

Conference on
Religion and the Secular State:
Comparative Perspectives

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Conference Program:

Friday, July 30, 2010

2:30 p.m. Welcome and Introduction

2:45 p.m. **Session 1:**
The Autonomy of Religious Institutions

4:15 p.m. Break

4:30 p.m. **Session 2:**
Limits on Legal Regulation of Religion

6:00 End of Session

Saturday, July 31, 2010

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Session 3:
Financial Support of Religion

10:30 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. Session 4:
Religious Symbols in Public Space

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Session 5:
Freedom of Religion, Freedom of Expression and Offenses against Religion

3:00 p.m. Conclusion of Conference

Conference Guests

Host: Prof. Robert A. Destro, Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America

Guests Attending as Reporters for the Session of the 18th International Congress on Comparative Law on "Religion and the Secular State"

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- Argentina: Juan G. Navarro Floria, President, Argentine Council for Religious Freedom
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- Hungary: Dr. Balázs T. Schanda, Pázmány Péter Catholic University
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- Nepal: Prof. Dr. Kanak Bikram Thapa, Tribhuvan University
- Netherlands: Senator Sophie C. van Bijsterveld, Tilburg University
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