

Regulating Religion:

Normativity and Change at the Intersection of Law and Religion

14 and 15 December 2015

*Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore
(Bukit Timah Campus)*

Programme

Monday, 14 December 2015 (Day 1)

9.00am – 9.30am

Registration and Coffee

9.30am – 10.00am

Introduction and Welcome

Andrew Harding, DIRECTOR

CENTRE FOR ASIAN LEGAL STUDIES AND ASIAN LAW INSTITUTE
FACULTY OF LAW, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Arif Jamal, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Jaclyn L. Neo, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Daniel Goh, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

10.00am – 12.00pm

Panel 1: Constitutional Regulation of Religion

Chairperson: Andrew Harding, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Speakers

*Regulating the Religious Regulator: The Interplay between
Constitutional Provisions Requiring State Respect for Islam and State
Control of Islam*

Clark Lombardi, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

*Keeping or Breaking Faith with the Public: Principled Pluralism as key
to 'Religion-Friendly Democracy and Democracy-Friendly Religion' in
Singapore*

Thio Li-ann, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

*Constitutional Norms Regulating Religion: The Case of Italian
Secularism*

Pietro Faraguna, UNIVERSITY OF FERRARA

What is Buddhist Constitutionalism?

Benjamin Schontal, UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

12.00pm – 1.00pm

Lunch, STAFF LOUNGE, BLOCK B



1.00pm – 3.00pm

Panel 2: Law and the Regulation of Religion

Chairperson: Dian Shah, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Speakers

Regulating Religion in Singapore: Shades of Regulation and Depoliticization

Jaclyn L. Neo, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Regulating Religion in Law and Education: Between Scylla and Charybdis in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Mirjam Kunkler, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Islam and its Influence on the Pakistani State Structure

Ali Qazilbash, LAHORE UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES

Regulating religion at the UN human rights committees

Helge Arsheim, UNIVERSITY OF OSLO

3.00pm – 3.30pm

Coffee Break, OUTSIDE LEE SHERIDAN, EU TONG SEN BUILDING

3.30pm – 6.00pm

Panel 3: Regulation and Its Impact on Religious Freedom

Chairperson: Samuel Chan, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Speakers

Understanding Lina Joy and Religious Conversions in Malaysia: Beyond Fundamental Rights

Dian Shah, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Matthew Nelson, SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES

Defining and Regulating Religion in Early Independent Indonesia

Kevin Fogg, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Religion and Conscientious Objection to the Law: Making an Exception or Making an Example?

Denis Edwards, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Escaping the “Museum”: Caste, Community and Conversions in India

Mohsin A Bhat, YALE UNIVERSITY

6.30pm onwards

Welcome Dinner (*for speakers and by invitation only*)

MACA, 56 TANGLIN ROAD

Dinner Keynote Speech

Abdullah Tarmugi,

MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL FOR MINORITY RIGHTS

FORMER SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT & MINISTER-IN-CHARGE OF MUSLIM AFFAIRS



Tuesday, 15 December 2015 (Day 2)

9.30am – 10.00am

Registration and Coffee

10.00am – 12.00pm

Panel 4: The State and Personal Laws

Chairperson: Michael Dowdle, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Speakers

Personal Law Systems and Religious Alternative Dispute Resolution

Farrah Ahmed, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

*Southern African Dar ul-'Ulums as Shari'ah Agents: Regulating
'Muslim Personal Law' within the State's Legal System*

Mhd Haron, UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA

*Accommodation of Muslim Family Laws in Liberal Democratic
Regimes: Viability of Civil Courts as Agents of Social and Legal
Change*

Yuksel Sezgin, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

*Shari'a Law and State Law: Balancing Religion with Politics under
Islamic Legal System*

Zubair Abbasi, LAHORE UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES

12.00pm – 1.00pm

Lunch, STAFF LOUNGE, BLOCK B

1.00pm – 3.00pm

Panel 5: Regulating Religion under Conditions of Pluralism

Chairperson: Jack Lee, SINGAPORE MANAGEMENT UNIVERSITY

Speakers

*How to manage religious diversity: Three European patterns and
their merits*

Silvio Ferrari, UNIVERSITY OF MILAN

*Regulation of Religion in Canada: Secularism, Pluralism and the
State's Duty of Religious Neutrality*

Diana Ginn, DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY

*The Role of Incitement Prohibitions in Protecting Religious
Communities*

Jeroen Temperman, ERASMUS UNIVERSITY ROTTERDAM

*Legal Pluralism, Patronage Secularism and the Challenge of
Prophetic Christianity in Singapore*

Daniel Goh, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

3.00pm – 3.30pm

Coffee Break, OUTSIDE LEE SHERIDAN, EU TONG SEN BUILDING

3.30pm – 5.30pm

Panel 6: Theoretical Perspectives on Regulating Religion

Chairperson: Gary Bell, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Speakers

The Ironies of Shi'i Law

Haider Hamoudi, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Conflicts of State and Religion: a Matter of Ideology or a Struggle for Authority?

Shai Wozner/Gilad Abiri, TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY

What Are We Regulating When We Regulate Religion?

Arif Jamal, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Law, Religion and Secular Meaning

Zachary Calo, VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

5.30pm – 6.00pm

Closing Remarks

Arif Jamal, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Jaclyn L. Neo, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

Daniel Goh, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

6.30pm onwards

Farewell Dinner (*for speakers and by invitation only*)

MAGGIE JOAN'S, AMOY STREET