SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Terrace Foyer
REGISTRATION

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

8:00 am – 7:00 pm
Terrace Foyer
REGISTRATION
8:30 am – 9:30 am
Georgetown

USCIRF TOWNHALL
Women and Religious Freedom

8:30 am – 9:30 am
Jefferson East

Special Prayer Service in Observance of Two-Year Anniversary of Military Coup in Burma

8:30 am – 9:30 am
Gunston East

YOUTH TRACK
Roundtable discussion on engaging youth to promote FORB.

MODERATOR:
Nguyen Dinh Thang
Boat People SOS

SPEAKERS:
Fiona Bruce
UK Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief
Soraya Deen  
*Muslim Feminist, Lawyer, Author*

Rachel Forster  
*Search for Common Ground*

Judy Golub  
*Board of Trustees and Board of Managers*  
*Religion News Foundation/Religion News Service*

Annie McKinney  
*Director of Communications and Operations for IRF Secretariat*

Patrice Pederson  
*First Freedom Foundation*

Robert Rehak  
*Ambassador and Special Envoy for Holocaust, Interfaith Dialogue and Freedom of Religion, Czech Republic*

**9:45 am – 10:30 am**

International Ballroom

**WELCOME PLENARY SESSION**

*Why IRF is Vital to US Foreign Policy*

**WELCOME:**

Amb. Sam Brownback  
*IRF Summit Co-Chair*

Katrina Lantos-Swett  
*President of Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice*  
*IRF Summit Co-Chair*
SPEAKERS:

Rep. Michael McCaul  
Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee

Rep. Jim McGovern  
Co-Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission

Tony Perkins  
President  
Family Research Council

Simran Jeet Singh  
Executive Director  
Aspen Institute Religion and Society Program

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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DEFENDING IRF  
Monroe, Lincoln East

DOCUMENTING IRF  
Lincoln West

DEVELOPING IRF  
Jefferson West

DENIAL OF IRF  
Georgetown
11:00 am – 11:30 am
Monroe
DEFENDING IRF: SESSION 1

Leveraging Faith and Courage in Advocating for Religious Freedom

Join Katrina Lantos Swett in a conversation with public figures about taking a stand for your beliefs and using your platform for good. This panel will dive deeper into faith as a driving force in the panelist’s careers and how it brings them into an international community that calls for dignity for all.

MODERATOR:

Katrina Lantos Swett
President of Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice
IRF Summit Co-Chair

SPEAKERS:

Maryum Ali
Youth advocate and daughter of Muhammad Ali

Penn Badgley
Actor and Activist
Such atrocity crimes as genocide do not happen overnight. They require planning and organization. Before we can see the mass atrocities, there are early warning signs and risk factors of atrocities to come. These are the predictors that States, international bodies and non-state actors must monitor in order to prevent mass atrocities and so protect individuals and whole communities from preventable harm. During the session, panelists will discuss their work on identifying, monitoring, and analyzing early warning signs and risk factors of atrocities and how this work should be used by States to act to prevent atrocities.
11:00 am – 11:20 am
Jefferson West

DEVELOPING IRF: SESSION 1

Cross-Cultural Religious Literacy Programs

Join James Chen, Wade Kusak, and Matius Ho in discussing their organization’s religious literacy programs occurring all over the world in places such as Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Indonesia, and the successes they have
seen thus far. This panel will look at the best practices they have found and how other organizations can get involved.

**SPEAKERS:**

**James Chen**  
Vice President  
Global Operations Institute for Global Engagement

**Wade Kusack**  
Founder & CEO  
Love Your Neighbor Community

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**11:00 am – 11:25 am**  
Georgetown

**DENIAL OF IRF: SESSION 1**

**Spotlighting Prominent Denials of IRF by Survivors and Advocates**

**MODERATOR:**

**Dr. Christine Sequenzia**  
Co-Chair of Global Campaign to Eliminate Apostasy and Blasphemy Laws

**SPEAKERS:**

**Nathan Estruth**  
Founder  
1792 Exchange

**Rev. Nguyen Van Khai**  
Hanoi Redemptorists Spokesman

**Cheikh Mkhaitir**  
Human Rights Advocate
11:30 am – 12:00 pm
Monroe

DEFENDING IRF: SESSION 2

U.S. Military Chaplains Abroad: Engaging Faith Leaders, Humanitarians, and New Chaplains

Chaplains not only minister to military service members and their families, they also engage with faith and civil society leaders and military chaplains in host countries, promoting intercultural understanding and helping strengthen international religious freedom in many countries around the globe.

