

VARIETIES OF SECULARISM

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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**