

International Conference on **RELIGION AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESION**

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Speakers

by order of presentation



Catarina Sarmento e Castro

Minister of Justice of the Republic of Portugal

H.E. Dr. Catarina Sarmento e Castro has a PhD, master's and undergraduate degree in Law from Coimbra University School of Law. She has lectured at the Coimbra School of Law since 1994 and is currently Assistant Professor. She was Secretary of State for Human Resources and Former Combatants in Prime Minister António Costa's 2nd Government.

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Guilherme D'Oliverira Martins

Executive Administrator Gulbenkian Foundation

Born in Lisbon, he is a Trustee of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (since 16th November 2015).

He has presided over the Arts Board of the National Centre of Culture; is a Corresponding Member of the Lisbon Academy of Science; a full time member of the Naval Academy; an Academic of Merit of the Portuguese Academy of History; Guest Tenured Professor at the Lusíada University of Lisbon and ISCSP – the Higher Institute of Social and Political Sciences of the Technical University of Lisbon.

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Adama Dieng

Former United Nations Under Secretary-General and Special Adviser of the SG on the Prevention of Genocide and President of the AIDLR's Honorary Committee

H.E. Mr. Dieng is special adviser to the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity, expert on human rights in Sudan and the President of the Honorary Committee of the AIDLR.

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Mario Brito

President of the AIDLR

Mr. Mario Brito is the current President of the International Association for the Defence of Religions Liberty (AIDLR). He was born in Praya, Cabo Verde where he lived for 18 years, after he emigrated to Lisbon, Portugal. Mario Brito graduated in Theology and holds a Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University in Michigan (USA).

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Fernando Soares Loja

Vice President of the Portuguese Religious Liberty Commission

Dr. Soares Loja has been an active leader of the Portuguese Evangelical Alliance, coordinating its Law Department for more than 30 years. He was President of the Board of the organization "Advocates Europe", an association of lawyers, law professors and magistrates with office in Guernsey, UK. In 2004, he was appointed by the Minister of Justice to the inaugural Portuguese Religious Liberty Commission. Dr. Soares Loja has used all his knowledge and experience in advocacy in favour of freedom of conscience and religious liberty, defending individual and religious communities rights. He is a member of the AIDLR Council of Experts.

[Moderator - Session 1](#)



Paulo Macedo

Secretary General of the AIDLR

Mr. Paulo Macedo holds a degree in International Relations and a master's degree in Strategic Communication. He has an extensive experience, having worked in the Portuguese Section of AIDLR since 2006. His action has mainly focused on freedom of conscience, worship and religion, and also State-Church relationship. He is the organiser of this Conference.

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Nazila Ghanea

UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief

Dr. Nazila Ghanea is Professor of International Human Rights Law and Director of the MSc in International Human Rights Law at the University of Oxford. Ms. Ghanea's career has been rooted in academia, and her academic work has often connected with multilateral practice in international human rights law. She has contributed actively to networks interested in freedom of religion or belief and its interrelationship with other human rights, and advised states and other stakeholders.

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Jónatas Machado

Dean of Faculty of Law, University of Coimbra

Dr. Jónatas Eduardo Mendes Machado is Professor of International Law, European Union Law and Tax Law. In recent years, he has served as Executive Director of the *Ius Gentium Conimbrigae*-Center for Human Rights. He is part of the list of conciliators of the Conciliation Body of the OSCE and serves as member of the European Consortium on Church and State Research. He has published several books and scientific articles on different themes of constitutional law, tax law, international law and European Union law, with legal issues arising from the articulation of all these normative domains and the theme of human rights, two of his main areas of interest. He is member of the Honorary Committee of the AIDLR.

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Rosa María Martínez de Codes

Professor at the Complutense University / Vice President of IRLA

Prof. Martínez de Codes is Vice-President of the International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA). From 1996 to 2002 she was Deputy Director of Religious Affairs at the Spanish Ministry of Justice. She is currently Professor of American History at the Complutense University of Madrid. Her areas of expertise include ethnic and religious minorities in Europe, defamation and incitement to religious hatred. She is member of the AIDLR Honorary Committee.

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Barna Magyarosi

Vice President AIDLR Board of Trustees

Barna Magyarosi, Ph.D., is the chairman of the Biblical Research Committee (BRC) of the SDA Inter-European-Division (EUD) where he serves as Secretary General. He wrote his doctoral dissertation about the wars in the Old Testament at the University of Bucharest, Romania. His dissertation is published by the Adventist Theological Society under the title "Holy War and Cosmic Conflict in the Old Testament: From the Exodus to the Exile."

