

Interdisciplinary Program in Law and Religion
The Middle East Dialogue Program
PAST LECTURERS

Ms. Barbara Slavin, USA Today Senior Diplomatic Reporter, "Iran, the U.S. and Missed Opportunities for Reconciliation," January 16, 2008; **Visit of the Council of Religious Institutions of the Holy Land**, sponsored by USAID, Center for the Study of the Presidency, Pope John Paul II Cultural Center and The Catholic University of America, November 5, 2007; **Symposium: The Future of the Freedom of Religion: A Dialogue**, sponsored by CUA Interdisciplinary Program in Law and Religion, American Constitution Society, and Sidley Austin LLP, May 17, 2007; **Dr. Mustafa ef. Ceric**, Grand Mufti of Bosnia and Herzegovina, "Islam in the West: Ideals and Realities," May 23, 2007; **Jacob Lassner**, Professor of History and Religion, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, "Skepticism in Law in Early Judaism and Islam," Wednesday, April 11, 2007; **Joseph Cirincione**, Senior Vice President for National Security and International Policy, Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C., "Bomb Scare: How to Stop Iran's Nuclear Program without War," March 21, 2007; **Daniel Taub**, Deputy Legal Advisor, Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, "The Rule of Law in an Age of Terror," March 14, 2007; **Rabbi Alon Goshen-Gottstein**, Director, Elijah School for the Study of Wisdom in World Religions, Jerusalem and Director, Center for the Study of Rabbinic Thought, Beit Morasha College, Jerusalem, "Seeking New Paradigms in Interfaith Dialogue: A View From Jerusalem," November 21, 2006; **William Beeman, Ph.D.**, Professor of Anthropology and Director of Middle East Studies, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, "Shi'a Islam and the Political Language of Iran," November 13, 2006; **Judith Yaphe, Ph.D.**, Professor, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University, "Iranian Ambitions and American Options: Is There Another Islamic Bomb in Our Future?" October 30, 2006; **Bernard Sabella, Ph.D.**, Professor of Sociology, Bethlehem University, "The Situation of Palestinian Christians," October 25, 2006; **Asher Maoz**, Professor of Law, Tel Aviv University, Israel, **Gloria M. Morán-García, Ph.D.**, Professor of Law, University of A Coruña, Spain, and **Rahim Nobahar, Ph.D.**, Faculty of Law, Shahid Beheshti University, Iran, "Religion and the State: A Comparative Look at Israel, Spain and Iran," September 6, 2006; **Archbishop Pietro Sambi**, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States of America, April 24, 2006; **Jillian Schwedler, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Government and Politics, University of Maryland at College Park, "Islamism and the Challenge of Political Inclusion," April 4, 2006; **Fayçal Souissi**, Professor of International Relations, University of Tunis and **Azhar Hussein**, Senior Fellow in Education and Development, International Center for Religion & Diplomacy, "Education for Tolerance: Religious Education in Tunisia," March 29, 2006; **Nathan Brown, Ph.D.**, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, "The Religious Aspects of Arab Constitutions," February 22, 2006; **Rabbi Arnold E. Resnicoff**, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force on Values and Vision, "Religion in the Military," Nov. 11, 2005; **Hon. Bisera Turkovic**, Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United States, "Bosnia and Herzegovina: The Religious and Political Landscape Today," Nov. 10, 2005; **Dr. Nickolas K. Gvosdev**, Editor, The National Interest, and Senior Fellow for Strategic Studies, The Nixon Center, "The Rise and Fall of Radical Political Islam," Oct. 27, 2005; **His Majesty King Abdullah II**, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, "Traditional Islam: The Path to Peace," Sept. 13, 2005; **Menachem Kellner**, 2005 Scholar-in-Residence, The Foundation for Jewish Studies, "The Philosophical Underpinnings of Maimonides Legal Writings," Sept. 7, 2005; **Hon. Imad Moustapha**, Ambassador of Syria to the United States, "Syria: A Historic, Cultural and Political Perspective," May 11, 2005; **Mary Shivanandan**, S.T.D., Professor of Theology, John Paul II Institute for Studies in Marriage and Family, "Modesty in the Abrahamic Religions," April 29, 2005; **Theodore Cardinal McCarrick**, Archbishop of Washington, D.C. and Chancellor of The Catholic University of America, "The Abrahamic Delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran," April 28, 2005; **Dr. Hadi Semati**, Associate Professor of Political Science on the Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Tehran, Iran and Public Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson Center and **Trita Parsi**, Middle East specialist, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, "Nuclear Iran?" March 23, 2005; **William Cardinal Keeler**, Archbishop of Baltimore, **Rabbi Jack Bemporad**, **Rev. Norbert Hofman**, and **Dr. Ellis Rivkin**, "Finding the Place for the Other: The Future of Jewish-Christian Dialogue," March 10, 2005; **Karim Khutar Almusawi**, Washington Representative of The Supreme Council for Islamic Revolution in Iraq (SCIRI), "A Religious View of the Iraqi Elections," Feb. 22, 2005; **Archbishop Ramzi D. Yousif Garmou**, Grand Archbishop of Assyrians & Chaldeans in Tehran, "Christianity in Iran: Past and Present, A Christian Voice from the Islamic Republic of Iran," Feb. 4, 2005; **Dr. Abdulkarim Soroush**, "Islam and the Concept of 'Secularity,'" May 10, 2004; **Dr. S.H. Nasr**, Professor of Islamic Studies, George Washington University, "Misperceptions About Islam: Past and Present," Sept. 5, 2003.



