
Rule of Law – Religious Perspectives

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Sunday 20 November

1630-1700: Welcome: Light refreshments

1700: Opening session

Greetings:

Prof. Shahar Lifshitz, Dean, Faculty of Law, Bar Ilan University.


Key Note Lecture: Izhak Englard, Former Israel Supreme Court Justice, Bora Laskin Professor Emeritus of Law, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Law and Religion – A Positivistic Analysis

1800-1930: Theory

Frederick Gedicks, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT, Rule of Law, Religious Accommodation, and the Construction of Reason

Rex Ahdar, Faculty of Law, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand, Are Religious Exemptions Unjustified Breaks for the Bigoted?

1930: Dinner
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Monday 21 November

09:00-10:45: Rule of Law and Religion: Applications


Nicholas Aroney, The University of Queensland, Australia, *The Rule of Law, Religious Authority and Oaths of Office.*

10:45-11:00: Break

11:00-13:15: Turkey

Serdar Ünver, Gazi Univ, Law, *Turkish Diyanet As A Religious Organisation For Protecting The Laic Regime And The Rule Of Law.*

Emir Kaya, Philosophy and Sociology of Law, Ankara, Turkey, *Can the rule of law be ever established in Turkey?*

13:15-14:30: Lunch

14:30-17:00: Christianity

Bottoni Rossella Alessandra, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy, *The Challenges to the Catholic Notion of Family and the Responses of the Catholic Church in Italy.*


Michael Antonov, Law Faculty of National Research University “Higher School of Economics”, Saint Petersburg, Russia, *Religion and Rule of Law in Russia: Mutual Challenges.*

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Tuesday 22 November – part I

0900-1045: Rule of Law: Political Theology

Antoni Abat i Ninet, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, *The Messianic Thought of the Rule of Law.*

Theodros Teklu, Lecturer in Theology and Dean of Studies, Ethiopian Graduate School of Theology (EGST), *The Golden Rule: From Solicitude – via Norms -to the Rule of Law (and Back again)*

1045-1115: Break

11:15-13:00: From within Religions

Noam Zohar, Bar Ilan University, *Rule of Law in the Jewish Tradition*

Shlomo C. Pill, Emory University School of Law, *Leveraging Legal Indeterminacy: A Judeo-Islamic Conception of the Rule of Law*

13:00-14:15: Lunch
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Tuesday 22 November - Part II

14:15-16:45: Rule of law, Religion and Legal Pluralism

Haim Sandberg, Haim Striks School of Law, The College of Management (COMAS), Israel & Haya Sandberg, Law Faculty, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, Dilemmas of Civil Tribunals in Formulating their Positions towards Religious Tribunals – The Case of Custody of Muslim Children.

THIO Li-ann 张黎衍, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, Can a Policy of Multiculturalism and Legal Pluralism which protects Religious Freedom be reconciled with the Rule of Law, or does it undermine it? Reflections from the Singapore model of Accommodative Secularism.

Grant Christensen, North Dakota University, Religion, the Constitution, and American Indian Tribes: A Virtually Unknown Example of the Ability to Establish Religion and Enshrine Religious Values in the Law in an Otherwise Avowedly Secular Nation.

17:00-18:00: Overview Discussion and Retrospect.

1800: Dinner.