MODERATOR:

Eric Patterson
President
Religious Freedom Institute

SPEAKERS:

Chaplain John Craven
Resident Chaplain
Department of State

Reverend Graham Glover
Chaplain Fellow
Religious Freedom Institute

Father Daniel Mode
Chief Chaplain of the
U.S. Coast Guard
DEVELOPING IRF: SESSION 2

Education Programs and Teacher–training Model in the Middle East

Continuing on with our theme of religious literacy programs, join Tina Ramirez, who is an expert on foreign policy and international human rights, to discuss Hardwired Global’s education programs and teacher–training model in Iraq/Middle East. Tina is a practitioner in the field that has experienced a lot of progress towards greater religious freedom through their educational programs and will be speaking to the specific model and the data driven impact that Hardwired Global’s programs have seen.

SPEAKER:

Tina Ramirez
Executive Director
Hardwired Global
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11:30 am – 12:00 pm
Jefferson West

DEVELOPING IRF: SESSION 3

Highlighting the Working Groups of the International Religious Freedom Roundtables

The International Religious Freedom Roundtable’s Working Group Chairs will be presenting proposals from their specific Working Groups about issues they are currently tackling. Join the chairs in discussing proposals regarding India, Iran, Women in IRF, Middle East, Southeast Asia and Congressional issues in IRF.

MODERATED BY:

Chairs and Co-Chairs of the Africa, India, Iran, Middle East, Southeast Asia, Congressional, and Women’s IRF Roundtable Working Groups
DENIAL OF IRF: SESSION 2

Presentation by Duty Bearers on Civil Society: Engagement to Effectively Address IRF Violations and Advocate for Religious Prisoners of Conscience

MODERATOR:

David Burrowes
Prime Minister’s Deputy Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief

SPEAKERS:

Nazila Ghanea
UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief

Robert Rehak
Ambassador and Special Envoy for Holocaust, Interfaith Dialogue and Freedom of Religion, Czech Republic

Stephen Schneck
USCIRF Commissioner
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm
International Ballroom

PARTNER LUNCH

Persecution in Nigeria: Business, Security, and Human Rights

sponsored by:

1792 EXCHANGE

This is a ticketed event. Requires purchase of a Premium Package or a separate lunch ticket.

1:15 pm – 1:30 pm

NETWORKING TIME
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
International Ballroom

PLENARY SESSION 1: For the Good of All

Equal Citizenship as Envisioned by the Marrakesh Declaration

SPEAKERS:

Shaykh Abdullah Bin Bayyah
President of Abudhabi Peace Forum

Imam Mohamed Magid
USCIRF Commissioner

Pastor Bob Roberts
Co-Founder of Multi-Faith Neighbors Network

Rabbi David Saperstein
Former US Ambassador at Large International Religious Freedom

His Beatitude Theophilos, III
Eastern Orthodox Patriarch of Jerusalem

Why IRF is Good for All

SPEAKERS:

Nazila Ghanea
UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief

Professor Brett Scharffs
Director of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies
Brigham Young University
Nicole Bibbins Sedaca  
Executive Vice President  
Freedom House

Nury Turkel  
Chairman USCIRF

The Challenges of IRF in Areas of Unrest

SPEAKERS:

Elliott Abrams  
Council on Foreign Relations

The Honorable David Beasley  
Executive Director  
United Nations World Food Program

Dr. Yang Jianli  
President and Founder  
Citizen Power Initiatives for China

Bohdan Movchan  
Deputy Chief Division for Diaspora and Humanitarian Affairs  
Head of the Humanitarian Cooperation Unit  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine

Rose Parris Richter  
Impact Iran

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm
FREE TIME TO NETWORK
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

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**DENIAL OF IRF**
Georgetown
As atrocities are being perpetrated, it is crucial to raise the situation with States and international bodies to act to suppress and stop further atrocities. It is also crucial to collect and preserve evidence of the atrocities as soon as possible to ensure that it could be used to prosecute the perpetrators. Indeed, without collecting and preserving evidence of atrocities as soon as possible, the chance of securing justice in the future is very small. During the session, panelists will discuss the different initiatives for collecting and preserving evidence of atrocities. Furthermore, the panelists will share their experiences of engaging States and international bodies on the issue of atrocities.