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Ganoune Diop

President of IRLA and SDA Church PARL Director

Ganoune Diop, PhD. is the Director of the Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department at the Seventh-day Adventist Church world headquarters in Washington D.C. USA. He is the Secretary-General of the International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA). He is Secretary of the Conference of Secretaries of Christian World Communions. He is member of the Honorary Committee of the AIDLR.

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Elizabeta Kitanovic

Executive Secretary for Human Rights of CEC

Dr. Kitanovic is Executive Secretary for Human Rights at the Conference of European Churches (CEC) in Brussels. She works as a human rights advocate with international organisations. Ms. Kitanovic completed her theological and doctoral studies at the Faculty of Political Science in Belgrade. She graduated from the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Serbian Government. Ms. Kitanovic regularly gives lectures and presentations in the field of human rights. She speaks English, French, Greek and Serbian.

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Asher Maoz

Founding Dean Peres Academic Law School; Head, Committee on International Academic Relations, Tel-Aviv University & Peres Academic Center.

Prof. Maoz taught at leading universities around the world. He is Vice-Honorary President of the AIDLR. He served as academic advisor to the Knesset on adopting a constitution for the State of Israel and was Chair of the State Commission on Journalists' Privilege. He authored several books and published over 100 academic articles and book chapters. He is the current VicePresident of the Honorary Committee of AIDLR.

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Joaquim Franco

Journalist and Science of Religion researcher

Editor of Religion and Citizenship (CNN Portugal). Specialist in social and religious issues, special reports, opinion articles and books in the area of religion. He received the Conscience & Liberty Award 2013 from the AIDLR Portuguese section. Co-founder of Religious Freedom Observatory (Science of Religions Department - Lusófona Univ.), member of Global Studies Center (Aberta Univ.), Contemporary Christianity Institute and Institute for Advanced Studies in Catholicism and Globalization.

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Peter Stilwell

Lisbon Patriarchate Representative for Ecumenism and Inter-Religious Dialogue

Father Peter Stilwell is specialist Theology of Religions, Social Doctrine of the Church, Christology and History and Phenomenology of Religions. He was a specialist in the ECEC School of the European Council of Bishops' Conferences. From 2012 to 2020 he was Rector of the University of Saint Joseph in Macau, China. He is currently Director of the Department of Ecumenical Relations and Interreligious Dialogue of the Patriarchate of Lisbon.

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François Clavairolly

Former President of the Protestant Federation, France

Mr Clavairolly is pastor of the United Protestant Church of France and President of the Fédération Protestante de France from 2013 to 2022. He was President of the Commission for Relations with Judaism of the Fédération Protestante de France. He is a member of the Council of the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe, which brings together 105 Lutheran and Reformed churches within the framework of the Leuenberg Agreement.

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Jeremy Gunn

Professor of Law and Political Science, University of Rabat

Prof. T. Jeremy Gunn received his PhD from the Harvard University Committee for the Study of Religion and Society in 1991.

He is currently Professor of Law and Political Science at the International University of Rabat. Some of the subjects he teaches include Sharia, Religion and Politics in the Middle East, The United States in the Middle East, History of the Arab World, the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, American Political System, Issues in Intelligence, El Mossad and Middle East.

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Susana Machado

Professor of law, Polytechnic Institute of Oporto

Dr. Susana Sousa Machado is specialist in Labor Law with multiple publications like: "The right of the worker to observe the day of religious worship: position of the Portuguese Constitutional Court", "Work, pray and eat: observations on religious requirements regarding food in the workplace", "Religious proselytism in the workplace: a form of psychological violence", "When faith and work are not compatible", among others. She is member of the Council of Experts of the AIDLR. In 2014, she was awarded with the Conscience and Liberty Prize by the Portuguese section of AIDLR.

Remarks Session - 3 & Presentation - Session 6



Javier Martínez Torrón

"Professor of Law at Complutense University, President of ICLARS: International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies".

Javier Martínez-Torrón is Professor of Law at Complutense University, Madrid (Spain), where he has been Director of the Department of Law and Religion (2009-2017). Doctor utroque iure (of Law and of Canon Law). Vice-President of the Section of Canon Law and Church-State Relations of the Spanish Royal Academy of Jurisprudence and Legislation. President of ICLARS (International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies). He has been a Member of the OSCE/ODIHR Advisory Council on Freedom of Religion of Belief (2005-2013), and the Advisory Commission on Religious Freedom of the Spanish Ministry of Justice (2002-2014). Visiting professor and researcher in numerous Universities around the world. His research is focused mainly on freedom of thought, conscience and religion, and its connections with other fundamental rights, from a comparative and international perspective. His works have been published in thirteen different languages. He is member of the AIDLR Expert Council

Keynote - Session 4



Ibrahim Salama

Chief of the Human Rights Treaties, Branch of UNOHCHR

Ibrahim Salama, PhD, is Chief of the Human Rights Treaties Branch at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), where he also leads the “Faith for Rights” programme. He has 30 years of predominantly multilateral intergovernmental experience up to the level of deputy assistant MFA for international legal affairs, DPR of Egypt in Geneva and ambassador in Portugal.

