

The Renaissance Project

Fall 2005 Religion and Democracy

2005 Fall Schedule September 12, 2005

Tuesday – September 20 – Beaird Lounge (OMU) – Prof. Jill Irvine’s Religion and Violence Dream Course: Lecture: Prof. Mark Juergensmeyer.

Monday – September 26 – Scholars Room of the Union from 4:00 to 6:00 PM: *Phi Beta Kappa Lecture* by Prof. Linda Zagzebski: *The Admirable Life and the Desirable Life*.

Wednesday – September 28 – Scholars Room of the Union from 4:00 to 6:00 PM: *Phi Beta Kappa Lecture* by Prof. Linda Zagzebski: *The Desirable Life and the Ethics of Belief and Assertion*.

Friday – September 29 – Michael F. Price Hall, Room 2040 at 7:00 PM: Speaker: Michael Hardt, professor in the Literature Program at Duke University. Lecture: *Globalization and Democracy*.

Friday – September 30 – Scholars Room of the Union from 4:00 to 6:00 PM: *Phi Beta Kappa Lecture* by Prof. Linda Zagzebski: *The Ethics of Belief and the Diversity of Religions*.

Tuesday – October 4 – Donald W. Reynolds Performing Arts Center at 7:00 PM: Speaker: Dr. George Ellis, 2004 Templeton Prize Recipient. Lecture: *Religion and Science: The Challenge*.

Monday – October 10 – Meacham Auditorium at 3:30 PM: Rothbaum Distinguished Lectureship in Representative Government: Speaker: Prof. Morris Fiorina, the Wendt Family Professor of Political Science at Stanford University and a senior fellow at the Hoover Institution.

Tuesday – October 11 – Dick Bell Courtroom (OU Law Center) at 3:30 PM: Rothbaum Distinguished Lectureship in Representative Government: Prof. Morris Fiorina.

Wednesday – October 12 – Meacham Auditorium at 3:30 PM: Rothbaum Distinguished Lectureship in Representative Government: Prof. Morris Fiorina.

Wednesday – November 2 – G/R/A Rooms of Union from 7:00 to 9:00 PM: Speaker: John L. Esposito. Lecture: *Religion and Democracy in The Face of Violence and Intolerance*. Prof. Jill Irvine’s Religion and Violence Dream Course.

- a. Esposito, John L.
- b. Irvine, Jill, jill.irvine@ou.edu, (50 students in “Religion and Violence”)
- c. Suleiman, Camelia, suleimac@ou.edu, (55 students in “Introduction to Islam,” 75 students in “Modern Middle East”)

Plus three student respondents, drawn from the courses being taught by the panel participants.

FOCUS: John L. Esposito’s Dream Course talk on “Islam, Terrorism, and Democracy.” Jill Irvine will introduce Dr. Esposito; Camelia Suleiman will provide a response. Each of the students will ask a question, as a prelude to audience participation.

Friday – November 4 – OCCE Forum from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM: Oklahoma Sociological Association Conference on Religion and Democracy. Speaker: Dr. Jay Demerath, Professor of Sociology from the University of Massachusetts. Lecture: “Dear Mr. President: Assessing Religion and Politics in Your Administration for Posterity.” He is the author of *Sacred Circles and Public Squares: The Multi-Centering of American Religion* and *Crossing the Gods: World Religions and Worldly Politics*.

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Thursday – November 17 – Scholars Room of the Union from 7:00 to 9:00 PM: Professor Jill Irvine’s Dream Course. Speaker: R. Scott Appleby. Lecture: *Religion, Violence and Democracy Worldwide*.