MODERATOR:

David Burrowes
Prime Minister’s Deputy Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief
KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Ambassador Beth Van Schaack
Ambassador at Large for International Criminal Justice

SPEAKERS:

Rushan Abbas
Founder
Campaign for Uyghurs

Sareta Ashraph
Barrister
Consultant for UNITAD and UN Col SAR

Mia Hasenson-Gross
Executive Director
Rene Cassin

Sir Charles Hoare
Member of the Secretariat
Bishop of Truro Review

Dr. Homira May Rezai
Researcher
Hazara Inquiry

Abid Shamdeen
Executive Director
Nadia’s Initiative

Marcela Szymanski
Editor-in-Chief
ACN’s Report on Religious Freedom in the World

Dr. Maksym Vasin
Executive Director
Institute for Religious Freedom
Corporate Accountability for People of Faith in China’s Forced Labor System

Since President Xi Jinping came into power, the Chinese Communist Party has been waging a campaign of persecution against Christians, Muslims, Buddhists, and Falun Gong practitioners alike. The oppressive attempts at silencing have combined with profits in a vast system of forced labor that spans the entirety of the country. This panel will dive deeper into current bans on forced labor products from the Uyghur region and solutions to call corporations to account for continuing to profit from modern day slavery.

SPEAKERS:

Kelley Currie  
Former U.S. Ambassador to the UN Economic & Social Council  
Senior Advisor, Krach Institute for Tech and Diplomacy

Bob Fu  
President and Founder of China Aid Association

Jewher Ilham  
Coalition to End Uyghur Forced Labour

Shi Minglei  
Activist
3:30 pm – 4:15 pm

Lincoln East

DEFENDING IRF: SESSION 3A

The UN’s Sustainable Development Goals and Religious Freedom in Southeast Asia

There is a link between the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and religious freedom. In this panel, we will discuss how taking a more comprehensive and holistic approach to the SDGs and the global development agenda can enhance religious freedom, particularly in Southeast Asia.

SPEAKERS:

Jeremy Barker
Director
Middle East Religious Freedom Institute

Rehman Chishti
Member of Parliament of the United Kingdom

Katherine Marshall
Senior Fellow
Berkley Center
Georgetown University

Adam Phillips
Director, Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships
USAID

Eugene Yapp
Senior Fellow
Religious Freedom Institute
3:30 pm – 4:15 pm

Georgetown

DENIAL OF IRF: Focus Discussion Groups

Upon arrival participants will select one discussion group to join for the first half of this session.

DISCUSSION GROUP 1:
Corporations

DISCUSSION GROUP 2:
Anti-apostasy, anti-blasphemy and related laws

DISCUSSION GROUP 3:
Religious nationalism context / Authoritarian regimes

DISCUSSION GROUP 4:
Conflict situations

DISCUSSION GROUP 5:
Arbitrary detention and other forms of persecution
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm
Georgetown

DENIAL OF IRF: Focus Discussion Groups

Upon completion of the first set of discussion groups participants will be directed to switch to a different group to gain new insights.

DISCUSSION GROUP 1:
Corporations

DISCUSSION GROUP 2:
Anti-apostasy, anti-blasphemy and related laws

DISCUSSION GROUP 3:
Religious nationalism context / Authoritarian regimes

DISCUSSION GROUP 4:
Conflict situations

DISCUSSION GROUP 5:
Arbitrary detention and other forms of persecution
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm
Monroe

DEFENDING IRF: SESSION 4

Collaborative Workshop on Effective Congressional Advocacy

Join this interactive workshop to discuss and learn how our movement can hone our approach to effective engagement with Congress using the framework of religious prisoner of conscience advocacy. Discuss with peers and specialists about best practices for effectively influencing congressional action and avoiding hidden pitfalls that often undermine these campaigns. Insights from these conversations will be compiled in an outcome document of lessons learned and innovative approaches for engagement that will be shared with all participants and utilized in an intended follow-up project with key congressional members.

SPEAKER:

Frank Wolf
Former Member of Congress
USCIRF Commissioner
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm
Lincoln East

DEFENDING IRF: SESSION 4A

Religious Freedom and Diversity: Ethnoreligious Violence in South Asia and What to Do About It

Cultural, ethnic and religious diversity is a fact of life in South Asia. Diversity can be a source of great strength—but also conflict—in this varied region. In this panel, we will discuss the social and political impact of rising ethnoreligious violence in the region and explore how a greater respect for religious freedom could reduce violence and foster greater stability and prosperity.

