



Re-Describing the Sacred/Secular Divide: The Legal Story II

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509 O'Brian Hall, University at Buffalo Law School

"For the walls collapse and the spaces which were once distinct intermingle and penetrate each other, as in a labyrinthine architecture of light."

(Carl Schmitt, *Political Theology II*)

This conference brings together scholars of law, the humanities, and the social sciences for a sustained conversation regarding contemporary relations between law and religion. A reassessment of the social, cultural, and historical relations between law and religion is a pressing necessity given that public policy in this area is being reconsidered at every level of government in many parts of the world.

The conference will begin to develop the theoretical and structural models that will both deepen our understanding of the dynamics connecting law and religion, and serve as the basis for further specialized research.

Presenters: **Cassie Adcock**, History, Washington University; **Hussein Agrama**, Anthropology, University of Chicago; **Banu Bargu**, Politics, New School for Social Research; **José Casanova**, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University; **Mary Anne Case**, Law, University of Chicago; **Jakob de Roover**, Comparative Sciences of Culture, University of Ghent; **Markus Dressler**, Philosophy, Istanbul Technical University; **David Engel**, Law, University at Buffalo, SUNY; **Rebecca French**, Law, University at Buffalo, SUNY; **Thomas Hansen**, Sociology & Anthropology, University of Amsterdam; **Tim Jensen**, Institute of Philosophy, Education, and the Study of Religions, University of Southern Denmark; **Greg Johnson**, Religious Studies, University of Colorado; **Paul Kahn**, Yale Law School; **Leonard Kaplan**, Law, University of Wisconsin; **Tomoko Masuzawa**, History, Comparative Literature, University of Michigan; **Elizabeth Mensch**, Law, University at Buffalo, SUNY; **Stephanie Phillips**, Law, University at Buffalo, SUNY; **Bruce Rosenstock**, Religious Studies, University of Illinois, Urbana; **John Schlegel**, Law, University at Buffalo, SUNY; **Jonathan Sheehan**, History, University of California, Berkeley; **Richard Sherwin**, New York Law School; **Winnifred Sullivan**, Law, University at Buffalo, SUNY; **Mateo Taussig-Rubbo**, Law, University at Buffalo, SUNY; **Rachel Weil**, History, Cornell University; **Robert Yelle**, History, University of Memphis.

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For a full description of the workshop, see our Web site at <http://law.buffalo.edu/baldycenter/events.htm>

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