

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## “FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE IN A TIME OF GLOBAL (IN)SECURITY”

### PROGRAMME

27 April 2023

9 am – 4 pm (EET time)

Mykolas Romeris University,  
Vilnius, Lithuania  
(Conference room I-414)

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#### OPENING REMARKS

9.00-9.30



**Moderator:**  
**Assoc. Professor Juozas Valčiukas**  
Programme Director, Bachelor of Law and Global Security  
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**Professor Lyra Jakulevičienė**  
Dean of the Law School of Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania



**Professor Nazila Ghanea**  
United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief, Professor at University of Oxford, UK



**Jan Figel**  
The First Special Envoy for Promotion Freedom of Religion or Belief outside the European Union (2016-19)



**Professor Emeritus Abdullahi Ahmed An-Naim**  
Emory University School of Law, USA



#### KEYNOTE SPEECHES

9.30-9.50



**Ahmet T. Kuru, Professor at San Diego State University, USA**  
Religions, Liberalism, and Democracy: Freedom of Conscience in Global Perspective



9.50-10.10



**Egidijus Kūris, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights, France**  
Freedom of Conscience: A View from Strasbourg



10.10-10.30



**Mustafa Akyol, Senior fellow, Cato Institute, USA**  
Freedom of Conscience in Islam: Prospects and Challenges



#### COFFEE BREAK

10.30-11.00

#### PANEL I



**Moderator:**  
**Professor Andrius Bielskis**  
Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania



11.00-11.20



**Lorenzo Zucca, Professor at King's College London, UK**  
Shakespeare on Freedom of Conscience



11.20-11.40



**Laith Nasrawin, Professor at University of Jordan, The Kingdom of Jordan**  
The Regulatory Framework of the Freedom of Conscience in a Globalized World



11.40-12.00



**Wojciech Brzozowski, Professor at University of Warsaw, Poland**  
Blasphemy Laws: Between Protecting Religious Sensitivities and Ensuring Social Peace



12.00-12.20



**Mohammad al-Majali, Professor at Qatar University, Qatar**  
Quranic Texts on Freedom of Belief and their Impact on World Peace



12.20-12.40



**Joeni Arianto Kurniawan, Assoc. Professor at the Law School of University of Airlangga, Indonesia**  
Navigating Kite of Legal Pluralism in the Clouds of Fundamentalism: A Challenge in Protecting Freedom of Religion, Belief, and Conscience in a Muslim Majority Country. A Lesson from Indonesia



#### DISCUSSION

12.40-13.00

#### COFFEE BREAK

13.00-13.30

#### PANEL II



**Moderator:**  
**Dr. Paresh Kathran**  
Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania



13.30-13.50



**Rimvydas Norkus, Judge at the EU General Court, Luxembourg**  
Freedom of Conscience in the Jurisprudence of the Court of Justice of European Union



13.50-14.10



**Iman Prihandono, Professor at University Airlangga and Ekawestri Prajwalita Widiati, PhD Candidate at University Airlangga, Indonesia**  
Freedom of Conscience in the Free Prior Informed Consent Principle: the Approach by Indonesian Constitutional Court



14.10-14.30



**Rim-Sarah Alouane, PhD Candidate, Legal Researcher, University of Toulouse-Capitole, France**  
Freedom Under Pressure: The Impact of France's 'Anti-Separatism' Law on Religious Communities



14.30-14.50



**Heru Susetyo, Assoc. Professor at the University of Indonesia, Indonesia**  
Freedom of Conscience in Indonesia: The Cases of Unofficial Beliefs and Religions before the State Administration



14.50-15.10



**Jesus Verdu Baeza, Professor at University of Cadiz, Spain**  
Migration at Europe's Southern Border: Security vs. Human Rights



15.10-15.45

#### DISCUSSION

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