

**Papers presented at the International Academic Conference  
“Religion and Rule of Law in Southeast Asia:  
Continuing the Discussion”**

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**Panel 1. The Emerging Religious Plurality in Southeast Asia**

Nguyễn Hồng Dương. *Relationships between the State of Vietnam and the Roman Catholic Church at the present*

Mohd. Altaf Hussain Ahangar. *Freedom of Religion in Malaysia: the Realistic Appraisal*

Shawn McHale. *Religious Pluralism in Southeast Asia in Historical Perspective*

**Panel 2. Charitable and Economic Activities of Religious Groups**

Brett Scharffs. *Towards a Framework for Understanding Charitable and Economic Activities of Churches: The U.S. Example*

Eric Andersen. *Religious Organizations and Social Welfare: Key Issues in the U. S*

**Panel 3. Financial and Taxation Issues Related to Religion**

Toh See Kiat. *Financial Regulation and Taxation of Religion in Singapore*

Yushuang P. Yao. *Religion Law and its Development in Taiwan*

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**Panel 4. Religion and Education**

Carolyn Evans. *Religious Controversy and Curriculum Design in State schools: an International Human Rights Perspective*

Jay Wexler. *What should We Teach When We Teach about Religion?The Case for a Global Perspective*

Sergei Filatov. *Religion and Education: The Post-atheist Situation in Russia*

Nguyễn Kim Thoa. *Provisions of Civil Laws, Marriage and Family Laws, Laws on Handling of Administrative Violations, Criminal Laws Relating to Beliefs and Religions*

**Panel 5. Foreign Religious Activities in Southeast Asian Nations**

Nguyễn Khắc Huy. *Religious Activities of Foreigners in Vietnam*

Stephen Bailey. *The Role of Foreign Christian Organizations in Asia today*

**Panel 6. Religion and State Security**

Nguyễn Thị Bạch Tuyết. *Religion and Security - Social Issue in Asean Region*

Eugene Tan Kheng Boon. *Equilibrating Religion and National Security in Singapore: Confidence - and Trust-building among State, Society and the Religious Sector*

Chris Seiple. *Religious Freedom as (Preemptive) Peace: The First Step toward Reconciliation: A Christian Perspective*

Srisompob Jitpiromsri. *Southern Thailand's Ethno-Religious Conflict and the Responses by Thai Government*

**Panel 7. Comparative Models of Religion-State Relationship**

Đỗ Quang Hưng. *Building a Secular State Model in the Diversified Religious Environment: the Invariable and the Variable – the Case of Vietnam*

Min Choon Lee. *State-Religion Relationship: the Malaysian Model*

Rik Torfs. *Religion and State Relationships in Europe*

Jeremy Gunn. *Comparing Different State Approaches to Regulating Religion*

Christopher Eipper. *Religion, the State and Modernisation: from Ireland to Vietnam*

**Panel 8. Developing Effective Laws on Religion: Challenges and Solutions**

Nguyễn Thanh Xuân. *Religious Organization and Religious Juridical Person in Vietnam*

Liu Peng. *China's Religious Problems*

Cole Durham. *Developing Effective Laws on Religion: An International Perspective on Challenges and Solutions*

Raul Pangalangan. *Pursuing Native Yearnings through Transplanted Doctrine*