Conference

Religious and Cultural Diversity in Four National Contexts
26 – 27 June 2015

Organiser:
Department ‘Law & Anthropology’, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

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

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

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 Gaudreau-Descamis (University of Montreal, Canada)
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

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)
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**
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