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Religion, Identity, and Politics

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Friday, May 10

9:00—Opening Remarks
Anna Grzymala-Busse and Pauline Jones Luong, U-M

9:15-10:45—History, Nations, and Religion
Thomas Pepinsky, Cornell University
Understanding Islam in the Indonesian and Arab Spring Transitions
Kenneth Wald, University of Florida
The State as a Religious Actor: New Thoughts on an Old Variable
John Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Religion and National Identity: Orthodoxy in Post-Soviet Russia
Zvi Gitelman, University of Michigan
The Fusion of Religion and Ethnicity: the Jews

11:00-12:00—Doctrine and Governance
Melani Cammett, Brown University
Is there An Islamist Governance Advantage?
Tarek Masoud, Harvard University
Religion and Beliefs about Beliefs about Redistribution
Sigrun Kahl, Yale University
Church Space, State Space: A Comparative Historical Explanation of Nonprofit Sector Variations in Europe, the United States, and Australia

1:00-3:15—Religious Identities and their Ramifications
Philip Brenner, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Through a Glass, Darkly: How Religious Identity Biases Survey Estimates and Alters How We See Others and Ourselves
David Campbell, University of Notre Dame
The Politics of Irreligion: Understanding Secularism in the United States
Daniel Posner, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
The Political Sources of Religious Identification: A Natural Experiment on the Burkina Faso-Cote D'Ivoire Border
Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl, University of Virginia
Identity Categories and Parochialism
Daniel Philpott, University of Notre Dame
Pathways to Freedom: On the Prospects for Religious Liberty in Islam

3:30-4:45—Religious Organization and Mobilization
Guillermo Trejo, University of Notre Dame
Religious Networks and the Mobilization of Ethnic Minorities
Joel Selway, Brigham Young University
Religious Leadership Structures and Societal Cleavages
Rachel Beatty Riedl, Northwestern University
Religious Organization and Collective Action

5:00—Reception and Graduate Poster Session, Room D
**Saturday, May 11**

**9:30-11:30—Regulating Religion**

**Kristin Fabbe,** Claremont McKenna College  
*Understanding the Varieties of Secularism in the Former Ottoman World*

**Steven Wilkinson,** Yale University  
*Institutions, Religious Identities, and Religious Conflict: Some Lessons from South Asia*

**Anthony Gill,** University of Washington  
*Thoughts on a Causal Connection between Religious Liberty and Economic Development*

**Ted Jelen,** University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
*Support, Separation, and Opposition: Notes for a General Theory of Religious Identity and Religion/Regime Relations*