

Preliminary Agenda of the Religion Revisited Conference,  
5-6 June 2009 at Heinrich Böll Foundation, Schumannstraße 8, 10117 Berlin

**Friday, June 5, 2009**

**16.30-17.00** Registration

**17.00-18.00** Welcome addresses

- Barbara Unmüßig, Heinrich Böll Foundation
- Shahra Razavi, UNRISD

**18.00-20.00** Keynote addresses and public discussion

Speakers:

- José Casanova (Georgetown University, Washington, DC): „The Politicization of Religion: Public Religions Revisited”
- Anne Phillips (London School of Economics and Political Science, London): „Religion: Ally, threat, or just religion?”

Discussants (10 min each):

- Farida Shaheed (Shirkat Gah, Pakistan)
- Agnieszka Graff (Warsaw University, Poland)

Facilitator:

- Renate Wilke Launer (Freelance Journalist, Hamburg)

**Saturday, June 6, 2009**

**10.00-11.00** Lecture

What kind of secularism for gender equality and democracy?

- Deniz Kandiyoti (University of London, UK)

**11.00-12.00** Introduction of working groups

1. Religious Feminists – Allies in the struggle for women’s rights?  
(Facilitation: Homa Hoodfar, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada)
2. Welfare provision by faith-based organizations – danger to women’s rights or necessary addition to the state?  
(Facilitation: Asef Bayat, International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, Leiden, the Netherlands)

3. Multiculturalism and Muslim immigrant women's rights and choices in Western Europe  
(Facilitation: Gökce Yurdakul, Humboldt-University Berlin)
4. Religious fundamentalisms – feminist understandings and counter strategies  
(Facilitation: Cassandra Balchin, Association for Women's Rights in Development, UK)
5. Religion, politics and family laws  
(Facilitation: tbc)

**12.00-13.00** Lunch break

**13.00-15.00 Parallel working groups**

**15.00-15.30 Poster Session** with posters prepared by the working groups presenting flow and results of their discussions

**15.30-16.00** Tea break

**16.00-18.00 “Fishbowl“ discussion**

How to challenge politicized religions in favor of women's rights and gender equality?

- Gita Sen (Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era, DAWN)
- Sindi Medar-Gould (BAOBAB, Nigeria)
- Maria Consuelo Mejia (Catholics for the Right to Decide, Mexico)
- N.N.
- Facilitation: Shahra Razavi, UNRISD

**18.00-18.15** Concluding remarks

- Barbara Unmüßig (Heinrich Böll Foundation)
- Shahra Razavi (UNRISD)

End of conference