

Religious Claims, Nationalism, and Human Suffering in Political Conflict

A Comparative Research Agenda

March 28 - 29, 2013

Workshop Conveners:

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Thursday, March 28, 2013, Cabot 703

12:00-1:15PM Welcoming Luncheon and Introduction to the Project

Nadim N. Rouhana (Tufts University) and
Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian
Introduction to the Project

1:15-2:45PM Session I: The Israeli Case

Benjamin Beit-Hallahmi (University of Haifa)
Observations on the Israeli Case

Yaacov Yadgar (Bar Ilan University, currently visiting the University of California, Berkeley)
Zionism and the Invention of Jewish Religion: A Mizrahi-Traditionalist Critique

2:45-3:00PM Break

3:00-4:30PM Session II: Comparative Directions

Nadim N. Rouhana (Tufts University)
The Fusion between Religious Claims and Nationalism: Some Comparative Directions

David Myers (University of California, Los Angeles)
Between Zion and Filastin: A Comparative Glance at Religion and Nationalism in Zionist and Palestinian Nationalist Ideology

4:30-4:45PM Break

4:45-6:15PM Session III: Religious Claims and Human Suffering: Some Analytical Directions

Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian (Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Mada al-Carmel - Haifa)
Human Suffering in Colonial Contexts: Reflections from Palestine

Brandon Hamber (University of Ulster)
Hierarchies of Victimhood: The Challenge of Policy Interventions Aimed at Alleviating the Suffering of Victims of Political Violence

Friday, March 29, 2013, Cabot 703

8:30-9:00AM Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:30AM Session IV: The Case of Palestine

Basem Ezbidi (Birzeit University, West Bank, Palestine)

The Religious and the National in Hamas's Discourse

Lori Allen (University of Cambridge, United Kingdom)

Debating Religion and National Legitimacy: Inconsistent Ideologies in the 1919 King-Crane Commission

10:30-11:00AM Break

11:00-12:00PM Session V: The Case of Serbia

Rada Drezgi (University of Belgrade)

Serbian Orthodox Church between the Anniversary of Milan Edict and Kosovo Negotiations

12:00-1:00PM Session VI: The Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Dino Abazovic (University of Sarajevo)

The Unbearable Lightness of Ethno-religious Being: Rethinking Religious Nationalism in the Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina

1:00-2:00PM Lunch

2:00-3:00PM Session VII: The Case of India

Sumit Sarkar (University of Delhi) and

Tanika Sarkar (Jawaharlal Nehru University, currently visiting at Yale University)

Hindutva and the Puzzle About Its Faith: Aspects of Hindu Extremism in Contemporary India

3:00-4:00PM Session VIII: The Case of Sri Lanka

Suvendrini Perera (Curtin University, Australia)

Under a Bo Tree: Violence and the Mythic Imagery of Sri Lankan Buddhism

4:00-4:30PM Break

4:30-5:30PM Concluding Session: Summary and Future Agenda