

Religious Perspectives on Civil Life

A Ronning Centre Symposium.

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and in partnership with
King's University College and St. Mary's University College*

The symposium will allow scholars to engage each other across religious and theological perspectives. Our aim is two-fold: to deepen our understanding of the gifts, challenges, and limitations of each of our approaches to the religious perspectives on the civil life, and to engage in a substantive conversation on each of these approaches. A half-day will be devoted to each of four themes:

- How does each tradition understand the private sphere, the public sphere, and the secular?
- What are the sources within each tradition that cultivate a life-giving stance towards the other?
- What lessons can be drawn from a concrete and recent example within each tradition of its ways of responding to the struggles found in the communities of another tradition?
- How do spiritual disciplines central to each tradition prepare the faithful for active citizenship?

Symposium Schedule

Edmonton

18-19 March 2011, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day
The King's University College
9125 - 50 St NW, Edmonton

The two-day symposium in Edmonton will have the following three perspectives in conversation: the neo-Calvinism of Abraham Kuyper, the Islamic perspectives of Said Nursi, and contemporary Lutheran perspectives.

Calgary

21-22 March 2011, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day
St. Mary's University College
14500 Bannister Road SE, Calgary

The two-day symposium in Calgary will have the following three perspectives in conversation: the Islamic perspectives of Said Nursi, the Roman Catholic perspective following the Second Vatican Council, and the hesychastic tradition of Eastern Orthodoxy.

There is no cost to attend, but we ask that you register by sending your name and contact information to rebecca.warren@ualberta.ca



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