



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 Bamoshmoosh** | 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”.

PROGRAMME

11 November

General Introduction

9.30-10.00	<i>Welcome Coffee</i>
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	<i>Lunch</i>
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	<i>Coffee Break</i>
17.30-19.00	The Relationship with the Other Different From Me Piero Ferrucci Psychotherapist
20.00	<i>Dinner</i>

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Case Study I: Religion and Court Sentences

9.30-10.00	<i>Welcome Coffee (Sala Bandiere)</i>
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	<i>Lunch (Sala Bandiere)</i>

- 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	<i>Welcome Coffee (Sala Bandiere)</i>
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	<i>Lunch (Sala Bandiere)</i>
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	<i>Welcome Coffee</i>
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	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00-16.15	Plenary Session: Q&A Session and Final Debate STG and FSD
16.15-17.15	<i>Cocktail</i>

■ FACULTY

Dawood Alihdabi	The International Islamic University, Malaysia
Pasquale Annicchino	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
Piero Ferrucci	Psychotherapist, Italy
Moshe Halbertal	Hebrew University of Jerusalem and NYU, Israel and United States of America
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Nadia Marzouki	EUI, Italy
Olivier Roy	EUI, Italy
Andrea Simoncini	University of Florence and FSD, Italy
José Tolentino de Mendonça	Portuguese Catholic University, Portugal
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