



European Network on Religion & Belief

EUROPEAN SEMINAR

at EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (Batiment Altieri Spinelli), Place de Luxembourg, 1047 Brussels.
Tuesday 17 November 2015 (Registration - <https://enorb7.eventbrite.co.uk>)

Claude Moraes MEP, Chair, European Parliament's LIBE Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs invites you to this seminar on:

Manifesting Religion or Belief: A Human Rights Perspective

Programme

MORNING SESSION

At European Parliament (Altieri Spinelli Building)

9.00 Welcome and Introduction

SESSION 1 European Perspectives

- 9.15 Kishan Manocha, ODIHR** Senior Adviser on Freedom of Religion and Belief:
An Overview of the Current OSCE Context for the Right to Manifest Religion or Belief
Professor Eugenia Relano Pastor, Complutense University, Madrid and Spanish Ombudsman:
Recent Decisions of European Court of Human Rights: impact on EU policies on religion and belief
Respondent: Willy Fautre (Human Rights without Frontiers)
Questions and Discussion

SESSION 2 Chair: Robin Schafani

10.45 National, Religious and Secularist Contexts for Manifesting Religion or Belief

- Keith Porteous Wood** : National Secular Society
Karim Chemal : Fédération des Organisations Islamiques d'Europe
Martin Gurvich: Hindu Forum of Europe
Mejindarpal Kaur: United Sikhs
Patricia Duval: Attorney at Law, Paris: Laïcité - the specific case of France
Questions and Discussion

- 12.15 Moving Forward Alan Murray, ENORB**,
Possibilities for Consensus on Rights and Freedoms.

LUNCH

at Centres Espaces, Centre Espaces, 40, Avenue de la Renaissance, B-1000 Brussels (Prayer facilities available)

SESSION 3

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- 2.00 Policy and implementation workshops** - to produce suggestions for recommendations for the EU Directorate-General for Justice, based on a draft text for discussion in groups.
3.00 Regional priorities workshops - to provide opportunities for participants to exchange experiences, share stories and hear views from different parts of Europe and to plan for future collaborative activities in member states.

4.15 PLENARY

A Human Rights Basis for Freedom to Manifest Religion or Belief – towards an agreed document.

4.45 Close of Seminar

Tea and Networking

Displays from participating groups and member states and introductions to current activities.

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