

'Reasonable Non-Invasiveness' and Law's Contribution to Religion as Culture

Speaker

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Bankstown Campus
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Abstract

This talk will consider the development of a legal and public rhetoric that shifts religious practice and symbols into a framing as culture and heritage.

Drawing on the Lautsi decision from the European Court of Human Rights and the Saguenay case in Quebec (now before the Canadian Supreme Court), the talk explores the notion that these practices represent universal values and as such should be accepted by all.

Biography

Lori G. Beaman, Ph.D. is the Canadian Research Chair in the Contextualization of Religion in a Diverse Canada and Professor in the Department of Classics and Religious Studies at the University of Ottawa. Her publications include: "Between the Public and the Private: Governing Religious Expression," in S. Lefebvre and L. G. Beaman (eds.), *Religion in the Public Sphere: Canadian Case Studies*, 44-65 (University of Toronto Press, 2014); "Opposing Polygamy: A Matter of Equality or Patriarchy?" in M-P.

Robert, D. Koussens, and S. Bernatchez (eds.) *Of Crime and Religion: Polygamy in Canadian Law*, 131-157 (Éditions Revue de droit de l'Université de Sherbrooke, 2014); "Reframing Understandings of Religion: Lessons from India," *IIC Quarterly* special issue "Living with Religious Diversity," 40(3&4) 2014: 35-46; "Woven Together: Advocacy and Research as Complementary," *Religion*, 44(2) 2014: 276-288; "The Will to Religion: Obligatory Religious Citizenship," *Critical Research on Religion*, 1(2) 2013: 141-157; "Battles over Symbols: The 'Religion' of the Minority Versus the 'Culture' of the Majority," *Journal of Law and Religion* 28(1) 2012/3: 101-138; *Defining Harm: Religious Freedom and the Limits of the Law* (UBC Press, 2008). She is co-editor, with Peter Beyer, of *Religion and Diversity in Canada* (Leiden: Brill Academic Press, 2008).

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