ISSSC International Research Conference

The Prospects for the Secular State in the Mediterranean World in the 21st Century

JUNE 28 – JULY 2, 2007
TRINITY ROME CAMPUS
ITALY
Thursday June 28
Registration at:
Barbieri Center/Trinity Rome Campus
(Tel. 39 06 57 28 82 17)
7:30-9:30 p.m.
Welcome Dinner
• Barry Kosmin: Introduction to conference theme & fellow participants

Friday June 29
9:00-10.45 a.m.
Session 1 – Concordat Christianity
• Christopher Nadon: “Separation of Church and State in a Catholic Context”
• Lina Molokotos-Liederman: “Religion in Greece: A case study of secularization and de-privatisation of religion?”

11:00 a.m.-12.45 p.m.
Session 2 – Secularist agendas
• Rafael Gallego Sevilla: “Legal, Social and Political Perspectives of Secularism in Spain”
• Silvia Sansonetti: “The ‘Observatory on Secularization’: Religious belonging and the presence of the Catholic church in Italian society”

Saturday June 30
9:00-10:30 a.m.
Session 5 – The Challenge of pluralism to the establishment of the Secular State
• Asher Arian: “In Name Only: For Some, Israel is Already a Secular State”
• Hassan Krayem: “State, Confessionalism and the Crisis of Democracy in Lebanon”

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Session 6 – The Status of Women
• Boutheina Cheriet: “The Ambiguous State: Gender and Lame Citizenry in Algeria”
• Camille Froidevaux-Metterie: “The Ambiguous Position of French Muslim Women: Between Republican Integration and Religious Claims”

Sunday July 1
9:00-10:30 a.m.
Session 9 – Economic factors
• Sadiye Mine Eder: “Bringing Political Economy Back In: A Cynical Look at the Secularism Debate in Turkey”
• Kada Akacem: “The Prospects of a Secular State in Algeria”

4:30-7:00 p.m.
Cultural Tour of Baroque Rome
• Prof. Livio Pestilli, Director, Trinity Rome campus

7:30-9:30 p.m.
Dinner
Session 4 – The role of the Media
• Mark Silk: “Secularism, Laïcité, and the Media: Transatlantic Considerations”

1:00-2:30 p.m.
Session 7 – The Law & the Courts
• Frances Raday: “Confrontation between Religious and Constitutional Authority: A Case Study of Israel’s Supreme Court”
• Adrienne Fulco: “Secularizing the Debate: Abortion Policy in Comparative Perspective (U.S., Italy, and Spain)”

3:30- 6:30 p.m.
Cultural Tour of Ancient Rome
• Prof. Jan Gadeyne, Trinity Rome

10:45-11:30 a.m.
Session 10 – Socio-Demographic factors
• Ariela Keysar: “Demographic Indicators of Secularism in Mediterranean States”

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Session 11 – Public Opinion
• Barry Kosmin: “Secularization of the State, Government and Politics: National Cultures and Political Sociology in Europe and the U.S.”

Lunch
1:30-3:00 p.m.
Session 12 – The Prospects for the Secular State
Discussion leader - N.J. Demareth III

4:00-7:00 p.m.
Cultural Tour of Medieval & Renaissance Rome
• Prof. Christiana Fillipini, Trinity Rome

Monday July 2
8:00-9:00 a.m.
Breakfast
Departure