

**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: **Zak Yakoob**, 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, Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School

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
M. Gregor 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, South Africa

10:30-10:45 AM **Break**

10:45-12 PM **Judiciary: Trends and Challenges**

Room 303, 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
Vincent Lunabek, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Vanuatu

Latin America: “Academic Perspectives”

Room 306, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **Scott Isaacson**, International Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, BYU

Speakers: **Jorge Horacio Gentile**, Professor of Constitutional Law And Director, Universidad Católica Argentina and Argentine Council for Religious Liberty (CALIR), Argentina
Javier Saldaña, National Researcher of Premier Level (Doctor of Laws), National Council of Science and Technology and Autonomous National University of Mexico, Mexico
David Azevedo, Professor of Law, University of São Paulo, Brazil
Moises Arata Solis, Professor, Universidad De Lima, Peru

Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo

Room 205, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **Eric Jensen**, Associate Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School

Speakers: **Fazila Music**, 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 Alagic, Department Head, Ministry of Justice, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Southern Africa

Room 208, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **Jeffrey Clayton**, International Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, BYU

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**, Judge, United States Court of Appeals

Speakers: **Zaki Azmi**, Retired Chief Justice 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 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **Thomas B. Griffith**, Judge, United States Court of Appeals

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

Latin America: Chile, Colombia, and Ecuador

Room 206, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **David Armstrong**, International Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, BYU

Speakers: **Hernán Larraín**, Senator, Chile Senate, Chile
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 205, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **David Moore**, Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School

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

Nigeria and Benin

Room 208, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **David Kirkham**, Senior Fellow for Comparative Law and International Policy, International Center for Law and Religion Studies

Speakers: **Is-haq Oloyede**, Coordinator/Executive Secretary, Nigeria Inter-Religious Council and Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Nigeria
Michel Alokpo, Head of the Mission, Ministry of the Interior and Public Security, Republic of Benin

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, Brigham Young University, J. Reuben Clark Law School
Speakers: **Rachael Kohn**, Producer and Presenter of The Spirit of Things and The Ark on Radio National, The Spirit of Things, ABC Radio National, Australia
 Abdallah Noufan Al Soud Al-Adwan, Secretary General of the Cabinet, Prime Ministry, Jordan
 Yevhen Dobriak, Member of Parliament, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

9:45-10 AM **Break**

10-11 AM **Indonesia**
Room 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building
Moderator: **Tore Lindholm**, Associate Professor, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo, Norway
Speakers: **H. Marsudi Syuhud 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 206, J. Reuben Clark Law Building
Moderator: **Carolina Núñez**, Associate Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School
Speakers: **Abraham Madero Marquez**, Director of Ministers of Religion, General Direction of Religious Associations
 Carlos Alberto Portillo Gradiz, Minister of Religion, Government of the Republic of Honduras
 Petrona Lizeth Aguilar Gonzalez, Vice Minister of Religion, Government of the Republic of Honduras
 Miguel Angel Benitez Ramos, Assessor, Ministry of Religion, Government of the Republic of Honduras

Jordan and Turkey

Room 205, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **James Toronto**, Associate Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies, BYU

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: **Kuo Damaris Dias Moura**, 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 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

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

Speakers: **Zhu Suli**, Professor of Law and Former Dean, Beijing University Law School, Peking University, China

Jin Jinping, Deputy Director, Peking University Law School, China

Yunfeng Lu, Associate Professor, Sociology Department, Peking University, China

Dominican Republic

Room 206, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **Patrick Thurston**, International Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, BYU

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

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

Victor Orlando Bisonó Haza, Deputy of the National Congress, Chamber of Deputies of the Dominican Republic

Eugenio Cedeño Areché, Deputy; President of the Human Rights Commission, Chamber of Deputies of the Dominican Republic

Milciades Franjul, Deputy, Chamber of Deputies of the Dominican Republic

Juan Jose Morales Cisneros, Chamber of Deputies of the Dominican Republic

New Zealand and the United States

Room 205, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

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

Speakers: **Joris de Bres**, Race Relations Commissioner, New Zealand Human Rights Commission, New Zealand
Leslie Griffin, Larry and Joanne Doherty Chair in Legal Ethics, University of Houston Law Center, United States

Sierra Leone and Cape Verde

Room 208, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **Martin Slater**, International Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, BYU

Speakers: **Mariatu Bangura**, Senior Executive, Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs, Sierra Leone
Marisa Helena do Nascimento Morais, Ministério da Administração Internal, Cape Verde

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Vietnam

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Moderator: **Phil Colton**, President, BYU International Society

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

Cultivating Religious Affairs Centre, Government
Committee for Religious Affairs of Vietnam

Ukraine and Russia

Room 205, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **Elizabeth A. Clark**, Associate Director, International
Center for Law and Religion Studies

Speakers: **Yurii Bohutskyi**, First Vice-Minister, Ukrainian Ministry
of Culture, Ukraine

Mariana Shakhnovich, Professor, State Saint-Petersburg
University, Russia

Gennadiy Druzenko, Vice-President of the Institute for
European Integration, Ukraine

Roman Lunkin, Senior Researcher, Institute of Europe of
Russian Academy of Sciences

Nicaragua and Costa Rica

Room 206, J. Reuben Clark Building

Moderator: **Dic Johnson**, International Fellow, International Center for
Law and Religion Studies, BYU

Speakers: **Dora Maria Meza De Valle**, Rector, University of
Managua, Nicaragua

Vicente Lines, Attorney at Law, Arias and Muñoz, Costa
Rica

Philippines and Malaysia

Room 208, J. Reuben Clark Law Building

Moderator: **Chad Emmett**, Professor of Geography, BYU

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, Brigham Young University,
J. Reuben Clark Law School

Conference Summation and Concluding Reflections on Conference
Themes