Religion & Civil Society Colloquium
University of Alberta – April 23 & 24, 2015

Thursday, April 23 – CAB 2-69

2:30 – 3:30 – Keynote 1
• Canada’s Culturalisms: A Human Rights Perspective (Pearl Eliadis, Human Rights Lawyer, Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, McGill University, eliadis@rights-law.net/pearl.eliadis@mcgill.ca)

3:30 – 4:00 – BREAK

4:00 – 5:30 – Panel 1
• Saving the Canadian Muslim Woman: Alternate Dispute Resolution As Normative Law (Maryam Razavy, University of Alberta, mrazavy@ualberta.ca)
• A Secular View of Religion: Ethics and Religious Culture in Quebec High Schools (Richard Rymarz, University of Alberta, rymarz@ualberta.ca)
• The Aga Khan on Civil Society (Salima Versi, University of Alberta, sversi@ualberta.ca)

6:00 – DINNER FOR PRESENTERS

Friday, April 24 – CAB 2-69

9:30 – 10:30 – Keynote 2
• A Secular State for a Religious Society (Abdullahi An-Naim, Emory University School of Law, aannaim@emory.edu)

10:30 – 11:00 – BREAK

11:00 – 12:00 – Keynote 3
• Belonging to Law? Religious Difference, Secularism, and the Conditions of Civic Inclusion (Benjamin Berger, Osgoode Hall School of Law, York University, bberger@osgoode.yorku.ca)

12:00 – 1:30 – LUNCH (CAB 2-73)

1:30 – 2:30 – Panel 2
• Dirty, Dull, and Dismal: Exploring Perspectives on Secularism (Rachel Heffernan, University of Alberta, hefferna@ualberta.ca)
• Current Debates about Circumcision and their Religious and Secular Contexts (James White, University of Alberta, jawhite1@ualberta.ca)

2:30 – 3:00 – BREAK

3:00 – 4:00 – Panel 3
• Performing Civic Piety: Numa Ayrinhac’s Portrait of President Juan Perón and His Wife Eva Duarte at the Museo del Bicentenario (Luciana Erregue, University of Alberta, erregue@ualberta.ca)
• Senegal’s Sufi Secularism: Negotiating an Ongoing Pluralism (Joseph Hill, University of Alberta, joseph.hill@ualberta.ca)

4:00 – 4:30 – BREAK

4:30 – 5:30 – Keynote 4
• The Difference Between Tolerance and Acceptance (Rabbi David Kunin, Jewish Community of Japan, Independent Scholar, rabbidakunin@aol.com)