



The Re-Turns of Religion

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RIDAGA 2015 Paris Workshop
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Religious engagement has returned to central stage in social life, marking personal expression and political commitment in new ways. Religious and national identities intersect, influence, and impact each other as they are inflected by the politics of race and secularization. As globalizing processes have proliferated, people have moved increasingly across borders and boundaries, prompted by environmental, social, and political events, throwing into impacted social arenas contestations around the intersections of religious affiliation and expression, ethnoracial identification, national culture, and social expectation. Religious identities are connected in new ways to these local sites and global processes, to logics of territorialization and deterritorialization, to complicated and complicating attachments to new sites of habitation and not altogether departed histories, affiliations, and commitments.

These sharp shifts at the interface of religious, social, and political lives raise old issues anew as well as new questions about cohabiting across politico-religious commitments, their cultural expression, and social management. These questions will be discussed in a two-day workshop by scholars and media experts associated with the Religion in Diasporic and Global Affairs research program of the University of California Humanities Research Institute and scholars, artists, journalists, and activists from France and across the world.

Monday, December 14th

9:15-9:45

Welcome

Michel Wieviorka (President of the Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme)

Françoise Vergès (Chair Global Souths, Collège d'études mondiales/FMSH)

9:45-10:30

Introductions

David Theo Golberg (UCHRI, UC Irvine),

Françoise Vergès (Chair Global Souths, Collège d'études mondiales/FMSH),

Michel Wieviorka (FMSH),

Toby Volkman (Policy Initiatives)

10:30-11:00 Opening Remarks

Michel Wieviorka, President of the FMSH

11:00-13:00

Religion and the Political

Mayanthi Fernando, UC Santa Cruz

Kathleen Moore, UC Santa Barbara

Farad Khosrokahtar, EHESS, CNRS

Nilüfer Göle, CNRS

13:00-14:30 Lunch: College Cafeteria

14:30-16:30

Religion and the Racial

James Lee, UC Irvine

Maria Ebrahimji, Media Consultant, Author of I Speak for Myself series

Nacira Guénif, Paris 8

Nadia Fadil, Université de Louvain

16:45- 18:45

Religion and Migration

Amanda Lucia, UC Riverside

Neda Atanasoski, UC Santa Cruz

Michel Agier, CNRS, EHESS

Daniele Joly, FMSH

Tuesday, December 15th

10:30-12:30

Religion, the Global and the National

Angilee Shah, Public Radio International

Saba Mahmood, UC Berkeley

Toumi Djaidja, Rokhaya Diallo, Sihame Assbague

Eric Fassin, Paris 8

Marc Cheb Sun

12:45-13:45 Lunch: College Cafeteria

14:00-15:45 Afternoon session

Open discussion

16:00-18:00

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