



## Modes of Secularism and Religious Responses V

June 13-15, 2013

### Conference Programme

#### Thursday, June 13

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6:00 pm **Religion and Its Others.** Keynote Speech, Welcome and Introduction  
Followed by a reception

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**Venue: IWM Library, Spittelauer Lände 3, 1090 Wien**

**Speaker:** **Charles Taylor**, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy, McGill University, Montréal, and Permanent Fellow, IWM

#### Friday, June 14

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9:30 am–1:00 pm **Session I: Trajectories of Secularisation and Spirituality in Latin America**

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**Venue: Palais Clam Gallas, Institut Francais de Autriche, Währingerstr. 30, 1090 Wien**

The first session will explore developments in Latin America, continuing the theme of different itineraries within the Christian world by following up on the 2012 panel on Eastern Orthodoxy. In particular, we shall be looking at the very specific situation in Brazil: a huge, traditionally Catholic country, but with a strong evangelical presence, as also the existence of Afro-American religions.

**Introductions:** **José Casanova**, Professor of Sociology and Head of the Program on Globalization, Religion and the Secular at the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University, Washington, DC  
**Bernice Martin**, Emeritus Reader in Sociology, University of London (Royal Holloway College)  
**Jorge Claudio Ribeiro**, Professor of Sciences of Religion, PUC-SP and editor of the Editora Olho d'Água

**1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch break**

2:00 pm – 5:30 pm **Session II: Reactions to Immigrants and Religious Pluralism in Europe**

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The final session will focus on reactions to immigrants and the growth of non-Christian communities, particularly Muslims, in contemporary Europe, particularly in France and the UK. Evidently, this is a topic that is subject to continuous shifts and fluctuations in perceptions and policies, as has recently been manifested in the election of François Hollande in France and, perhaps even more clearly, in the turn-over in the Netherlands.

**Introductions:** **Nilufer Gole**, Professor of sociology, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), Centre d'etudes sociologiques et politiques Raymond Aron (CESPRA)  
**Raphael Liogier**, director of the Observatoire du religieux ([www.world-religion-watch.org](http://www.world-religion-watch.org)) and University Professor in Sociology and Theory of Knowledge at the Institute for Political Studies of Aix-en-Provence in France (Science Po Aix)  
**Tariq Modood**, Professor, University of Bristol, Founder and Director of the Research Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Citizenship

**End of day 1**



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## Day 2

### Saturday, June 15

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9:30 pm – 1:00 pm **Session III: Islamist Politics in the Mediterranean Muslim World**

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**Venue: Palais Clam Gallas, Institut Francais de Autriche, Währingerstr. 30, 1090 Wien**

This session is dedicated to the situation in the Mediterranean Muslim world in the wake of the Arab Spring. Taking up and going beyond earlier debates on the concept of the Islamic state, our discussion will focus not only on current developments in Egypt and Tunisia, but also on the complex case of Turkey, which plays a crucial role in the region both as a major power and as offering a model of how Islamist politics can evolve in a democracy-free direction.

**Introductions:** **Hussein Ali Agrama**, Professor of Anthropology, University of Chicago  
**Charles Hirschkind**, Professor of Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley

**1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Lunch break**

2:00 pm – 5:30 pm **Session IV: Secularisation and Norms of Self-Limitation in the Modern State**

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The third session will look at the way in which secularisation evolves in different shapes in different societies, but always in symbiosis, as it were, with the development of the state – in short, the co-evolution of secularisation and politics. As modern states have expanded their reach and function, they have also developed norms of self-limitation around various languages of freedom; secularism is one example of this pattern. As a starting point, we shall resume the discussion of the previous session on Turkey and Egypt/Tunisia, asking to what extent these countries give us contrasting understandings of how self-limiting states can evolve.

**Introductions:** **Dilip Gaonkar**, Professor of Rhetoric and Public Culture, Northwestern University, Evanston/Ill.  
**Michael Warner**, Professor of English and American Studies, Yale University, New Haven/Conn.

5:30 pm End of conference

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