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General programme

Day 1: Monday, 21 October 2024

8:00 – Continental breakfast (McKenna Hall)

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9:45 – **Keynote speech:**

Malcolm Evans, *Professor of Public International Law, Principal of Regent's Park College, Oxford, UK*

10:30 – Group photo

11:00 – **Plenary session 1: Accommodation of religion and belief: between individual right and social harmony**

Chair:

Carmen Asiaín, *Professor of Law, Universidad de Montevideo; Senator, Parliament of Uruguay*

Speakers:

Perry Dane, *Professor of Law, Rutgers Law School, U.S.A.*

Li-ann Thio, *Professor of Law, Provost's Chair, National University of Singapore*

Joseph David, *Professor of Law, Sapir Academic College, Israel*

Francois Venter, *Professor of Law, North-West University, South Africa*

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14:00 – **Parallels sessions 1**

15:30 – Coffee break

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17:30 – **Parallel sessions 3**

18:40 – End of sessions

19:30 – Dinner (Morris Inn Smith Ballroom)

Day 2: Tuesday, 22 October 2024

8:00 – Continental breakfast (McKenna Hall)

9:30 – **Plenary session 2: Accommodation of religion and belief in the working environment: contemporary challenges in the public and the private sectors**

Chair:

Ana María Celis, *Professor of Law, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile; former President of ICLARS*

Speakers:

Vincent de Gaetano, *Commissioner for Education, Ombudsman's Office of Malta; former Judge of the European Court of Human Rights*

Brian Grim, *President of the Religious Freedom & Business Foundation*

Carlos Bernal, *Commissioner of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights*

Nicholas Aroney, *Professor of Law and Director of the Centre for Public, International and Comparative Law, University of Queensland, Australia*

Ioannis Ktistakis, *Judge of the European Court of Human Rights*

11:00 – Coffee break

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18:00 – End of sessions

19:30 – **Gala Dinner**

With presentation of Festschrift for John Witte:

Richard H. Helmholz, *Ruth Wyatt Rosenson Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of Law, The University of Chicago*

Day 3: Wednesday, 23 October 2024

8:00 – Continental breakfast (McKenna Hall)

9:00 – **Plenary session 3: Religion and Human Rights in the West. A Transcontinental Dialogue**

Chair:

Andrea Pin, *Professor of Law, Università di Padova, Italy*

Speakers:

John Witte, *Woodruff Professor of Law, Faculty Director of the Center for the Study of Law and Religion at Emory University, U.S.A.*

Stephanie Barclay, *Professor of Law, Georgetown University, U.S.A.*

Marco Ventura, *Professor of Law, Università di Siena, Italy*

Javier Martínez-Torrón, *Professor of Law, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain*

Rodrigo Alves, *Associate Professor of Law, Universidade Federal de Uberlândia, Brazil*

Mark Hill, *Global Distinguished Professor of Law, University of Notre Dame (London Law Programme)*

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16:00 – **Closing ceremony**

W. Cole Durham Jr., *Emeritus Professor of Law at the J. Reuben Clark Law School of Brigham Young University; former President of ICLARS*

16:30 – **ICLARS General Assembly**

19:00 – Dinner (Morris Inn Smith Ballroom)

Detailed programme

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18:00 **End of Sessions**

19:30 **Gala Dinner** (Downes Ballroom, at the seventh floor of Corbett Family Hall on the east side of Notre Dame Stadium)

With presentation of Festschrift for John Witte:

Richard H. Helmholz, *Ruth Wyatt Rosenson Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of Law, The University of Chicago*

- 14:30 **Parallel Sessions 8**
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- 16:00 **Closing Ceremony**
 W. Cole Durham Jr., *Emeritus Professor of Law at the J. Reuben Clark Law School of Brigham Young University; former President of ICLARS*
- 16:30 **ICLARS General Assembly**
- 19:00 **Dinner (Morris Inn Smith Ballroom)**

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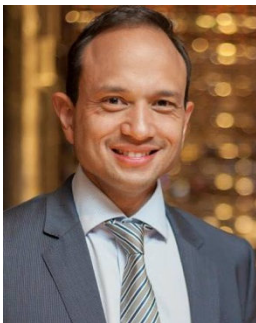


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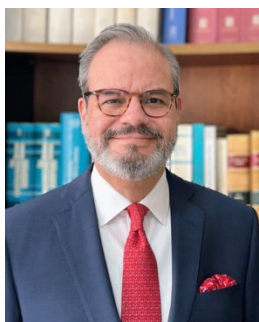
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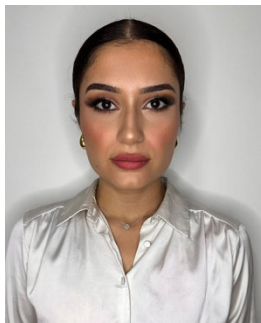
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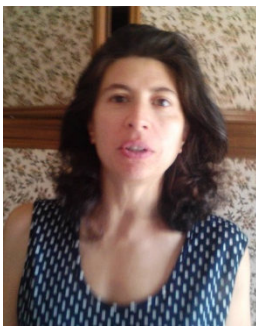
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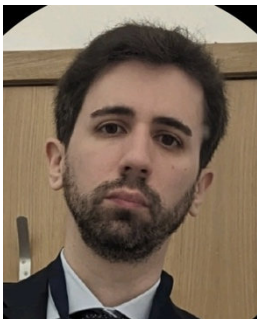
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