

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

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

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

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

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**

If you would like to follow the content for a specific track, please reference the color coding below.

DEFENDING IRF

Monroe, Lincoln East

DOCUMENTING IRF

Lincoln West

DEVELOPING IRF

Jefferson West

DENIAL OF IRF

Georgetown

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

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

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Lincoln West

DOCUMENTING IRF: SESSION 1

Documenting IRF Violation - The Before...

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.

MODERATOR:

Dr. Ewelina Ochab

IBAHRI Programme Lawyer

Co-founder of the Coalition for Genocide Response

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

Fiona Bruce

UK Special Envoy on Freedom of Religion or Belief

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Ron Boyd-MacMillan

*Director of Research and Global Strategy
Global Christian Relief*

Naomi Kikoler

*Director Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention
of Genocide
U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum*

Nadine Maenza

*Global Fellow, Wilson Center Middle East Program
President, International Religious Freedom (IRF)
Secretariat*

Greg Stanton

Founding President, Genocide Watch

Nury Turkel

Chair of USCIRF

Anthony Vance

Director of Public Affairs, Baha'i National Center

11:00 am – 11:20 am

Jefferson West

**DEVELOPING IRF:
SESSION 1**

***Cross-Cultural Religious
Literacy Programs***

Join James Chen, Wade Kusak, and Matus 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

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

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

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*

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

11:20 am - 11:30 am

Jefferson West

**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*

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

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

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

11:25 am - 12:00 pm

Georgetown

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

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

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

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

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*

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

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**

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

If you would like to follow the content for a specific track, please reference the color coding below.

DEFENDING IRF

Monroe, Lincoln East

DOCUMENTING IRF

Lincoln West

DEVELOPING IRF

Jefferson West

DENIAL OF IRF

Georgetown

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Lincoln West

DOCUMENTING IRF: SESSION 2

Documenting IRF Violations - The During...

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*

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

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*

3:30 pm - 4:15 pm

Monroe

DEFENDING IRF: SESSION 3

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

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

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

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

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-blaspemy
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**

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

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-blaspemy
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**

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

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*

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

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*

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

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

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

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

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

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

sponsored by:



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

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

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

TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY - TUESDAY

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*

sponsored by:



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

WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY

8:30 am – 9:20 am

Gunston East

YOUTH TRACK

Youth-led Projects to Defend Religious Freedom in Myanmar

MODERATOR:

Trent Martin

21 Wilberforce

SPEAKERS:

Fiona Bruce

UK Special Envoy 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

WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY

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
USCIRF*

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**

sponsored by:



WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

If you would like to follow the content for a specific track, please reference the color coding below.

DEFENDING IRF

Monroe, Lincoln East

DOCUMENTING IRF

Lincoln West

DEVELOPING IRF

Jefferson West

DENIAL OF IRF

Georgetown

WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Lincoln West

DOCUMENTING IRF: SESSION 3

Documenting After...

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.

WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY

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*

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Monroe

DEFENDING IRF: SESSION 6

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

WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY

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*

WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY

1:45 pm - 2:30 pm

Jefferson West

**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*

WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY

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*

WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY

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.*

WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY - WEDNESDAY