



Religion, Migration, and Foreign Policy

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Copley Hall Formal Lounge

Georgetown University

Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs

Institute for the Study of International Migration

11:00 Susan Martin, Director,
Institute for the Study of International Migration
Welcome and Introductions

11:10 Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio
Diocese of Brooklyn

11:30 Dr. Richard Land
Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission

11:50 Dr. Peggy Levitt
Department of Sociology, Wellesley College.

12:10 Dr. Michael Werz

12:30 Discussion and Question & Answer Session

1:00 Adjourn

See reverse for panelist bios, etc.

In the second forum of a series that is exploring the intersection of religion, migration, and foreign policy, this forum will focus on how immigrants are transforming religious life in their destination countries and how mainstream religious groups are addressing the tensions in immigration policy and immigrant integration.

This panel will explore some of the key issues of this topic, such as the role of religion in immigrant integration, immigrants and their effect on religious diversity, immigration and the perceptions of mainstream religious groups, and religion and immigrant identity.

Some of the key questions this panel will answer are: How important is the role of religion in the integration of immigrants in the United States? How are immigrants changing the religious diversity of the United States? Does the presence of immigrants from other religious backgrounds present challenges to mainstream denominations, in terms of views on immigration, relationships with leaders of other religions, or in other respects? Are there significant differences between the views on immigration and immigrant integration of religious leaders and those of the rank and file members of the denominations? What is the relationship between religion and immigrants' identity?

Panelists

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio was named to lead the Brooklyn Diocese on Aug. 1, 2003, after four years as the Bishop of the Diocese of Camden. From 1998 till 2001 he chaired the Migration Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Since then he has served as chairman of the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., and in 2000 he was appointed a member of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People. Since November 2004, Bishop DiMarzio has chaired the Domestic Policy Committee of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Dr. Richard Land has served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission since 1988. During his tenure as representative for the largest Protestant denomination in the country, Dr. Land has represented Southern Baptist and other Evangelicals' concerns in the halls of Congress, before U.S. Presidents, and in the media. He is the host of three nationally syndicated radio programs: For Faith & Family, For Faith & Family's Insight, and Richard Land Live!

Dr. Peggy Levitt is Chair and Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at Wellesley College. She is also a Research Fellow at the Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations and the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University, where co-directs the Transnational Studies Initiative. Her latest book, *God Needs No Passport*, is about how immigrants are changing the American religious landscape. The New Press published it in June.

Dr. Michael Werz is a visiting scholar at the *Institute for the Study of International Migration* in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and a Transatlantic Fellow with the German Marshall Fund. Dr. Werz has served as the director of the New York office of the Hessen Universities Consortium from 2005 to 2007. He previously taught sociology at Hannover University in Germany. He is widely published on the areas of race, ethnicity, and nationalism in Europe, and his latest publication, of which he was the co-editor of, is *Changed Perceptions of the World*. His current project, an intellectual history of race, ethnicity, and immigration in the 20th Century United States will be published in late 2008.

Moderator:

Dr. Susan F. Martin holds the Donald G. Herzberg Chair in International Migration and serves as the Director of the Institute for the Study of International Migration in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. Dr. Martin is also Co-Director of the Certificate Program on Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies. Previously Dr. Martin served as the Executive Director of the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform, established by legislation to advise Congress and the President on U.S. immigration and refugee policy, and Director of Research and Programs at the Refugee Policy Group.