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Baroness Elizabeth Berridge – United Kingdom

Elizabeth became Baroness Berridge of the Vale of Catmose in the County of Rutland on 20th January 2011. As a member of the House of Lords she founded and chairs the All-Party Parliamentary Group on International Freedom of Religion or Belief (APPG) and is a member of the Joint Committee on Human Rights. Within her role as Baroness Berridge she works on projects relating to policing, human rights and foreign affairs and is patron of the Rutland Foodbank. She attended Vale of Catmose College comprehensive school (from which she took her title) and Rutland College. She studied law at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and undertook barrister's training at the Inns of Court School of Law in London. She has lived in Trinidad and Tobago and Ghana, and remains keenly interested in both countries and their regions. She worked as a barrister at Kings Chambers Manchester. The Baroness was a trustee of the Conservative Christian Fellowship (CCF), becoming CCF Executive Director in 2005. She is a trustee of the think tank British Future, focusing on identity, integration, migration and opportunity. She is a commissioner on the Conservative Party Human Rights Commission and a member of the advisory council of the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East.



Prof Patrick J Deneen – United States

Patrick J Deneen is David A. Potenziani Memorial Associate Professor of Constitutional Studies in the Department of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame. His teaching and writing interests focus on the history of political thought, American political thought, religion and politics, and literature and politics. He has been awarded research fellowships from Princeton University and the Earhart Foundation. Deneen holds a BA in English literature and a PhD in Political Science from Rutgers University. Before joining the faculty of Notre Dame in Fall 2012 he was Speechwriter and Special Advisor to the Director of the United States Information Agency (1995-1997), Assistant Professor of Government at Princeton University (1997-2005), and Tsakopoulos-Kounalakis Associate Professor of Government at Georgetown University (2005-2012). He was awarded the Leo Strauss Award for Best Dissertation in Political Theory in 1995 by the American Political Science Association (APSA), and an honorable mention for the APSA's Best First Book Award in 2000. Publications include *The Odyssey of Political Theory* (Rowman and Littlefield 2000), *Democratic Faith* (Princeton 2005), and *Redeeming Democracy in America* (ed) (University Press of Kansas 2011).



Prof W Cole Durham, Jr – United States

Cole Durham is Susa Young Gates University Professor of Law and Founding Director of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies (ICLRS), Brigham Young University. He is current President of the International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies (ICLARS), based in Milan, Italy. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, where he was a Note Editor of the *Harvard Law Review* and Managing Editor of the *Harvard International Law Journal*. He has been heavily involved in comparative law scholarship, with a special emphasis on comparative constitutional law. He served as the Secretary of the American Society of Comparative Law from 1989 to 1994. He is an Associate Member of the International Academy of Comparative Law in Paris and was from 1997 to 2013 a member of the Advisory Council on Freedom of Religion or Belief of the OSCE's Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights. He served as a General Rapporteur for the topic "Religion and the Secular State" at the 18th International Congress of Comparative Law held in July 2010. He served in earlier years as Chair both of the Comparative Law Section and the Law and Religion Section of the American Association of Law Schools. He is a Co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion*. Among major publications is the Brill *Encyclopedia of Law and Religion*, edited with Gerhard Robbers and Donlu Thayer (2016).



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Professor Richard Ekins is Tutorial Fellow in Law at St John's College, University of Oxford. He also holds a fractional appointment in the TC Beirne School of Law, Australia. He studied law and political science as an undergraduate at The University of Auckland. After serving for two years as a Judges' Clerk in the High Court of New Zealand at Auckland, he undertook graduate studies in legal philosophy at Balliol College in Oxford, receiving the BCL (Distinction 2004), the MPhil (Distinction 2005), and the DPhil (2009). He taught for several years in Auckland before moving back to Oxford in 2012. His research interests are in constitutional law and theory and in political and legal philosophy, with a particular focus on the exercise of legislative authority. Publications include 'Legislating Proportionately' in G Huscroft, B Miller and G Webber (eds), *Proportionality and the Rule of Law: Rights, Justification, Reasoning* (CUP 2014), 'Constitutional Principle in the Laws of the Commonwealth' in R George and J Keown (eds), *Reason, Morality and Law: The Jurisprudence of John Finnis* (OUP 2013), 'Interpretive Choice in Statutory Interpretation' (2014) 59 *American Journal of Jurisprudence* 1-24, 'Updating the Meaning of Violence' (2013) 129 *Law Quarterly Review* 17-21, and 'How to Be a Free People' (2013) 58 *American Journal of Jurisprudence* 163-182.



