EXECUTIVE TRAINING SEMINAR

What Is the Problem with Religion? A New Approach for an Inclusive Society

Florence, 11th-15th November 2019

Scientific Coordinators: Olivier Roy | EUI, Rav Joseph Levi | FSD and Centro “Cardinal Bea” per gli Studi Giudaici PUG, Mons. Andrea Bellandi | FSD, Imam Izzedin Elzir | FSD, Mohamed Bamoshoosh | FSD

Venue: Villa Schifanoia, Sala Europa

ABSTRACT

The Executive Training Seminar is a collaboration between the European University Institute’s School of Transnational Governance and the Florence School of Advanced Studies for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogues (FSD). The course will provide mid-career professionals with deeper understanding about religion in society through interactive analyses of case studies and encounters with religious leaders and practitioners of the Abrahamic religions living in Europe. The Seminar is open to qualified academics and practitioners, together with religious leaders of the Abrahamic religions living in Europe and experts of interreligious dialogue. The sessions will involve group work focussed on selected case studies, and plenary sessions consisting of lectures and debates with religious leaders, professors and experts. The course will enhance participants’ understanding of how to develop and sustain inclusive institutions and whilst the interactive learning experience will expose participants to new perspectives on religion and the state, focusing their attention on positive and inclusive views of religion. Participants will be challenged to apply their learning to real-life scenarios where, in a protected environment, they will be driven to take risks and find solutions “outside the box”.
11 November

General Introduction

9.30-10.00  Welcome Coffee
10.00-11.30 Institutional Greetings
EUI-STG and FSD organisers and experts
11.30-13.00 What is the Problem with Religion/s?
Olivier Roy | EUI
13.00-14.00  Lunch
14.00-15.30 Working Groups: Expectation, Sharing of Knowledge And Experience
Coordinators:
Radek Michalski | EUI
Cynthia Salloum | EUI
15.30-17.00 Religion and Modern Society: Models of Coexistence
Joseph Weiler | NYU
17.00-17.30  Coffee Break
17.30-19.00 The Relationship with the Other Different From Me
Piero Ferrucci | Psychotherapist
20.00  Dinner

12 November

Case Study I: Religion and Court Sentences

9.30-10.00  Welcome Coffee (Sala Bandiere)
10.00-10.30 Religion and Court Sentences
Pasquale Annicchino | EUI
10.30-12.00 Working Groups: Religion and Court Sentences
12.00-14.00 Lunch (Sala Bandiere)
14.00-15.30  Plenary Session: Presentation and Q&A Session  
Pasquale Annicchino | EUI

15.30-16.45  Religious and Secular Law  
Marco Ventura | University of Siena and FSD

16.45-17.15  Coffee Break

17.15-18.30  Towards active participation of Muslims' communities in Europe  
Dawood Alihdabi | The International Islamic University, Malaysia

13 November  
Case Study II: Religion and the Public Local Institutions

9.00-9.30  Welcome Coffee

9.30-10.30  Relationship between Management and Local Conflicts  
Bartolomeo Conti | EUI

The Maqasid Al-shari'a (the Aims of Religious Law) and the  
Reformation of Islamic Political Thought and Institutions  
Massimo Campanini | Istituto Sangalli

10.30-12.00  Working Groups moderated by:  
Radek Michalski | EUI  
Cynthia Salloum | EUI

12.00-14.00  Lunch

14.00-15.30  Plenary Session: Presentation and Q&A Session  
Bartolomeo Conti | EUI

15.30-17.00  The Value of Life in Religious Traditions and in Modern Democracies  
Moshe Halbertal | Hebrew University of Jerusalem and NYU (tbc)

17.00-17.30  Coffee Break

17.30-19.00  Freedom of Religion and the Role of Local Institutions: Some Lessons from the Italian History  
Andrea Simoncini | University of Florence and FSD
14 November
Case Study III: Coexistence, Conflict and Their Management at the Local Level

9.00-9.30  Welcome Coffee (Sala Bandiere)
9.30-11.30  Introduction to Theology of Dialogue
            Rav Joseph Levi | FSD and Centro “Cardinal Bea” per gli Studi Giudaici PUG
            Religion in Second Generation Immigrants
            Mohamed Bamoshmoosh | FSD
            Religious sense as the Basis of Dialogue
            Mons. Andrea Bellandi | FSD, Archbishop of Salerno
            Islam's principles for dialogue
            Imam Izzedin Elzir | FSD

11.30-13.00  Working Groups moderated by:
            Radek Michalski | EUI
            Cynthia Salloum | EUI

13.00-14.30  Lunch (Sala Bandiere)
14.30-15.30  Plenary Session: Presentation and Q&A Session FSD and STG experts

15 November
Case Study IV: Religion and the Public Discourse

9.00-9.30  Welcome Coffee
9.30-10.00  Introduction
            Nadia Marzouki | EUI
10.00-11.30  Working Groups moderated by:
            Radek Michalski | EUI
            Cynthia Salloum | EUI

11.30-12.30  Saywan Barzani | Ambassador Of Iraq
12.30-14.00  Lunch
14.00-16.15  Plenary Session: Q&A Session and Final Debate
            STG and FSD
16.15-17.15  Cocktail
FACULTY

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Pasquale Annichino | European University Institute, Italy
Saywan Barzani | Ambassador of Iraq, Italy
Mohamed Bamoshmoosh | FSD, Italy
Mons. Andrea Bellandi | FSD, Italy
Massimo Campanini | Istituto Sangalli, Italy
Bartolomeo Conti | Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS), France
Imam Izzedin Elzir | Imam of Florence and FSD, Italy
Pasquale Ferrara | Ambassador of Italy to Algeria, Algeria
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