

**Announcing a**  
**CONFERENCE AND RESEARCH WORKSHOP**  
**LOST IN TRANSLATION?**  
**COMPARING LOCAL AND GLOBAL**  
**INTERPRETATIONS OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

**Thursday, February 26 - Friday, February 27, 2009**

**Howard. H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy**

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Over the last decade, religion has assumed far greater significance on the world stage. Since the US signed into law the International Religious Freedom Act in 1998, the issue of religious freedom has received new focus worldwide.

Yet the discourse on religious freedom is still overly dominated by English-speaking legal and political experts. This workshop aims, therefore, to discuss the divergent cultural, linguistic and political interpretations of the concept of religious freedom, in both historical and contemporary contexts. Areas to be treated will range from India, Nepal, China, Israel, France, Denmark, the United States, Morocco, Eritrea, Nigeria, to the Arab world.

Speakers include internationally renowned humanities and legal scholars, such as Dr T. Jeremy Gunn, Esq. (Director, Program on Freedom of Religion and Belief, ACLU), Professor William Sweet (St Thomas University, Fredericton, Canada), and Professor Tim Jensen (University of Southern Denmark). Other visiting speakers include: Dr. Greg Grieve (UNC at Greensboro) and Dr. Robert Yelle (University of Memphis).

UT faculty with expertise on these issues will serve as discussants (e.g. Robert Blitt [Law], David Reidy [Philosophy], Mark Hulsether [Religious Studies], Tricia Hepner [Anthropology], and several others.)

Sessions open to members of the public are Thursday, February 26 from 5 – 7 pm and Friday, February 27 from 9 am – 1 pm. Program details available at <http://web.utk.edu/~religion>

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