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**The International Criminal Court:
Reflections of an Advocate**

Wednesday, January 31
10 a.m.

Walter A Slowinski Courtroom
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Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Hussein

*Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
to the United States of America*



Prince Zeid is Jordan's Ambassador (Appointed) to the United States and was previously the kingdom's Permanent Representative to the United Nations; a post he held six and a half years (2000-2007). From 1996-2000, he was Jordan's Deputy Permanent Representative at the UN, with the rank of Ambassador.

An expert in the field of international justice, Prince Zeid played a central role in the establishment of the International Criminal Court. He chaired, for example, over the course of two years, the complex, often pioneering, negotiations on the 'elements' of the individual offenses falling under the crimes of: Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes. Courts around the world now cite the definitions for 'Crimes Against Humanity', refined by the 'elements', as 'authoritative'.

In September 2002, Prince Zeid was also elected the first president of the governing body of the International Criminal Court, at a time when the Court was only a plan on paper, with no officials or even an address to its name and, in three years, oversaw the Court's growth into the institution it has now become.

He has also been active on other legal issues. He was the first of two UN ambassadors to chair the Ad Hoc Committee on the Scope of Legal Protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel. And in the spring of 2004, he was chosen to be chairman of the 'Panel of Experts for the UN Secretary-General's Trust Fund to Assist States in the Settlement of Disputes through the International Court of Justice', in the matter relating to the boundary dispute between Benin and Niger. Earlier that year, he was also appointed by his government as Jordan's representative, and head of delegation, before the International Court of Justice in the matter relating to the wall being built by Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

Prince Zeid also served as a political affairs officer in UNPROFOR in the former Yugoslavia from February 1994 to February 1996, and, having worked intimately with peacekeeping issues for over the last decade, his knowledge of peacekeeping is extensive.

Following allegations of widespread abuse being committed by UN peacekeepers in the summer of 2004, he was appointed as 'Advisor to the Secretary-General on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse.' In the spring of 2005, he produced a report on this subject; praised subsequently by international civil society for having been 'revolutionary' in its approach. It provided, for the first time, a comprehensive strategy for the elimination of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse in UN Peacekeeping Operations. The report was endorsed in full, by the 191 Heads of State and Government, in September 2005.

For the last three years, Prince Zeid also chaired the Consultative Committee for the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and led an effort to establish greater strategic direction for the Fund.

Prince Zeid holds a B.A. from The Johns Hopkins University and a Ph.D. from Cambridge (Christ's College). In 1989, he also received his commission as an officer in the Jordanian desert police (the successor to the Arab Legion) and saw service with them until 1994.

His publications include: 'A Nightmare Avoided: Jordan and Suez 1956' in Israel Affairs (Winter 1994), and 'Religious Militancy in the Arab Middle East: Threats and Responses 1979-1988' in the Cambridge Review of International Affairs (Spring 1989).

Prince Zeid is a member of the Advisory Committee to the Institute for Historical Justice and Reconciliation. He is married to Princess Sarah Zeid, and they have a son and a daughter.

Introduction

Marshall J. Breger

Professor of Law

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