Prof Nazila Ghanea – United Kingdom

Nazila Ghanea, BA Keele, MA Leeds, PhD Keele, MA Oxon, is Associate Professor in International Human Rights Law, University of Oxford, and Member, OSCE Advisory Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief. She was the founding editor of the *International Journal of Religion and Human Rights* and now serves on its Editorial Board as well as the Advisory Board of the *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion*. She has been a visiting academic at a number of institutions including Columbia and NYU, and she previously taught at the University of London and Keele University, UK and in China. Professor Ghanea's research spans freedom of religion or belief, the protection of identities in international human rights, and human rights in the Middle East. Her publications include nine books, five UN publications, and a number of journal articles and reports. She has acted as a human rights consultant/expert for a number of governments, the UN, UNESCO, OSCE, Commonwealth, Council of Europe, and the EU. She has facilitated international human rights law training for a range of professional bodies around the world, lectured widely and carried out first hand human rights field research in a number of countries including Malaysia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.



Prof Robert P George – United States

Robert P George was from 2012-2016 Commissioner (and twice Chair) of the United Stated Commission for International Religious Freedom. He is McCormick Professor of Jurisprudence at Princeton University, where he lectures on constitutional interpretation, civil liberties and philosophy of law and serves as director of the James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions. He is the Herbert W. Vaughan senior fellow of the Witherspoon Institute, a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution, and a Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School. A graduate of Swarthmore College, Harvard Divinity School, and Harvard Law School, he was a Judicial Fellow of the US Supreme Court and member of the President's Council on Bioethics and of the UNESCO's World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology. Among his many publications is *Making Men Moral: Civil Liberties and Public Morality* (OUP 1993), completed as a Visiting Fellow in Law at Oxford University, where he received a doctorate in Philosophy. Among many honors are the Becket Fund's Canterbury Medal, the Honoric Medal for the Defense of Human Rights of the Republic of Poland, the US Presidential Citizens Medal, the Sidney Hook Memorial Award of the National Association of Scholars, the Philip Merrill Award of the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, the Bradley Prize for Intellectual and Civic Achievement, and the Stanley Kelley, Jr. Teaching Award from Princeton's Department of Politics.



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Elder Dallin H Oaks is a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Prior to his calling in 1984 he served as a member of the Utah State Supreme Court (1980-1984) and was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the US Public Broadcasting Service (1979-1984). He was 8th president of Brigham Young University (1971-1980). He holds a Juris Doctor's degree from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was editor-in-chief of the *Law Review*. He clerked for Chief Justice Earl Warren of the US Supreme Court and practiced law with Kirkland & Ellis in Chicago. From 1961 to 1971 he was professor at the University of Chicago Law School, serving as both associate dean and acting dean and as chairman of the University's Disciplinary Committee. He focused scholarly research on the writ of habeas corpus and the exclusionary rule and also taught and wrote in the fields of trust and estate law and gift taxation law. During his time in Chicago he also served as assistant state's attorney for Cook County, Illinois, as visiting professor at the University of Michigan Law School, as legal counsel to the Bill of Rights Committee of the Illinois Constitutional Convention, and as executive director of the American Bar Foundation. Elder Oaks is author of 11 books and more than 100 other publications on legal and religious subjects. Among many honors are "Judge of the Year" (Utah State Bar 1984) and the Canterbury Medal (Becket Fund for Religious Liberty 2013).



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