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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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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*

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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

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Chair:

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

Speakers:

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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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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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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*

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Alex Deagon, *Chair*

Renae Barker

Joel Harrison

Nicholas Aroney

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16:00 **Closing Ceremony**

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19:00 **Dinner (Morris Inn Smith Ballroom)**

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Paulo Adragão is a Master of Law (Universidade Católica Portuguesa, 1988); Doctor in Canon Law (University of Navarra, 1992); Doctor in Public State Law (Universidade Nova de Lisboa, 2001); Aggregate Professor of the Faculty of Law of the University of Porto, since 2020. Integrated Researcher in the Center for Legal Research of the Faculty of Law of the University of Porto (CIJ), since 2004. He was an Invited Researcher at the Faculty of Law of the Complutense University, from October 2023 to March 2024, under the supervision of Prof Javier Martinez-Torrón.



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Rodrigo Vitorino Souza Alves is a member of the Steering Committees of both ICLARS and the Latin American Consortium for Religious Freedom. He sits at the International Academic Advisory Board of the Advanced Program on Religion and the Rule of Law at Oxford, and the Editorial Board of the series "Law and Religion in a Global Context" (Springer). He was an Academic Visitor at the University of Oxford, Researcher at the Ratio Legis - Center for Legal Research and Development in Lisbon (on religious freedom and security), non-resident fellow at the International Center for Law and Religious Studies (ICLRS), and member of the Working Group on Religious Freedom of the National Council of Justice, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Federal Court of Brazil in 2022. He is currently the Chair of the Local Committee of the G20 Interfaith Forum in Brazil.



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Tyler Ashman, J.D. / M.Div Dual Degree Candidate at the University of Chicago Law School. United States.

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