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Michael Wiener

Human Rights Officer at OHCHR

Dr. Michael Wiener has been working since 2006 at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. He was also part of the core team organising the expert workshops that led to the adoption of the Rabat Plan of Action on the prohibition of advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence. Since 2017, he has been working on the design and implementation of the Beirut Declaration and its 18 commitments on “Faith for Rights” framework.

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Francesco Di Lillo

EPRID - European Platform on Religious Intolerance and Discrimination

Francesco Di Lillo leads the European Union Office of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Brussels, since its opening on 2013. Prior to this assignment, he worked at the Europe Area headquarters of the Church in Frankfurt, Germany, as Assistant Area Director of Public Affairs. He is member of the board of EPRID, European Platform on Religious Intolerance and Discrimination.

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Joaquim Moreira

LDS Church rep. in IRD Work Group Portugal

Elder Joaquim Moreira is the head of the Church of Latter-day Saints in Portugal and he is its representative in the Interreligious Dialogue Working Group of Portugal.

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John Graz

International Center for Public Affairs and Religious Liberty, France

Director of the International Centre for Public Affairs and Religious Liberty at the Adventist campus of Collonges-sous-Salève in France, is a former president of the International Association Religious Liberty Association (IRLA) and director of the Department of Public Affairs and Religious Freedom at the Seventh-day Adventist Church World Headquarters. He is member of the HC of the AIDLR.

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Jaime Rossell

Professor of Ecclesiastical Law at the University of Extremadura, Spain

Dr. Jaime Rossell Granados, Professor of Law and Religion, was Deputy Director General of Relations with Religious Denominations in the Ministry of Justice (2015-2018). He is a specialist in the study of the exercise and development of religious freedom in Europe, Church-State relations, the phenomenon of religious migration in Spain and the legal consequences of interculturality. Member of the AIDLR Honorary Committee & Council of Experts.

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Alexis Artaud de la Ferriere

Lecturer in Sociology at Royal Holloway College University of London

Dr. de La Ferrière is a Lecturer in Sociology in the Department of Law and Criminology, Royal Holloway and Bedford College, University of London. He specialises in the sociology and contemporary history of religion, with a particular focus on Catholicism, Church-State relations, and issues of religious liberty. He is member of the Council of Experts of the AIDLR.

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Khalid Jamal

Islamic Community of Lisbon Rep. in IRD Work Group, Portugal

Khalid Sacoor D. Jamal's academic career has been spent at the Valsassina College and the Portuguese Catholic University of Lisbon. He is a member of the Observatory of the Islamic World and leader of the Islamic Community of Lisbon; he is a member of the panel of the Antena 1 programme "E Deus Criou o Mundo" (And God Created the World).

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Sonia Pereira

High Commissioner for Migrations, Portugal

Dr. Sónia Pereira took the office as the new High Commissioner for Migration of Portugal in 2020 assuming the role of President of the Board of Directors of the High Commission for Migration (ACM, I.P.) She has a degree in economics and a PhD in geography. As a researcher at the International Labour Organization, Dr. Pereira has specialised in migration and migratory policies since 2002, focusing her research on human trafficking, labour migration, socioeconomic inclusion and the artistic and political participation of migrants.

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Harri Kuhalampi

Former Member of the European Parliament (MEP) Advisor,

In 2011 MEP Hannu Takkula invited Dr. Harri Kuhalampi to Brussels, Belgium to be his adviser. One of his responsibilities at the European Parliament has been matters related to religious freedom as well as issues connected to basic human rights. Dr. Kuhalampi's academic interest as theologian has been directed to the study of spirituality, but he has also specialized in pastoral care and counselling.

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Harald Mueller

Judge, Friedensau Theological College, Institute for Religious Freedom, Germany

Dr. Mueller is Judge in Hannover and board member of the German chapter of the International Association for the Defense of Religious Liberty. He is leading the Institute for Religious Liberty at the University of Friedensau, Germany. Harald is member of the AIDLR Council of Experts.

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Kristina Arriaga

Former Vice Chair, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom

Dr. Arriaga is a respected scholar and internationally recognised advocate for the rights of expression, in particular freedom of religion. She has published dozens of editorials, op-eds and book chapters on a wide range of issues related to this field. Her distinguished career includes leading a public interest law firm in the US dedicated to defending free expression of all religious traditions.

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