

LODGING INFORMATION

The **Red Roof Inn** in Westbury has been designated the official conference hotel. In addition, we have arranged for special discounted room rates at the **Long Island Marriott Hotel and Conference Center** in Uniondale and **Wingate by Wyndham** in Garden City. Following are the special discounted room rates and cutoff dates for room reservations.

RED ROOF INN

699 Dibblee Drive

Westbury, NY 11590

Tel: (516) 794-2555; (800) RED-ROOF

Room rate: \$104.99 per night, single occupancy; \$109.99

per night double, triple and quadruple occupancy. When

making your reservation, please refer to CP518984 to receive

Hofstra University's discounted rate.

Cutoff date: Based on availability.

LONG ISLAND MARRIOTT HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER

101 James Doolittle Blvd.

Uniondale, NY 11553

Att: Reservations Manager

Tel: (516) 794-3800 or (800) 832-6255

Fax: (516) 794-5936

Room rate: \$159 per night, single/double occupancy.

Cutoff date: September 7, 2007

WINGATE BY WYNDHAM

821 Stewart Avenue

Garden City, NY 11530

Tel: (516) 705-9000; Fax: (516) 705-9100

Room rate: \$139 per night, single/double occupancy

Cutoff date: September 7, 2007

NOTE: ALL RESERVATIONS WILL BE HELD UNTIL 6 P.M. ON DAY OF ARRIVAL UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY THE FIRST NIGHT'S ROOM DEPOSIT OR SECURED BY A MAJOR CREDIT CARD. RESERVATIONS MADE AFTER THE CUTOFF DATE WILL BE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AT A HIGHER ROOM RATE.

WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE RELIGION CONFERENCE AT HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY.

Scheduled transportation will be arranged between the Hofstra University campus and contracted hotels. Schedules will be available at the Conference Registration Desk as well as at the participating hotels.

FOR INFORMATION:

HOFSTRA CULTURAL CENTER

113 Hofstra University

Hempstead, New York 11549-1130

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LOCATION OF HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY

HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY is located in Hempstead, Long Island, New York, about 25 miles east of New York City, less than an hour away by train or automobile.

The Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) has frequent trains to the Hempstead Station and the Mineola Station from Pennsylvania Station, located at 34th Street and 7th Avenue, New York City, as well as from the Flatbush Avenue Station in Brooklyn, New York. Use local taxi service to the Hofstra campus.

Local Taxi Service:

All Island Taxi Service (516) 481-1111

Hempstead Taxi (516) 489-4460

Pub Taxi Service (516) 483-4433

Ollie's Airport Service (516) 437-0505

(516) 352-6633

(718) 229-5454

BY CAR: Travel on the Long Island Expressway to exit 38, Northern State Parkway, to Meadowbrook Parkway South (exit 31A), or take Southern State Parkway to Meadowbrook Parkway North (exit 22N). Take Meadowbrook Parkway to exit M4 (Hempstead Turnpike). Proceed west on Hempstead Turnpike (Route 24W) to the Hofstra campus (approximately one mile).

TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORTS: The Hofstra campus is located approximately 30 minutes by car from either John F Kennedy (JFK) International Airport or LaGuardia Airport.

CALL IN ADVANCE FOR RESERVATIONS:

Classic Transportation

Classic Transportation provides shared van service from JFK and LaGuardia Airports to Hofstra University. Courtesy phones are located in the baggage claim area of both airports, and are connected directly to Classic dispatch/reservation. Dial 20 from the courtesy phone to speak directly with the reservation department. Inform the representative that you are coming to Hofstra University. Cost: approximately \$20.

Note: Classic offers a discount when you reserve your round-trip airport shuttle trip online at www.classictrans.com or by calling (631) 567-5100.

Long Island Airport Limousine Service (LIALS)

LIALS can be called upon arrival at either JFK or LaGuardia Airport at a public telephone: 656-7000 (no area code required). The phones are monitored from 4 a.m. through midnight, seven days a week.

U.S. Limousine and Car Service

Personalized Transportation Service (516) 352-2225 or (800) 962-2827.

NOTE: Please be advised that there are no set fares charged by New York City yellow cabs between the airports and the Hofstra campus. Please confirm fee with the driver before starting your trip.

DINING FACILITIES ON CAMPUS:

There are several dining facilities on the Hofstra University campus.



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The Politics of Religion-Making

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

October 4, 5 and 6, 2007

Conference Co-Directors

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Keynote Speakers:

Talal Asad, *The Graduate Center, City University of New York*

José Casanova, *The New School*

Hent de Vries, *Johns Hopkins University*

Tomoko Masuzawa, *University of Michigan at Ann Arbor*

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REGISTRATION PROGRAM



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2007

2-6 p.m.
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION and COFFEE
Rochelle and Irwin A. Lowenfeld Conference and Exhibition Hall
Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library, 10th Floor
South Campus

3-3:30 p.m.
WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS

Markus Dressler and Arvind Mandair
Conference Co-Directors

3:30-4:30 p.m.
OPENING ADDRESS
Talal Asad, The Graduate Center,
City University of New York