SPEAKERS:

Farahnaz Ispahani
Senior Fellow, Religious Freedom Institute

Michael Kugelman
Director, South Asia Institute
Wilson Center

Paul Marshall
Director, South and Southeast Asia, Religious Freedom Institute

Charles Ramsey
Resident Scholar
Institute for Studies of Religion
Baylor University
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Jefferson West

DEVELOPING IRF: SESSION 4

Cross, Cultural, Multi-Faith Relationship Building Programs.

The Co-Founders of Multi-Faith Neighbors Network join attendees of their Multi-Faith retreats to discuss the results they have seen, and what their experiences were. At MFNN they respectfully acknowledge differences in theology, ultimately enabling people from various religions to work together and strive for attendees of their retreats to: share a meal, Socializing as a Multi-Faith Community, Partnering in Community Projects Together for Civic Engagement, Standing Up for Each Other During a Crisis, Recruiting Additional Clerics to Join in this Commitment.

**SPEAKERS:**

**Imam Mohamed Magid**
USCIRF Commissioner

**Bob Roberts**
Multi-Faith Neighbors Network

**David Saperstein**
Former Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom
Building Religious Freedom in Taiwan

Join the Reverend of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, Tai Shuo-Chin, to discuss the proudest achievement of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan in the past 40 years is its participation in the democratization process in Taiwan, and how the Presbyterian Church cooperated with the democratic dissidents during the authoritarian period, and stood on the front line to promote the democratization process and religious freedom.

SPEAKER:

Tai Shuo-Chin
Reverend of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan

Human Dignity: Punta Del Este Declaration

The Punta del Este Declaration commemorates the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), celebrating its recognition of human dignity at the core of the panoply of human rights and recommitting to protecting it for everyone everywhere. The Declaration was adopted at a conference convened in Punta del Este, Uruguay from December 2-4, 2018, shortly before the formal 70th anniversary of the UDHR (December 10, 2018).
SPEAKERS:

Jan Figel  
First-ever Special Envoy for Promotion of Freedom of Religion or Belief outside the European Union  
IRF Secretariat Global Leadership Council

Mark Hill KC  
IRFBA Council of Experts and University of Notre Dame, Religious Liberty Initiative

Dr. Ewelina Ochab  
IBAHRI Programme Lawyer  
Co-founder, Coalition for Genocide Response

Brett Sharffs  
BYU Law School

3:30 pm – 4:20 pm  
Gunston East

YOUTH TRACK

Campaign to Free Religious Prisoners of Conscience in China

MODERATOR:

Katie Sullivan  
1792 Exchange
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Gunston East

YOUTH TRACK

Religious Freedom for Women in the MENA Region

MODERATOR:
Shirin Taber
Empower Women Media

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
International Ballroom

PARTNERS DINNER

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This is a ticketed event. Requires purchase of a Premium Package or a separate dinner ticket.
8:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Gunston East

*Multi-faith Prayer for Faith and Justice in Vietnam*

**MODERATOR:**

Ms. Tuyet Dinh  
Board Chair of BPSOS

**SPEAKERS:**

Pastor A Ga  
Evangelical Church of Christ of the Central Highlands

Mr. Le Phu Huu  
Cao Dai Temple of Mountain View, Texas

Father Nguyen Van Khai  
Hanoi Redemptorists Spokesman

The Most Venerable Thich Tri Tue  
Van Hanh Buddhist Center
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:00 am – 9:15 am

International Ballroom

PARTNER BREAKFAST

How Technology and the Metaverse Can Impact IRF

SPEAKERS:

Joshua Althouse
Public Policy Manager
Meta

Nathan Leamer
Chief Executive Director
Digital First Project

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Meta

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8:30 am – 9:20 am
Gunston East

YOOUTH TRACK

Youth-led Projects to Defend Religious Freedom in Myanmar

MODERATOR:
Trent Martin
21 Wilberforce

SPEAKERS:
Fiona Bruce
UK Special Envo for Freedom of Religion or Belief

Robert Rehak
Ambassador and Special Envoy for Holocaust, Interfaith Dialogue and Freedom of Religion, Czech Republic

9:30 am – 11:00 am
International Ballroom

PLENARY SESSION 2:
IRF Will Take Us All

KEYNOTE CONVERSATION:
Rashad Hussain
US Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom

