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**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”

#### *Lunch*

### 1:30-3:15 p.m.

#### **Session 3 – Islam & the Secular State**

- **Manar El Shorbagy:** “Secularism, Sharia, and Citizenship (Egypt)”
- **Binnaz Toprak:** “The Islamist versus the Secularist Divide in Turkey”

### 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”

## 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, Confession-alism 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”

#### *Lunch*

### 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

### 7:30-9:30 p.m.

#### *Dinner*

#### **Session 8 – The European Union & European identity**

- **Hugo Estrella:** “European Union, from The United States of Europe to the Christian Roots: a quest for unity among diversity”
- **Emilio Gentile:** “Culture War Italian Style”

## 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”

### 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

### 7:30-9:30 p.m.

#### *Dinner*

#### **Session 13 – Ideas and suggestions for future collaboration**

Discussion leader – **Frank Pasquale**

## Monday July 2

### 8:00-9:00 a.m.

#### *Breakfast*

#### *Departure*