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Does God Matter?
Representing Religion in the European Union and the United States

Aston University, Aston Business School Conference Centre (ABSCC), Birmingham
12/13 November 2010

Programme

Friday, 12 November

2.00 – 3.00 Registration

3.00 – 4.30 First Session: Religion and Politics in the EU and the US, Room A1

Welcome and Introduction!

Simon Green, Professor of Politics, Head of Politics and International Relations, Aston University

Chair: Lucian Leustean, Lecturer in Politics and International Relations, Aston University

Laura Olson, Professor of Political Science, Clemson University, South Carolina: *Tangled Webs: The Religious Left in Contemporary American Politics*

John Madeley, Senior Lecturer, London School of Economics: *Deus ex Machina: The European Union and the Crisis of European Laïcité*

Jeffrey Haynes, Professor of Politics, London Metropolitan University: *Religion in International Relations: A European Specificity?*

4.30 – 5.00 Break / Coffee / Tea, ABSCC Lounge

5.00 – 6.30 Second Session: Representing Religion and Communities of Conviction in Brussels, Room A1

Chair: Win Burton, Executive Secretary, Wyndham Place Charlemagne Trust and Coordinator of the 'Soul for Europe. Ethics and Spirituality' (1999-2005)

Fr Frank Turner, General Director, Jesuit European Office (OCIPE), Brussels: *The Roman Catholic Church and the European Institutions: Dialogue and Advocacy at the European Union*

Rev Gary Wilton, Church of England Representative to the European Union & Canon of the Pro-Cathedral of Holy Trinity, Brussels: *From Athens and Berlin to Brussels: Reflections on Community Knowledge and Dialogue between the Institutions and the Churches*

David Pollock, President of the European Humanist Federation, Brussels/London: *Article 17: Reasons for Concern*

6.30 – 7.30 Reception, ABSCC Lounge

7.30 – 10.00 Dinner, ABSCC Restaurant (see Note at the end of the programme for more details)

Saturday, 13 November

7.30 – 9.00 Breakfast, ABSCC Restaurant (see Note at the end of the programme for more details)

8.30 – 9.00 Coffee / Tea, ABSCC Lounge

9.00 – 10.45 Third Session

Panel 1: Historical Approaches to Religious Representation in the EU and the US, Room A1

Chair: Canon John Nurser, Fellow, Centre for Human Rights, University of Essex and Director of Christianity and the Future of Europe (1989-97)

John Wolffe, Professor of Religious History, Open University: *Protestant-Catholic Divisions in Europe and the United States: An Historical and Comparative Perspective*

Michael Sutton, Emeritus Professor of Modern History and Politics, Aston University: *Political Realism and Roman Catholic Faith in Connection with the 'Construction of Europe': Robert Schuman, Konrad Adenauer, and Charles de Gaulle*

Jőrg Mathias, Senior Lecturer in Politics and International Relations, Aston University: *Protestant Pan-European Thought in the Inter-war Period: The International Work of Archbishop Sőderblom and the 'Stockholm Movement'*

Panel 2: Representing Religion: The State Dimension, Room 1BC

Chair: Jeffrey Haynes, Professor of Politics, London Metropolitan University

Martin Steven, Lecturer in Politics, University of Glasgow: *Christianity and British Politics: A Neglected Dimension*

Ville Jalovaara, Post Doctoral Researcher, Department of Church History, University of Helsinki: *The Church of Finland and European Integration*

Simona Guerra, Lecturer in Politics, Loughborough University: *Religion and Politics in the European Union: Eurosceptic Allies or Euroenthusiast Friends?*

Sergei Mudrov, PhD student in Politics, University of Salford, Manchester: *Christian Churches in European Integration: the Process of Treaties Reforms and the EU Migration and Asylum Policy*

10.45 – 11.15 Break / Coffee / Tea, ABSCC Lounge

11.15 – 13.00 Fourth Session

Panel 1: Representing Religion: The Transnational Dimension, Room 1A

Chair: John Anderson, Professor of Politics, Head of School of International Relations, University of St Andrews

Alan Chong, Associate Professor of International Relations, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore: *Representing a Universal Sacred Mission in the Universal Secular Organization: The Holy See in the United Nations* (paper co-written with Jodok Troy, Lecturer in Political Science, University of Innsbruck)

Adrian Pabst, Lecturer in Politics, University of Kent: *The Shape of Post-Secularity: Representing Faith in an Age of Religious Decline and Revival*

Jonathan Malloy, Associate Professor in Political Science, Carleton University, Ottawa: *Between America and Europe: Religion, Politics and Evangelicals in Canada*

Ronan McCrea, Lecturer in Law, University of Reading: *Religious Contributions to Law and Policy Making in a Secular Political Order: The Approach of European Institutions*

Panel 2: Representing Religion: The Institutional Dimension, Room 1BC

Chair: John Madeley, Senior Lecturer, London School of Economics

Sara Silvestri, Lecturer in International Politics, City University London: *Religious Actors in Brussels: Patterns of Mobilisation and the Emergence of Muslim Pressure Groups*

Antonius Liedhegener, Assistant Professor, Centre for Religion, Economics and Politics, University of Lucerne: *Why Brussels is neither Washington nor Berlin. Political Catholicism in Differing Political Systems*

Friederike Böllmann, Post Doctoral Researcher, Department of the Study of Religions, Leipzig University: *How Many Roads Lead to Brussels? Decisive Factors for Political Mobilisation of Religious Organisations in the European Public Sphere*

Bérengère Massignon, Post Doctoral Researcher, Groupe Sociétés, Religions, Laïcités, Paris: *Secular and Religious Mobilisation and Counter-Mobilisation in Brussels*

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch, ABSCC Restaurant (see Note at the end of the programme for more details)

14.00 – 15.30 Fifth Session: Religion and Politics in the EU and the US, Room 1A

Chair: Lucian Leustean, Lecturer in Politics and International Relations, Aston University

Kenneth Wald, Distinguished Professor of Political Science, University of Florida: *Do Continents Matter? Religion and Politics in Europe and the United States*

Grace Davie, Emerita Professor of Sociology, Exeter University: *Understanding Religion in Modern Europe: A Continuing Debate*

More details

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Note

If you would like to book dinner/breakfast/lunch please contact Ms Raj Biran at r.biran@aston.ac.uk the ABSCC Reservations Department, 0044 (0)121 204 3726, (Monday to Friday 8.30am until 4.30pm)

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