5-7 p.m.
PANEL I: RELIGION AND SECULARISM

“Terrorism as Religion: Reflections on the Identity Crisis of Secularism”
David R. Loy, Xavier University, Cincinnati

“Of Conversions and Cartoons: Islamism, Secular Discipline, and the Remaking of Religion”
Brian Goldstone, Duke University

“Circuits of Secularity, or Visualizing Religion in Himachal Pradesh”
Mark Elmore, New York University

“Secularism and Other Political Rituals: Religion, Power and the Sacred in the Post-Colonial Indian State”
Khurram Hussain, Yale University

Discussant: Michael Nijhawan, York University

7 p.m.
WELCOME RECEPTION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2007

8 a.m.-5 p.m.
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION and COFFEE
Rochelle and Irwin A. Lowenfeld Conference and Exhibition Hall
Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library, 10th Floor
South Campus

9-11:15 a.m.
PANEL II: THE MAKINGS OF RELIGION

“Ethno-Religious Identity Among Modern Syriac Christians”
Adam Becker, New York University

“The Rhetoric of Defining Confucianism as a ‘Religion’: Its Challenge and Significance”
Yon Chen, Vanderbilt University

“Secularism and Sectarianism in Colonial India”
Teena Purohit, Columbia University

“Comparative Religion, Competing Universalisms, and the Rise of ‘Mysticism’ as a Modern Religious Category in America and Iran”
Rosemary Hicks, Columbia University

“The Politics of Spirituality: Liberalizing the Definition of Religion”
Kerry Mitchell, Charleston College

Discussant: Angela Zito, New York University

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
KEYNOTE ADDRESS
José Casanova, The New School

12:30-1:30 p.m.
LUNCH (on your own)

1:30-3:45 p.m.
PANEL III: RELIGION AND LAW

“Public Laws, Private Religions: The Secularization of Hindu Dharma in Colonial India”
Robert A. Yelle, University of Memphis

“Apache Revelation: Making Religion in the Legal Sphere”
Gregory Johnson, University of Colorado at Boulder

“Gender, the Common Good and Public Islam in Morocco”
Souad Eddouada, Ibn Tofail University,
Kenitra, Morocco

“Making Religion Through Secular Legal Tools: The Case of Republican Turkey”
Istar Gözaydın, Istanbul Technical University

“The Impact of Legal Discourse on New Formulations of Turkish Alevism”
Markus Dressler, Hofstra University

Discussant: Ruth Mas, University of Colorado at Boulder

4-6 p.m.
PANEL IV: RELIGION, IDEOLOGY, GENEALOGY

“Forcing Religion: John Locke and Tolerance”
Elizabeth Pritchard, Bowdoin College

“A Turn Not Taken: Hegel in the History of the Study of Religion”
Thomas A. Lewis, Harvard University

“Empire or Global Fiduciary? Implications for a Politics of Resistance”
Arvind Mandair, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

“British Christianity and the Religious Imagination: Politics of Religious Formation in Nineteenth-Century India”
Mitch Numark, University of Oklahoma

“The Parallax of Religion: Ideology and Theology”
Clayton Crocket, University of Central Arkansas at Conway

Discussant: Richard King, Vanderbilt University

6 p.m.
DINNER (on your own)

7 p.m.
KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Tomoko Masuzawa, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2007

8 a.m.-Noon
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
Rochelle and Irwin A. Lowenfeld Conference and Exhibition Hall
Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library, 10th Floor
South Campus

8-9 a.m.
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9-10 a.m.
KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Hent de Vries, Johns Hopkins University

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
PANEL V: CONTESTING RELIGION

“Islamic Practice in French Secular Public Spheres: Ethical Self-Discipline and Identity Politics?”
Jeanette S. Jouili, International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, Leiden, The Netherlands

“Contesting Conceptions of the Religious/Secular Paradigm in the Making and Re-Making of Bangladesh”
Sufia Mendez Uddin, University of Vermont

“Religion/Secular’ Dichotomy in Modern Japan: On the Articulation of the ‘Indigenous’”
Jun’ichi Isomae, Japan Women’s University

“Monks, Schools, Moral and Manners: Burmese Buddhist Engagements With a Colonial Category of Religion”
Alicia Turner, University of Chicago

Discussant: Balbinder Bhogal, York University

12:30-1:30 p.m.
LUNCH (on your own)

1:30-3:30 p.m.
ROUND TABLE and FINAL DISCUSSION
Chair: Arvind Mandair, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

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Name _____

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Telephone _____

Fax _____

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I have made lodging reservations at:

- Red Roof Inn
- Long Island Marriott
- Wingate by Wyndham

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Cancellations: A \$15 administrative fee will be deducted from registration refunds; however, notice in writing must be received by September 26, 2007. No refunds will be granted for meals.

Returned Checks: A \$25 handling fee will be charged for returned checks.

CONFERENCE FEES

| REGISTRATION FEE | NO. OF PERSONS | AMOUNT |
|---|----------------|----------|
| Regular rate | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Senior citizen (65 and over) <i>(Must include copy of Medicare card)</i> | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Matriculated non-Hofstra student <i>(Must include copy of current student ID)</i> | _____ | \$ _____ |
| TOTAL | _____ | \$ _____ |