Human Rights and Religion in Historical Perspective

Boston College

April 9-10, 2011

**Saturday, April 9, 2011**

**8:00-8:30 Continental Breakfast**

**8:30-9:00**

**Opening Comment**

Devin Pendas (Boston College), *Religion in the Historiography of Human Rights: Universal Categories and the Return of the Repressed*

**9:00-11:00**

**Human Rights and Religion in the Long Nineteenth Century**

Valerie Cooper (University of Virginia), *The People of God and the Spirit of Independence: Maria Stewart’s Theology of Human Rights*

Pablo Mijangos y González (CIDE-Mexico), *Religious Tolerance in an “Exclusively Catholic” Country: Mexico, 1833-1860*

Daniel Malachuk (Western Illinois University), *John Stuart Mill and Religions of Humanity in the History of Human Rights*

Ellen Blue (Phillips Theological Seminary), *Methodist Women in the Search for the Kingdom of God*

**Chair and Comment:** Mac James (University of S. Carolina-Buefort)

**11:00-11:15 Break**

**11:15-1:00**

**Christian Democracy and the Origins of Postwar Human Rights**

Marco Duranti (University of Konstanz), *Globalizing the* Guerre Scolaire; *Christian Democracy, the Religious Schools Controversy in France and the Construction of European Human Rights Law after the Second World War*

Miriam Rossi (University of Perugia), *The Italian Christian Democratic Party and the early Development of Italy’s Human Rights Policy*

Giuliana Chamedes (Columbia University), "Hyper-Nationalism and Rights Talk in the Catholic Search for Pan-European Legitimacy, 1942-1948."

Charles Gallagher (Boston College), *Maritain in America: the Turbulent History of the Committee of Catholics for Human Rights*

**Chair and Comment:** Ken Kersch (Boston College)

**1:00-2:30 Lunch**

**2:30-4:00**

**Human Rights, Religion, and United States Foreign Policy**

Andrew Preston (Cambridge University), *The Human Rights Crusade of Father Robert F. Drinan*

William Steding (University College, Cork, Ireland), *Jimmy Carter’s Evangelical Mission: Human Rights*

David Zietsma (Redeemer University College), *No Freedom from Fear: Enemy Civilians as a Human Rights Blind Spot in the Religious Narrative of American National Identity, 1941-1945*

**Chair and Comment:** Seth Jacobs (Boston College).

**4:00-4:15 Break**

**4:15-6:15**

**Freedom of Religion as a Human Right**

Emily Baran (UNC-Chapel Hill), *Faith, Historical Memory, and Human Rights on Trial: Jehovah’s Witnesses in the Russian Courts*

Bent Boel (Aalborg University, Denmark), *Bible Smuggling and Human Rights in the Soviet Bloc during the Cold War*

Alicia Juskewycz (Princeton University), *“Religious Freedom” in Press and Politics, 1990-2010*

Chan Woong Shin (Syracuse University), *Saving Souls vs. Promoting a Fundamental Human Right? The Rise of Religious Freedom Advocacy within American Evangelicalism*

**Chair and Comment:** David Hollenbach (Boston College)

**6:30 Dinner**

**Sunday, April 10, 2011**

**8:30-9:00 Continental Breakfast**

**9:00-10:45**

**Women, Islam, and Human Rights**

Claudia Koonz (Duke University), *The “Veil” and the Politics of Gender in European Islam*

Carlo De Angelo (University of Naples, “L’Orientale”), *Reconciling the Status of Muslim Women and Human Rights: The* ijtihad *of the European Council for Fatwas and Researches*

Perin Gurel (Yale University), *Islam as Solution? Contemporary Muslim Women’s Rights Movements*

**Chair and Comment:** Ali Banuazizi (Boston College)

**10:45-12:00**

**Closing Roundtable: The History of Human Rights and the History of Religion**