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TUESDAY, MARCH 14

9:00 am  Registration, Coffee

9:30 am  Introduction

DAVID RUDENSTINE
Dean and Sheldon H. Solow Professor of Law, Cardozo School of Law

Fundamentalism and Freedom of Thought

10:00 am  Fundamentalist Initiatives in the US

Panelists

STEVEN K. GREEN
Professor of Law, Willamette Law School

In Bad Faith: The Corruption of Charitable Choice

DAVID MASTIC
Senior Research Fellow, Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life

From Dayton to Dover: A Brief Legal History of the Challenges to Darwinian Evolution

MARK ROZELL
Professor of Public Policy, George Mason University and

CLYDE WILCOX
Professor of Government, Georgetown University

The Religious Right and the Politics of Abortion

SUSAN ROSE
Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, Dickinson College

Sex, Sin and Social Policy: Religion and the Sexual Politics of Abstinence-Only Programs in Public Schools

Commentators

BARRY W. LYNN
Executive Director, Americans United for Separation of Church and State

MICHEL ROSENFIELD
Justice Sydney L. Robins Professor of Human Rights and Director, Program in Security, Democracy, and the Rule of Law, Cardozo School of Law

Moderator

DANIEL A. CRANE
Assistant Professor of Law, Cardozo School of Law
12:00 pm  Lunch

1:30 pm  Legal and Theological Issues

Panelists

FREDERICK MARK GEDICKS
Guy Anderson Chair and Professor of Law, Brigham Young University Law School
Uncivil Religion

KENT GREENAWALT
University Professor, Columbia Law School
The Rule of Law and the Exemption Strategy

WINNIFRED FALLERS SULLIVAN
Visiting Scholar, American Bar Foundation, and Senior Fellow, Martin Marty Center at the University of Chicago Divinity School
Reforming the Secular: Theological Double-talk and “Faith-Based” Social Services

MUQTEDAR KHAN
Assistant Professor of Political Science & International Relations, University of Delaware, and Nonresident Fellow, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, Brookings Institution
The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Political Philosophy, Theology and Jurisprudence in Islamic Democratic Thought

Commentators

PHILIP HAMBURGER
Maurice and Hilda Friedman Professor of Law, Columbia Law School

MELISSA ROGERS
Visiting Professor of Religion and Public Policy, Wake Forest University Divinity School

Moderator

SUZANNE LAST STONE
Professor of Law and Director, Program in Jewish Law and Interdisciplinary Studies, Cardozo School of Law

3:30 pm  Coffee Break

3:45 pm  Roundtable Discussion of Contemporary Issues
The conference is free and open to the public, but registration is required and there is a $25 charge for lunch. You may register by returning the form below or by e-mailing steamer@yu.edu.

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