Wāhid Mosque, Italy
Judaism: Seth Daniel Kunin, Durham University, United Kingdom

Christianity: Laurence Hemming, University of Lancaster, United Kingdom

1:15-2:30 PM  
Lunch

2:30-5 PM  
Legal Issues of Sacred Space  
(2.5 hours)

Moderator: Gennadiy Druzenko, Institute of European Integration, Ukraine

W. Cole Durham, Jr., Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School, United States  

Peter W. Edge, Oxford Brookes University, United Kingdom  
*Sacred Sites and State Failures: A Case Study of the Babri Marjd/Ram Temple (Ayodah) Dispute*

Robert A. Destro, The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, United States  
*Religious Freedom and Sacred Space in American Law*

Peter Petkoff, Brunel University, United Kingdom  
*Using “Soft Law” to Protect Sacred Space: The Case of Ein Kerem*

Recep Sentürk, Fatih University, Turkey  
*Minority Religious Property under Islamic and Secular Turkish Law: The New Turkish Law on the Return of Minority Religious Property*

5-5:15 PM  
Break

5:15-6:45 PM  
Managing Sacred Space in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre  
(1.5 hours)

Moderator: Fabrizio Marrella, University ‘Ca Foscari,’ Venice; European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratization, Italy

Marshall J. Breger, The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, United States  
*Legal Issues in Managing Sacred Space in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre*

Glenn Bowman, University of Kent at Canterbury, United Kingdom  
*Issues of Sharing in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre*

Raymond Cohen, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel  
*Negotiating the Unnegotiable in the Holy Sepulchre*

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Dinner
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4:15-6 PM  History, Politics, and Sociology of Sacred Space (II)  
(1.75 hours)

Moderator: Riccardo Pozzo, Institute per Il Lessico Intellettuale Europeo e Storia della Idee (ILIESI), Italy

Yuri Stoyanov, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, United Kingdom  
Resuming and Terminating the Sharing of Sites of Worship in the Post-Communist Balkans: Some Socio-Political and Religious Aspects

Maria Couroucli, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), France  
Shared Sacred Space in the Eastern Mediterranean: Historic and Political Relevance

Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University, United States  
Sharing Sacred Space in India

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