

**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: **Zakeria Mohammed Yacoob**, 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, J. Reuben Clark Law School,  
Brigham Young University

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, United States  
**M. Grégor 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, Zambia

**10:30-10:45 AM      Break**

**10:45-12 PM      Judiciary: Trends and Challenges  
Room 206, 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

**Dominican Republic**

**Room 205, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

Moderator: **Patrick Thurston**, International Fellow, International  
Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law  
School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **José Rafael Vargas Pantaleón**, Senator, Senate of the  
Dominican Republic  
**Rosendo Arsenio Borges Rodríguez**, Deputy, National  
Congress, Chamber of Deputies

**Víctor Orlando Bisonó Haza**, Deputy, National Congress, Chamber of Deputies  
**Eugenio Cedeño Areché**, Deputy, National Congress, Chamber of Deputies; President, Human Rights Commission  
**Milciades Marino Franjul Pimentel**, Deputy, National Congress, Chamber of Deputies  
**Juan José Morales Cisneros**, Deputy, National Congress, Chamber of Deputies

**Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo**

**Room 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

Moderator: **Eric T. Jensen**, Associate Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **Fazila Musić**, 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 Alagić**, Department Head, Ministry of Justice, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Southern Africa**

**Room 208, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

Moderator: **Jeffrey N. Clayton**, International Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

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**, Chief Judge Emeritus, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit  
Speakers: **Zaki Azmi**, Chief Justice (Retired) 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 206, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

Moderator: **Thomas B. Griffith**, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit

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

**Latin America: Colombia and Ecuador**

**Room 205, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

Moderator: **Kif Augustine-Adams**, Associate Dean and Charles E. Jones Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **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 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

Moderator: **David H. Moore**, Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

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

**Nigeria, Benin, and Sierra Leone**

**Room 208, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

Moderator: **David M. Kirkham**, Senior Fellow for Comparative Law

and International Policy, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **Is-haq Oloyede**, Coordinator/Executive Secretary, Nigeria Inter-Religious Council; Vice-Chancellor, University of Ilorin, Nigeria  
**Michel Alokpo**, Head of the Mission, Ministry of the Interior and Public Security, Republic of Benin  
**Mariatu Bangura**, Senior Executive, Ministry of Social Welfare, Gender and Children's Affairs, Sierra Leone

**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, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **Hernán Larraín Gernández**, Senator, Chile Senate, Chile  
**Rachael Kohn**, Producer and Presenter of The Spirit of Things and The Ark on Radio National,, ABC Radio National, Australia  
**Abdallah Noufan Al-Soud Al-Adwan**, Secretary General of the Cabinet, Prime Ministry, Jordan

**9:45-10 AM Break**

**10-11 AM Indonesia**

**Room 206, 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 205, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

Moderator: **D. Carolina Núñez**, Associate Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **Abraham Madero Márquez**, Director of Ministers of Religion, General Direction of Religious Associations, Mexico

**Carlos Alberto Portillo Gradiz**, Minister of Religion, Government of the Republic of Honduras

**Petrona Lizeth Aguilar González**, Vice Minister of Religion, Government of the Republic of Honduras

**Miguel Ángel Benítez Ramos**, Advisor, Ministry of Religion, Government of the Republic of Honduras

## **Jordan and Turkey**

### **Room 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

Moderator: **James Toronto**, Associate Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Brigham Young University

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: **Damaris Dias Moura Kuo**, 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 206, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

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

Speakers: **Jin Jinping**, Deputy Director, Peking University Law School, China  
**Yunfeng Lu**, Associate Professor, Sociology Department, Peking University, China

**Latin America: “Academic Perspectives”**

**Room 205, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

Moderator: **Scott E. Isaacson**, Senior Fellow for Latin American Programs, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **Jorge Horacio Gentile**, Professor of Constitutional Law and Director, Universidad Católica Argentina and Argentine Council for Religious Liberty (CALIR), Argentina

**Javier Saldaña Serrano**, National Researcher of Premier Level (Doctor of Laws), National Council of Science and Technology and Autonomous National University of Mexico, Mexico

**David Teixeira Azevedo**, Professor of Law, University of São Paulo, Brazil

**Moises Arata Solis**, Professor, Universidad de Lima, Peru

**New Zealand and Australia**

**Room 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

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

Speakers: **Joris de Bres**, Race Relations Commissioner, New Zealand Human Rights Commission, New Zealand  
**Rachael Kohn**, Producer and Presenter of The Spirit of Things and The Ark on Radio National, The Spirit of Things, ABC Radio National, Australia

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## **Brigham Young University**

**2-3 PM**

### **Vietnam**

#### **Room 206, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

Moderator: **John P. (Phil) Colton**, President, International Society, Brigham University; Sustaining Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

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

### **Nicaragua and Costa Rica**

#### **Room 205, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

Moderator: **Richard (Dic) Johnson**, Sustaining Fellow, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **Dora Maria Meza de Valle**, Rector, University of Managua, Nicaragua  
**Vicente Lines**, Attorney at Law, Arias and Muñoz, Costa Rica

### **Ukraine and Russia**

#### **Room 303, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

Moderator: **Elizabeth A. Clark**, Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University

Speakers: **Gennadiy Druzenko**, Vice-President, Institute for European Integration, Ukraine  
**Roman Lunkin**, Public Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson Center; Senior Researcher, Institute of Europe of Russian Academy of Sciences; President, Guild of Experts on Religion and Law

### **Philippines and Malaysia**

#### **Room 208, J. Reuben Clark Law Building**

Moderator: **Chad Emmett**, Professor of Geography, Brigham Young University

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, J. Reuben Clark Law School,  
Brigham Young University

Conference Summation and Concluding Reflections on Conference  
Themes