Samantha Power
USAID Administrator
The Importance of IRF Education and Awareness

**SPEAKERS:**

**Dritan Nesho**  
CEO  
HarrisX

**Tina Ramirez**  
Founder of Hardwired

**Marco Respinti**  
Director-in-Charge, Bitter Winter

**Aaron Sherinian**  
CEO  
Radiant Foundation

How Governments & Civil Society Can Work Together to Promote Religious Freedom and Tolerance

**SPEAKERS:**

**Fiona Bruce**  
UK Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief

**Edward Clancy**  
Director of Outreach  
Aid to the Church in Need

**David Curry**  
CEO, Global Christian Relief

**Captain Daniel Mode**  
Chaplain, U.S. Coast Guard
Fostering IRF in Young Democracies

SPEAKERS:

You Si-Kun
Taiwan’s Legislative Yuan President

Damon Wilson
President and CEO
National Endowment for Democracy

11:00 am - 11:45 am
International Ballroom
Networking and Dedicated Exhibit Time
11:00 am – 11:50 am
Gunston East

YOUTH TRACK / RPOC ROOM

USCIRF Victims List: Updates on Countries and Cases

MODERATOR:
Keely Bakken
Supervisory Policy Analyst
UCIRF

SPEAKERS:
Dylan Schexnaydre
Researcher
USCIRF

Scott Weiner
Supervisory Policy Analyst
USCIRF

Kurt Werthmuller
Supervisory Policy Analyst
USCIRF

11:45 am – 1:00 pm
Columbia

NETWORKING LUNCHEON
CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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**DENIAL OF IRF**
Georgetown
Very often, our focus on atrocities ceases long before the atrocities do. As the attention span is very short, the media, politicians, and governments move from one situation to another, with very little if any follow up on atrocities. From the Daesh atrocities against the Yazidis, Christians and others, the attention quickly moved to the Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar, then to the Uyghurs in Xinjiang, China, and then to the situation of Ukrainians after Putin’s attack on the country. In the case of the Yazidis, over 2,700 women and children are still missing and many of them are still living with their abductors. Close to a million Rohingyas are in camps in Bangladesh and unable to return to their home country currently run by their perpetrators. The rights of the Uyghurs in Xinjiang continue to be suppressed and their families abroad do not have any information about their well-being. The situation in Ukraine is still reported on, however, the coverage is becoming less frequent, until something new will take its place.
MODERATORS:

Paul Kerry
Co-Chair of the UK FoRB Forum
ICLRS

Mervyn Thomas
Co-Chair of the UK FoRB Forum
ICLRS

SPEAKERS:

Brendan O’Hara
Chair of the APPG on International Law, Justice and Accountability Founder of the Inter-parliamentary Initiative on Justice for the Yazidis

PANEL I

Pari Ibrahim
Executive Director, Free Yezidi Foundation

Wai Wai Nu
Executive Director, Women’s Peace Network in Myanmar

Emily Prey
Director, Gender Policy Portfolio, Newlines Institute

Zubayra Shamseden
Vice-President, World Uyghur Congress

PANEL II

David Campanale
Journalist BBC

Nuri Kino
Journalist, Founder, A Demand for Action

Yoe Suarez
Journalist
PANEL III

Levi Browde  
Executive Director  
Falun Dafa Information Center

Hafza Girdap  
Executive Director  
Advocates of Silenced Turkey (AST), Scholar

Simon Maghakyan  
Visiting Scholar at Tufts University, PhD  
Student in Heritage Crime at Cranfield University

Vonya Womack  
Executive Director  
Refugees Unknown Stories Untold (RUSU)

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Monroe

DEFENDING IRF:  
SESSION 5

The Role of Religious Freedom in the Fight Against Autocracy and Totalitarianism

When religious freedom is guaranteed, it prevents a cultural and political majority from forcefully inflicting their beliefs on others via state power. In this way, it protects the religious and non-religious alike. Attempts to suppress religious freedom are an assault on human dignity, individual liberty and human rights; yet, such attempts are a terrifying reality and global trend. This panel discusses
the essential role of religious freedom in containing autocracy in China, Russia, Iran, Venezuela, and Nicaragua by looking at the history of central Europe’s fight against communism.

