



The Center for Religious Freedom

Announces its fall series on

**Lifting the Theocratic Iron Curtain:
Examining the Application of Muslim Blasphemy and
Apostasy Rules in the Contemporary World**

November 12 12:30-2:00 pm

**Feed the Donkey First: Freedom of Religion and the Geopolitics of
Human Rights**

Prof. Abdullahi Ahmed An-Na'im, *internationally recognized scholar of Islam and human rights and Charles Howard Candler Professor of Law at Emory Law School*

November 4 12:30-2:00 pm

Islam in the Public Space: the Case of Morocco

Dr. Mohsine El Ahmadi, *professor of sociology at the Cadi Ayyad University in Marrakech, Morocco*

October 13 12:00-2:00 pm

Apostasy, Blasphemy, and Other Sharia Laws in the Modern World

Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali, *Anglican Bishop and noted analyst of the threat of Islamism to freedom worldwide*

October 7 12:00-1:30 pm

**Pakistan's Anti-Blasphemy Laws: The Case of the Ahmadiyya
Community**

Mujeeb Ijaz and Amjad Mahmood Khan, *representatives of the Ahmadiyya Muslim American Community*

October 5 9:30-10:30 am

Defection from Islam: The Politics of Belonging & the Cost of Religious Freedom

Ziya Meral, *author of acclaimed CSW report "No Place to Call Home: Experiences of Apostates from Islam and Failures of the International Community"*

September 23 12:30-2:00 pm

Blasphemy and Inquiry: "The Cartoons That Shook the World"

Dr. Jytte Klausen, *author of a new book published by Yale University Press on the 2005-2006 Danish cartoon crisis. (The publisher drew criticism for editing out of this book all illustrations of the Islamic Prophet Mohammad in fear of Muslim reaction.)*

September 15 12:00-2:00 pm

Hate Speech Laws, Islamic Blasphemy Strictures, and Freedom of Speech:

The Case of Australia

The Rev. Dr. Mark Durie, *linguist, human rights activist and Vicar of St. Mary's Anglican Church, Melbourne*

The location for all events is:

**Betsy and Walter Stern Conference Center
Hudson Institute
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For more information, please visit the Center's website, <http://crf.hudson.org>.