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TIME	SESSION/ ACTIVITY	SPEAKERS/ RESOURCE PERSONS	VENUE
8:00 - 9:00 am	Registration / Networking		Auditorium Ante Room 4 th Floor
9:00 - 9:30 am	Opening Session Pambansang Awit Welcome Remarks	Atty. Dot Ramos Balasbas-Gancayco UP Women Lawyers Circle Atty. Fides Cordero Tan Dean of the College of Law University of the Philippines	Auditorium
9:30 - 10:30 am	Introduction of Keynote Speaker Keynote Address: Religious Freedom: The Foundation of the Rule of Law	Elder Evan Antone Schmutz Philippines Area Presidency The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Elder D. Todd Christofferson of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Auditorium
10:30 - 10:45 am	Movement to Special Sessions		
Morning Special Sessions			
10:45 am - 12:00 noon	Session 1: Threats to Social Cohesion in the Millennium Migration Policies and Internal Displacement: Seeds for Violent Extremism? From Ramadi to Marawi: Weakening of Communities' Resiliency to Violent Extremism – A Failure of Law or Faith?	Prof. Rüdiger Lohlker Islamic Studies of the University of Vienna Hon. Amina Rasul Bernardo President of the Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy	Breakout Session Room 1 (Auditorium)
	Session 2: Balancing State Interests and Rights of Diverse Minorities in a Pluralistic Society Legal Pluralism in the Philippines BBL: Balancing the Interest of the Non-Moro Minority and the Moro Majority Religious Intolerance or Compelling State Interest: The Case of Sister Patricia Fox	Atty. Cheryl L. Daytec-Yangot Assistant Secretary of the Department of Justice Atty. Nasser Marohomsalic Former Commissioner of the Commission on Human Rights IBP Governor for Western Mindanao Atty. Neri Javier Colmenares President of the National Union of Peoples' Lawyers	Breakout Session Room 2
	Session 3: Women's Rights and the Family Proposed Divorce and Annulment Legislation in the Philippines Church Annulment of Marriages	Prof. Ma. Soledad D. Mawis Dean of the College of Law Lyceum of the Philippines University Atty. Jeffrey Lon Adams Atty-at-Law, California, USA	Breakout Session Room 3
	Lunch / Networking		
12:00 noon - 1:00 pm			Lower Ground Floor
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Plenary II "Is Religion Good for Business?"	Dr. Brian J. Grim, Ph.D. President of the Religious Freedom & Business Foundation	Auditorium
2:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Movement to Special Sessions		
Afternoon Special Sessions			
2:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Session 1: Promoting Religious Freedom in Secular Spaces Religious Freedom and Business The Persistence of Religion	Dr. Brian J. Grim, Ph.D. President of Religious Freedom & Business Foundation Atty. Jemy Gatdula University of Asia and the Pacific	Breakout Session Room 1 (Auditorium)
	Session 2: Political Rights and Religious Freedom Enhancing Political Participation of Women from Minority Constituencies Exercise of Political Rights and Religious Freedom in the Academe Limitations to Freedom of Expression: Criminalizing Religious Insult	Hon. Maria Rowena Amelia V. Guanzon Commissioner of the Commission on Elections Dir. Hannah Marquez Mindanao State University Atty. Jo Aurea Imbong University of Asia and the Pacific	Breakout Session Room 2
	Session 3: Individual Liberties and Diversity The Utah Compromise and LGBTQ Rights in the U.S. The SOGIE Equality Bill in the Philippines	Atty. Jeffrey Lon Adams Atty-at-Law, California, USA Prof. Pablito Baybado, Jr. University of Santo Tomas – Institute of Religion	Breakout Session Room 3
	Movement to Final Session		
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm			
3:45 pm – 4:30 pm	Plenary III Rise of Populism and Conservatism: Increasing Vulnerabilities of Minorities	Prof. Rüdiger Lohlker Islamic Studies of the University of Vienna	Auditorium
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Forum Summation, Concluding Reflections and Steps Moving Forward Awarding of Certificates of Appreciation	Atty. Salma Pir T. Rasul Director of Islamic Studies Program, UP Law Center Programs Director of the Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy	Auditorium

PLENARY SPEAKERS



Elder D. Todd Christofferson

Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Elder D. Todd Christofferson was called to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 5, 2008. At the time of his call, he was serving in the Presidency of the Seventy. Earlier, he was president of the Mexico South Area of the Church, resident in Mexico City. Prior to his call to serve as a full-time General Authority of the Church, Elder Christofferson was associate general counsel of NationsBank Corporation (now Bank of America) in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Dr. Brian J. Grim, Ph.D.

President, Religious Freedom & Business Foundation

Brian Grim, Ph. D., is president of the Religious Freedom & Business Foundation and a leading scholar on international religious demography and the socio-economic impact of religious freedom. Brian's recent widely reported research finds that religion contributes \$1.2 trillion to the U.S. economy annually, more than the combined revenues of the top 10 technology U.S. companies including Apple, Amazon and Google.



Prof. Rüdiger Lohlker

Islamic Studies, University of Vienna

Prof. Rüdiger Lohlker teaches Islamic Studies at the Institute of Oriental Studies at the University of Vienna and is the Head of certificate courses for prison and hospital imams and spiritual care in the same institution. Prior to his appointment, Dr. Lohlker was the Head of training courses for imams and mosque activities at the University of Vienna in 2010 to 2016. He was also the head of the Oriental Institute at the university in 2007 to 2008.

