

## SEMINAR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY AS A GLOBAL PROBLEM

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF NEW RELIGIONS (CESNUR) HOSTED BY REV. DR. CECIL "CHIP" MURRAY CHAIR OF USC CECIL MURRAY CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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# PROGRAM

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#### A seminar sponsored by

CESNUR (Center for Studies on New Religions) at University of Southern California University Club

#### Address and time

Thursday, February 15th USC University Club, 705 W 34th St, Los Angeles, CA 90089. 1:00-2:00pm Buffet lunch – USC University Club Patio 2:00-6:00pm Seminar – USC Carnegie Room

#### Welcome and introduction

Rev. Dr. Cecil "Chip" Murray Senior Fellow of the Center for Religion and Civic Culture Chairs of the USC Cecil Murray Center for Community Engagement

"Cults," Media and Religious Liberty in France Bernadette RIGAL-CELLARD University of Bordeaux Montaigne

"Spiritual Security" and Religious Liberty in Central/Eastern Europe: The Church of Scientology in Russia and Hungary Massimo INTROVIGNE CESNUR

Religious Liberty Issues in Mexico Jorge LEE GALINDO President of the Commission for Religious Freedom and Equality

Religion-Based Refugee Claims: A Question of Denial Rosita ŠORYTĖ ORLIR (International Observatory of Religious Liberty of Refugees)

#### **USC SEMINAR DISCUSSANTS**

Bishop Juan Carlos Mendez President and Executive Director Churches In Action

Dr. Najuma Smith-Pollard Program Manager of the USC Cecil Murray Center for Community Engagement

Ms. Rhode Argelia Villaseñor Commission for Religious Freedom and Equality

Mr. Santiago Lee Villaseñor Commission for Religious Freedom and Equality

Minister Abner Nicolás Menchaca Church of San Gregorio, Xochimilco, D.F. Church of Christ Light of the World

Mr. Jocsan Aguilar Church of Christ Light of the World

Prof. Nirinjan Khalsa Commissioner on the City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission, Executive Director of the California Sikh Council

Mr. Patrick Q. Mason Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities at Claremont Graduate University

Mr. Mahomed Khan Former Director of Interfaith and Outreach at the King Fahad Mosque, Culver City Board Member Institute for Religious Tolerance

Mr. Randy Dobbs Regional Bahá'í Council of the State of California and Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Los Angeles Mr. Alan Reinach Executive Director of the Church State Council of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in the Western States

Sister Amber Wu Church of Almighty God, Los Angeles

Sister Rosa Lu Church of Almighty God, Los Angeles

Rev. Janet Weiland Vice-President, Church of Scientology of Los Angeles

Rev. Luis A. Gonzalez Humanitarian Programs Director, Church of Scientology International

Rev. Sheila Macdonald Audio Visuals Photo Department, Church of Scientology International

Mr. Michael D. Stanley Director, LDS institute of Religion, University of Southern California

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