

Regensburg and the Regents

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Question 1: Is religion necessary to sustain reason?

Question 2: What is the place of religion and the academic study of religion in the university?

[Chair: TBA]

Panellist, Philip Buckley (Ph.D., University of Louvain)



Professor Buckley is presently the Chair of the Department of Philosophy at McGill University. From 1986 to 1992 Professor Buckley was a scientific assistant of the Husserl- Archives at Louvain, which engages in editing and translating the unpublished works of Edmund Husserl. His research is focused upon the phenomenology of Husserl and Heidegger, with an interest also in its historical antecedents and subsequent developments in 20th century French and German philosophy. He is the coordinator of a FQRSC (Fonds quebécois de recherche sur la société et la culture funded) research team for 2002-2005 with colleagues from the Université de Montréal on "Phenomenology and Ethics."

Since 2000, Professor Buckley has been heavily involved with a McGill-based Canadian International Development Agency project focusing upon higher education in Indonesia. He has twice been guest-professor for a semester at the State Islamic University (UIN Jakarta) and has been a consultant on curriculum design and implementation. Indonesia has also proven an outstanding phenomenological "laboratory" to extend some of his notions on identity, community and history (cf. "The Idea of a Religious Culture: Pre- or Post-modern?" in *Islam in Indonesia: Islamic Studies Social transformation*, ed. Fuad Jabali and Jamhari (Montreal/jakarta, 2003) and "Phenomenology and Politics: Husserlian Reflections on Reformasi," forthcoming in *Refleksi: Jurnal Agama dan Filsafat*) and to engage in joint-research projects on "Ethics and the Environment" and "Democracy and Citizenship".

Panellist, Douglas Farrow (Ph.D., Univ. of London – King's College)



Douglas Farrow is associate professor of Christian Thought at McGill University. Before coming to McGill he taught in Britain at King's College London. Besides lecturing and supervising in theology and ethics, he is director of a project in religion and public policy, a consultant in the Institute for the Study of Marriage, Law, and Culture, and co-editor of the *Great Theologians* series. Among his publications are *Ascension and Ecclesia*, *Recognizing Religion in a Secular Society* (editor), and *Divorcing Marriage* (co-editor). Professor Farrow also writes occasional articles for the popular press and has been a guest on various radio and television programs. A new book will appear in September, entitled *Nation of Bastards*.

Panellist, John von Heyking (Ph.D., University of Notre Dame)



Dr. John von Heyking is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Lethbridge. He is the author of *Augustine and Politics as Longing in the World* (Missouri, 2001), and coeditor of *Friendship and Politics: Essays in Political Thought* (Notre Dame, 2008). He has also written about friendship, just war, Islamic political thought, deliberative democracy, political prophecy, Eric Voegelin, and religion and politics in Canada.

Panellist, Christopher Manfredi (Ph.D. Claremont Graduate School)



Professor Manfredi is Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science at McGill University. He is also a professor of Political Science who specializes in Comparative constitutionalism

and judicial politics, Canadian politics, and American public law. Professor Manfredi is the author of numerous articles and books, including *Judicial Power and the Charter: Canada and the Paradox of Liberal Constitutionalism, 2d edition* (2001); and “The Unfulfilled Promise of Dialogic Constitutionalism: Judicial-Legislative Relationships Under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms,” in Tom Campbell, Jeffrey Goldsworthy, and Adrienne Stone, eds., *Protecting Rights Without a Bill of Rights: Institutional Performance and Reform in Australia*. He has chaired numerous panels on constitutional issues, and he continues to be called upon for his expertise in this area.