SPECIAL SESSION DISCUSSANTS



Hon. Amina Rasul Bernardo

*President, Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy
Regent, Mindanao State University*

President of the Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy (PCID), Trustee of The Magbassa Kita Foundation, Inc (MKFI), which focuses on adult literacy. She is a member of the Board of Regents of the Mindanao State University (MSU). She is a member of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) General Advisory Council, a Trustee of the National Movement for Free Elections, Trustee of the Ramon Magsaysay Awards Foundation and a member of the Friends of Peace headed by Cardinal Orlando Quevedo, among others. She is a member of the Steering Committee of the Southeast Asian network of CSOs against violent extremism.

Atty. Cheryl L. Daytec-Yangot

Assistant Secretary, Department of Justice

Atty. Cheryl L. Daytec-Yangot is an Igorot lawyer with vast experience in human rights, environmental, indigenous, labor, criminal and administrative law practice and litigation. Prior to her appointment to the DOJ, she was a legal consultant at the office of Commission on Human Rights Commissioner Roberto Eugenio Cadiz and was also serving as a consultant on indigenous issues and international indigenous law and environmental law and issues.



Atty. Neri Javier Colmenares

President, National Union of Peoples; Lawyers

Atty. Colmenares is a human rights lawyer and was the Senior Deputy Minority Leader of the 16th Congress during his three terms as a member of the House of Representatives. As a member of Congress, Rep. Colmenares has authored eight (8) laws such as the (i) RA 10639 (requiring text which subscribers now receive during typhoons and other calamities); (ii) RA 10633 (requiring accessible Election Precincts for PWDs and Senior Citizens); (iii) RA 10380 (allowing media to vote a month early during elections) and human rights laws including the (iv) RA 10368 (the law which recently granted Php 10 Billion compensation to Martial Law human rights victims); (v) the Anti-Torture Law (RA 9745); (vi) the Anti-Enforced Disappearance Law (RA 10353) and (vii) Nutrition and Dietetics Law (RA 10862).

Atty. Nasser Marohomsalic

Former Commissioner of the Commission on Human Rights

Atty. Nasser A. Marohomsalic is presently the conservator and an independent trustee of the Philippine Public School Teachers Association. He was a member of the Panel of Independent Lawyers that assisted the government and the MILF Peace Panels in the drafting of some of the provisions of the Bangsamoro Basic Law. Atty. Marohomsalic also served as a consultant at the Commission on Audit.



Prof. Ma. Soledad Deriquito-Mawis

Dean, Lyceum of the Philippines University College of Law

Dean Ma. Soledad Deriquito-Mawis (L.I. B., University of the Philippines, 1988) is the current Dean of the College of Law of the Lyceum of the Philippines University (Makati and Cavite campuses). She is a founding partner of the Gatchalian Castro & Mawis Law Office. She handles criminal and civil litigation, particularly involving family law.

Atty. Jeffrey Lon Adams

Atty-at-Law, California, USA

Jeffrey Adams is a graduate of the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University and earned a Master of Business Administration degree at the University of Texas. After practicing law at a major law firm in California for over 24 years, Mr. Adams served as legal counsel for the Office of General Counsel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Manila, Philippines. His work included legal matters pertaining to laws of the Philippines, Malaysia, Mongolia, Thailand, Japan, Vietnam, Micronesia, South Korea and Guam, and included efforts to protect religious freedom.



Atty. Jemy Gatdula

University of Asia and the Pacific

Jemy is a lawyer specializing in international economic law and the World Trade Organization, and philosophy of law. He is the Secretary of Law and Governance of the University of Asia and the Pacific, and Senior Fellow of the Philippine Council for Foreign Relations. He is an opinions columnist for BusinessWorld.

Hon. Maria Rowena Amelia V. Guanzon

Commissioner, Commission on Elections

Ma. Rowena V. Guanzon is a Commissioner of the Commission on Elections of the Republic of the Philippines. Prior to her appointment as COMELEC Commissioner in 2015, she was with the Commission on Audit in 2013, a litigation lawyer, writer, and a law professor expert in the field of gender equality and laws on violence against women.



Dir. Hannah Marquez

Mindanao State University

Hannah Marquez presently serves as the Director of the Mindanao State University- Manila Information Office. She is a Registered Nurse, having graduated from her B.S. in Nursing from the Adventist University of the Philippines; and her Master in Public Health Major in Health Education from the same school as well as her Doctorate in Public Health major in Preventive Health Care in AUP.

Atty. Jo Aurea Imbong

University of Asia and the Pacific

Atty. Jo Aurea Imbong is a lecturer at the University of Asia and the Pacific and at the Ateneo de Manila University. She is also the executive secretary at the Legal Office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines. She is also a consultant at the CBCP Office on Women and the CBCP Commission on Church Cultural Heritage. She is also a Fellow at the International Academy for the Study of the Jurisprudence of the Family in the United States of America. Atty. Imbong is also the convenor and senior counsel at St. Thomas More Law Society in the Philippines. She is a member of the Honor Corps of the Alliance Defending Freedom in the USA as well.



Prof. Pablito Baybado, Jr.

University of Santo Tomas-Institute of Religion

Pablito A. Baybado, Jr. is an associate professor at the Institute of Religion of the University of Santo Tomas, the Executive Secretary of the Office of Education and Faith Formation of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conference, the Associate Secretary General of the Religions for Peace Asia, and the General Secretary of the Uniharmony Partners Manila.