



CITIES AND PLACES OF WORSHIP A CHALLENGE FOR MULTICULTURAL SOCIETIES

**March 23 and 24 2006
Barcelona Scientific Park Auditorium
Baldri i Reixac, 4-6 Barcelona**

The deep social changes in our society have a specific impact on the relations between the public regulation of the use of land and the effective exercise of the religious freedom, taking into account the necessary legal limits for guaranteeing concurrent general interests.

The Seminar tries to make an approach about a subject with little legal treatment, taking into consideration of several compared experiences and a legal analysis from Public Law and the social reality and proposing precise legal modifications to guarantee social cohesion in our society, in order to avoid the conflicts that start to arise.

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Free admission. Limited places. Please confirm attendance to rgalindo@ub.edu or to the Institut de Dret Públic (934034535)

The Tuesday afternoon reports will have simultaneous translation English-Spanish.

PROGRAMME

Thursday 23

10:00 PRESENTATION

Mr. Antoni P. Fogué Moya

Delegated President of the Local Government Area, Diputació de Barcelona

Dr. Juli Ponce Solé

Professor of Administrative Law, Universitat de Barcelona

Dr. Àlex Seglers

Professor of Ecclesiastical Law, UAB and UOC

REPORTS

MORNING

10:30 *Some reflections on Public Law and Religious Freedom*

Dr. Lorenzo Martín-Retortillo

Professor of Administrative Law, Universidad Complutense de Madrid

11:30 Break

11:45 *The legal dimensions of the places of worship*

Dr. Miguel Rodríguez

Professor of ecclesiastical Law, Universidad de Alcalá de Henares

12:45 *The muslims worship places in Catalonia*

Mr. Jordi Moreras

Anthropologist, author of *Musulmanes en Barcelona. Espacios y dinámicas comunitarias*, Ed. Cidob, 1999)

AFTERNOON

16:30 *The regulation of religious uses of land in the United States of America: the Religious Land Use & Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000*

Dr. Edward H. Ziegler

Professor, University of Denver College of Law

17:30 *Places of worship and land use law in France*

Dr. Jean-Phillipe Brouant

Maître de Conférences, Université Paris I - Panthéon-Sorbonne

18:30 *Planning and places of worship in Italy*

Dr. Alberto Roccella

Professore associato Diritto Urbanístico, Università degli Studi di Milano

Friday 24

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MORNING

10:00 *Affirmative Laicism and Urban Planning*

Dr. Àlex Seglers

Professor of ecclesiastical Law UAB and UOC

10:45 *Right to the city, social cohesion and religious uses*

Dr. Juli Ponce Solé

Professor of administrative Law, Universitat de Barcelona

11:30 Break

12:00 ROUND TABLE

Chairman: **Dr. Àlex Seglers**

Mr. Mohamed Zain

President of the Associació Cultural Islàmica del Maresme

Dr. José María Contreras

Professor of ecclesiastical Law and director of the Fundación Pluralismo y Convivencia

Mr. Jordi Moreras

Anthropologist

13:15 CONCLUSIONS

Mr. Oriol Nel·lo i Colom

Secretary for Territorial Planning

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