**SPEAKERS:**

**Paul Coyer**  
Research Fellow and Vice President  
Common Sense Society

**Louisa Greve**  
Director of Global Advocacy  
Uyghur Human Rights Project

**Lilla Nóra Kiss**  
Visiting Scholar and Adjunct Faculty  
George Mason University

**Mónika Palotai**  
Visiting Research Fellow, Hudson Institute

**Michael Rubin**  
Senior Fellow  
American Enterprise Institute

1:00 pm – 2:35 pm  
Georgetown

DENIAL OF IRF:  
SESSION 3

**Addressing Denial of IRF Moving Forward**

**MODERATOR:**

**Dr. Katrina Lantos-Swett**  
IRF Summit Co-Chair  
Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice
PANELISTS:

Fiona Bruce  
UK Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief

Nazila Ghanea  
UN Special Rapporteur FORB

Read out by Discussion Groups
Presentation of strategies and action plans to address denial of IRF issues.

Dialogue: Response from Current and Former Duty Bearers

SPEAKERS:

Tristan Azbe  
State Secretary for the Aid of Persecuted Christians and the Hungary Helps Program

Jan Figel  
Former Special Envoy for promotion of Freedom of religion outside the EU

Grover Joseph Rees  
Former Special Representative for Social Issues in the U.S. Department of State
What is Religious Freedom, and What is It Not?

Religious freedom can mean different things to different people. How do we define and understand this fundamental freedom? With the IRF Summit Charter as our backdrop, this panel of experts will consider philosophical and theological underpinnings in defining religious freedom and how this is reflected in law and practice.

SPEAKERS:

Robert Destro
Professor of Law
Columbia School of Law
Catholic University of America

Cole Durham
Professor of Law and Founding Director
International Center for Law and Religion Studies
Brigham Young University Law School

Nick Fish
President of American Atheists

Talib M. Shareef
President and Imam of the Nation’s Mosque

Hamza Yusuf
President of Zaytuna College
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm
Jefferson West

DEVELOPING IRF: SESSION 5

The International Religious Freedom Roundtable Model and our Global Network

SPEAKERS:

Anila Ali
President American Muslim Multifaith Women’s Empowerment Council
Chair of the Pakistan IRF Roundtable

Rabbi Bleich
Chief Rabbi of Kyiv and Ukraine
Union of Jewish Religious Organizations of Ukraine

Nadine Maenza
President
International Religious Freedom Secretariat

Greg Mitchell
Founder and Chairman
International Religious Freedom Secretariat
DEVELOPING IRF: SESSION 6

Case Studies: Kazakhstan, Iraq, and North East Syria

SPEAKERS:

Salah Ali
General Director of Iraq Religious Freedom and Anti-discrimination Roundtable

Jeremy Barker
Director
Middle East Action Team

Karmella Bousharin
Director & Board Member
Assyrian Aid Society of America

Nazira Goriya
The Syrian Democratic Council

Wade Kusak
Love Your Neighbor Community

Bulat Sarsenbayev
Chairman of the board N.Nazarbayev Center for Development of Interfaith and Intercivilization
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm

Jefferson West

DEVELOPING IRF:
SESSION 7

Case Study of Economics in Iraq and Syria

SPEAKER:
Charmaine Hedding
President
Shia Fund

Closing Remarks of the Development Track

SPEAKER:
Greg Mitchell
IRF Secretariat Founder and Chairman

3:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Georgetown

DENIAL OF IRF:
SESSION 4

Defending Religious Freedom in Iran, a Country in Conflict

MODERATOR:
Hamid Gharagozloo
International Organization to Preserve Human Rights
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Jefferson East

TAI JI MEN SPECIAL EVENT

Collaborative Actions Against Judicial and Tax Persecution by State Power: The Tai Ji Men Case

Through collaborative action against judicial and tax persecution by the state, the Tai Ji Men case raises international attention for the cause of freedom of religion and belief, as well as the need to safeguard human rights. The program will include a panel discussion, a Tai Ji Men cultural performance, the ceremony of the ringing of the Bell of Peace, and a video presentation.

SPEAKERS:

Alessandro Amicarelli
Chairman and Spokesman
European Federation for Freedom of Belief

Kun Kuang Huang
Author, Retired official
National Taxation Bureau of Taiwan

Dr. Lukas Lien
Contact Professor
Universität Osnabrück in Taiwan

Marco Respinti
Director-in-Charge of The Journal of CESNUR and Bitter Winter
Hugues Sano  
COJEP  
Global Special Envoy International to the United Nations  

Dr. Hong Tao-Tze  
Zhang-men-ren of Tai Ji Men  

Peter Zöhrer  
Journalist and FOREF Executive Director

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Columbia

CLOSING RECEPTION

Save Armenia

sponsored by:

This is a ticketed event. Tickets are included in the Premium and Plus Packages, or may be purchased individually.