

INFORM Seminar XLV
State Reactions to Minority Religions
Saturday 20 November 2010

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9.30 – 10.00: *Registration*

10.00 – 10.10: **Welcome and Introduction**

10.10 – 10.35: **Eileen Barker** (Professor Emeritus, LSE; Chair & Honorary Director, Inform)

“Promote, Protect, Prevent or Pay no heed?”

10.35 – 11.00: **Ziya Meral** (John Crapa Fellow at the US Commission on International Religious Freedom)

“Politics of Religious Minorities in the Muslim-majority States; old challenges and new trends”

11.00 – 11.25: *Coffee*

11.25 – 11.50: **A representative of MIVILUDES** (Interministerial Mission for Monitoring and Combating Cultic Deviances) *“The Situation in France”*

11.50 – 12.15: **Cole Durham** (Professor Brigham Young University)

“Legal overview”

12.15 – 12.50: *Group Discussions*

12.50 – 13.50: *Lunch*

13.50 – 14.15: **Mike Kropveld** (Executive Director, Info-Secte, Canada)

“The Situation in Canada and the USA”

14.15 – 14.40: **Lori Beaman** (Canada Research Chair in the Contextualisation of Religion in a Diverse Canada, University of Ottawa)

“Laws of General Application’: The Legal Narrowing of Religious Freedom in Canada”

14.40 – 15.05: **Ian Reader** (Professor of Japanese Studies at the University of Manchester)

“Japanese State Reactions to New Religious Movements”

15.05 – 15.30: *Tea*

15.30 – 15.55: **Ringo Ringvee** (Ministry of Justice, Estonia)

“Reactions to New Religions by the Baltic States”

15.55 – 16.20 **Jamie Bartlett** (Senior Researcher with Demos)

“British Reactions to Radicalisation?”

16.20 – 16.50 *Panel Discussion*