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FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2014
POPPER ROOM
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9:00-10:30 Welcome and Opening Session

Session I: Conceptions of “The Secular”

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, United States

Welcome and Introduction on the Conference Themes

Speakers:

IAIN BENSON, Professor, University of the Free State, South Africa

Concepts of the Secular and Secularism

JOSEPH DAVID, Senior Lecturer of Law and Religion, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

The Rule of Law as a Challenge to the Secularization Thesis

10:30-11:00 Break
11:00-12:30  Session II:  Comparative Conceptions of the Secular

**ANDRÁS SAJÓ**, Judge, European Court of Human Rights, France
**Preliminaries to a Concept of Constitutional Secularism**

**BRETT G. SCHARFFS**, Francis R. Kirkham Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Research and Academic Affairs; Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, United States
**Secularism vs. Secularity: A Conceptual Map**

12:30-13:30  Lunch

13:30-15:00  Session III:  Comparative Versions of the Secular

**ASHER MAOZ**, Dean, Peres Academic Center Law School, Israel
**The Israeli Model of Religion-State Relations: An Antonym to European Secularism?**

**ANDREA PIN**, Assistant Professor, University of Padova, Italy
**Italian Secularism: From Church and State to Law and Religion**

15:00-15:30  Break

15:30-17:00  Session IV:  The Place of Religion in Public Space: Discussion of the U.S. Supreme Court’s 2014 City Council Prayer Decision

**DOUGLAS LAYCOCK**, Professor of Law, University of Virginia School of Law, United States

**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, United States

**RENATA UITZ**, Professor and Chair of the Comparative Constitutional Law Program, Central European University, Department of Legal Studies, Hungary

19:00  Dinner

**SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2013**
**AUDITORIUM**
**CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY**

9:30-11:00  Session V:  Comparative Versions of the Secular

**TAHIR MAHMOOD**, Honorary Chair, Amity University Institute of Advanced Legal Studies; Ex-Chair, National Minorities Commission; Member, Law Commission of India, India
**Secularism in India**
HALDUN GULALP, Professor, Yildiz Teknik University, Turkey
Secularism as a Double-Edged Sword: State Regulation of Religion in Turkey

TORE LINDHOLM, Professor, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo, Norway
Implementing Strategies of Plurality

11:00-11:30  Break

11:30-13:00  Session VI: Religious Sensitivities and Secular Orders:
Developments in the Law of Blasphemy and Hate Speech

LOUIS-LÉON CHRISTIANS, Professor and Chair for Law and Religion, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium
Secularisms Seen Through the Filter of Comparative Blasphemy Legislation

JEROEN TEMPERMAN, Associate Professor of Public International Law,
Department of International Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam School of Law, The Netherlands
Prohibiting Blasphemy or Prohibiting Blasphemy Prohibitions? Arguments from International Law, Politics, Religion and Secularism

13:00-14:00  Lunch

14:00-15:00  Closing Conference Session