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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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