



# Max-Planck-Institut für ethnologische Forschung

## Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

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Conference

### Religious and Cultural Diversity in Four National Contexts

26 – 27 June 2015

Organiser:

Department 'Law & Anthropology', Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

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### Programme

#### Thursday, 25 June 2015

19:30 *Informal get-together (Café Nexus, Kohlschütterstr. 9, 06114 Halle/Saale)*

#### Friday, 26 June 2015

08:30 *Registration*

09:00 *Introductory Comments*

**Marie-Claire Foblets** (MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany)

#### **PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF COUNTRY REPORTS**

##### **Country Report 1: United Kingdom (*Parekh Report, 2000*)**

*Chair: Varun Uberoi (Brunel University London, UK)*

09:20 *The Future of Multi-Ethnic Britain: the report of the Commission on multi-ethnic Britain, 2000*

**Bhikhu Parekh** (University of Westminster, London, UK)

09:50 *Response: From 'Multi-Ethnic' to 'Multi-Faith' Britain?*

**Tariq Modood** (University of Bristol, UK)

10:20 *General Discussion*

10:50 *Coffee break*

##### **Country Report 2: Canada (*Bouchard-Taylor Report, 2008*)**

*Chair: Michele Graziadei (University of Torino, Italy)*

11:10 *Interculturalism and Open Secularism in the Bouchard-Taylor Report and Beyond*  
**Jocelyn Maclure** (Laval University, Québec, Canada)

11:40 *Response 1: Liberalism Beyond Inaction*

**Jean-François Gaudreault-DesBiens** (University of Montreal, Canada)



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12:00 Response 2: Continuities & Ruptures in Imagining Islamic Law: reflections on blasphemy  
**Anver M. Emon** (University of Toronto, Canada)

12:20 General Discussion

12:50 *Lunch break*

### **Country Report 3: France (*Commission Stasi Report, 2003*)**

*Chair: Vladimiro Zagrebelsky (Fundamental Rights Laboratory, Torino, Italy)*

14:00 Why French *Laïcité* is Europe's Most Liberal Regime  
**Patrick Weil** (University of Paris 1, France)

14:30 Whose Liberalism and which *Laïcité*? Distinguishing Reasons and Justifications  
**John Bowen** (Washington University, St. Louis, USA)

15:00 General Discussion

15:30 *Coffee break*

### **Country Report 4: Belgium (*Belgian Round Tables on Interculturalism, 2010*)**

*Chair: Alison Dundes Renteln (University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA)*

15:50 The Round Tables on Interculturalism: a successful or unsuccessful experiment in deliberative democracy?  
**Marie-Claire Foblets** (MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany)

16:20 Response 1: Religious and Cultural Diversity in Belgium: finding the common denominator  
**Patrick Charlier** and **Nathalie Denies** (Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunities, Brussels, Belgium)

16:40 Response 2: The Federal Intercultural Dialogues: a tale of a non-performative?  
**Nadia Fadil** (Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium)

17:00 General Discussion

17:30 On Reasonable Accommodation for Religion or Belief: charting perspectives, positions and recommendations in four 'managing diversity' country reports (Britain, France, Canada, Belgium)  
**Katayoun Alidadi** (MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany)

17:50 Discussion

19:30 *Dinner (Restaurant Wildschütz, Barfüßerstr. 8, 06108 Halle/Saale)*



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**Saturday, 27 June 2015**

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF CANADIAN PROJECT 'CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY IN FOUR NATIONAL CONTEXTS: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF IDENTITY DYNAMICS AND OF THE REGULATION OF RELIGION'**

*Chair: Joseph David (Oxford University, UK)*

- 09:00 Introduction  
**Solange Lefebvre** (University of Montreal, Canada)
- 09:15 National Commissions, Academics and Politics  
**Solange Lefebvre** and **Karel Jorge Leyva Rodriguez** (University of Montreal, Canada)
- 09:40 Glocalizations of a Common Discourse: the United Kingdom and Quebec compared in the context of four national commissions on addressing diversity  
**Peter Beyer** and **Marie-Ève Larivière** (University of Ottawa, Canada)
- 10:05 Control, Instrumentalize and Cooperate: the relation between law and religion in four commission reports  
**Jean-François Gaudreault-DesBiens** (University of Montreal, Canada)
- 10:30 Discussion of Canadian Project
- 11:00 *Coffee break*

**EXPERT STATEMENTS: SESSION I**

*Chair: Werner Menski (SOAS, University of London, UK)*

- 11:20 Religion, Culture and Liberal Democracy  
**Geoffrey Brahm Levey** (University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia)
- 11:50 Discussion
- 12:10 Multiculturalism in Britain: past, present and future?  
**Ralph Grillo** (University of Sussex, UK)
- 12:40 Discussion
- 13:00 *Lunch break*



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### EXPERT STATEMENTS: SESSION II

Chair: *Mark Goodale (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)*

14:00 Commission on Religion and Belief (CORB) in British Public Life: a gender analysis  
**Maleiha Malik** (King's College, London, UK)

14:30 Discussion

14:50 Religion in the Retreat of Multiculturalism  
**Christian Joppke** (University of Bern, Switzerland)

15:20 Discussion

15:40 *Coffee break*

### EXPERT STATEMENTS: SESSION III

Chair: *Olaf Zenker (Free University, Berlin, Germany)*

16:00 The European Court of Human Rights: fundamental assumptions that have a chilling effect on the protection of religious diversity  
**Eugenia Relaño Pastor** (Complutense University of Madrid, Spain)

16:30 Discussion

16:50 State Churches, National Identity and Minority Religion in Scandinavia: levelling up, down or modernizing the status quo?  
**Per Mouritsen** (Aarhus University, Denmark)

17:20 Discussion

17:40 Concluding Comments  
**Marie-Claire Foblets** (MPI for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany) and **Varun Uberoi** (Brunel University London, UK)

19:30 *Dinner (Weinstube Rathausstraße, Rathausstr. 7, 06108 Halle/Saale) & Final Discussion*