



## The 2015 Patuxent Defense Forum

### Religion in Civil Society: The Impact of Religious Movements on International Relations

#### AGENDA

Thursday, 4 June 2015

#### 8:15 - 8:45 AM Check-in & Continental Breakfast

The Cole Cinema, Campus Center, St. Mary's College of Maryland 18952 E. Fisher Rd., St. Mary's City, MD 20686

#### 8:45 AM - 9 AM Welcome

**Maija Harkonen**, Ph.D., Executive Director, Center for the Study of Democracy at St. Mary's College of Maryland  
**Bonnie Green**, Executive Director, The Patuxent Partnership

#### 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM Opening Remarks

**Chris Seiple**, Ph.D. President of the Institute for Global Engagement

#### 9:30 AM - Noon (Coffee Break at 10:30 AM)

#### Panel I: Faith-Based Groups and Religious Tensions Around the World

**Chair: Ajay Singh Chaudhary**, Ph.D., Founding Director of the Brooklyn Institute for Social Research and Core Lecturer at the Columbia University

- **Muhammad Obaidullah**, Ph.D., Senior Lecturer, Manarat International University, Bangladesh, "Religion in Society: A Case Study of the Muslim-Hindu Relationship from a Socio-Democratic Perspective in Satkhira, Bangladesh"
- **Paul Kubicek**, Ph.D., Department Chair, Political Science, Oakland University Rochester, Michigan, "Islam and Democracy in the Muslim World"
- **Terri Susan Fine**, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, University of Central Florida, "To Whom Does Israel Belong? Citizenship in Israel"
- **Johanna Kristin Birnir**, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Government and Politics, University of Maryland, "Religious Groups in Restrictive Religious Markets: Violent or Peaceful?"
- **Danielle N. Boaz**, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, "Race, Religion and Civil Rights in Democratic Societies: Lessons from the Etymology of "Voodoo"

**Noon - 1:15 PM Lunch**, Great Room, Campus Center

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#### PANEL II: Religious Activism: Challenges Facing the United States

**Chair: Maryann Cusimano Love**, Ph.D., The Catholic University of America

- **Katharina Von Kellenbach**, Ph.D., Professor of Religious Studies, St. Mary's College of Maryland, "Old Wine in New Skins: What are the Connections between Religious Anti-Judaism, Racist Anti-Semitism, and Political Anti-Zionism?"
- **Rustum Nyquist**, J.D., Policy Advisor, Office of Religion and Global Affairs. US State Department, "Assessing Religious Dynamics and Engaging Religious Actors in U.S. Foreign Policy"
- **David Selby**, George Mason University, "Social Media and Religious Activism"
- **Robert McCaw**, M.A., Government Affairs Manager, the Council of American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), "The Role of the Council of American-Islamic Relations in Mitigating Religious-Based Tensions"

**3:15 PM Coffee Break**

**3:30 PM - 4:45 PM**

**Panel III: International Responses to Religious Conflicts**

**Chair: J. Mark Brinkmoeller**, Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, USAID

- **Thomas Uthup**, Ph.D., Associate Professor, History Department, Balwin Wallace University, OH, “Top-Down and Bottom-Up: The Role of Intergovernmental Organizations in Addressing Religious Pluralism”
- **Marc Gopin**, Director of the Center for World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution (CRDC), the James H. Laue Professor at the School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University, VA. “The Role of Religious Organizations in Peacemaking”
- **Derek Reveron**, Ph.D., Professor of National Security Affairs, the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I., “The Use of Cyber Power in Future Conflicts”

**5:15 PM Reception and Dinner**

Reconstructed State House of 1776, 47418 Old State House Rd, St Mary's City, MD 20686

**Speaker: Henry Miller**, Ph.D., Maryland Heritage Scholar