

International Religious Freedom Advocacy: A Model Syllabusⁱ

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Religious freedom matters but is imperiled. This simple proposition captures a central crucible of our age. As mounting scholarship shows, religious freedom is vital to building a future of greater peace, democracy, and thriving societies in the 21st century. Yet millions of people across the globe do not enjoy this fundamental right. Pivotal to meeting this challenge is developing a serious academic discipline focused on religious freedom in all its dimensions. This syllabus outlines the philosophical, religious, and political underpinnings of religious freedom, surveys the constituent components of its application in the contemporary world, and explores strategies to advance it in diverse settings. The outline can be used as the basis of a freestanding course, while the separate modules may be integrated as needed into other related classes.

SYLLABUS MODULES:

Global Overview

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the scope of religious freedom violations around the world.
- Provide a rationale for the academic focus on religious freedom.

Recommended Readings:

- Paul Marshall, ed., *Religious Freedom in the World* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2008).
- Timothy Samuel Shah, *Religious Freedom, Why Now?: Defending an Embattled Human Right* (Princeton, NJ: Witherspoon Institute, 2012).
- Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, "Rising Tide of Restrictions on Religion," <http://www.pewforum.org/Government/Rising-Tide-of-Restrictions-on-Religion.aspx>.

American Classic and Formative Texts

Learning Objectives:

- Analyze the relationship between persecution and freedom explored by classical theorists.
- Understand the formative arguments for greater religious toleration and free exercise
- Trace the contribution of theories of religious freedom to the grand liberal tradition.

Recommended Readings:

- Maryland Act of Toleration. Available at http://avalon.law.yale.edu/18th_century/maryland_toleratation.asp
- Rhode Island Charter. Available at http://avalon.law.yale.edu/17th_century/ri04.asp
- Roger Williams, "The Bloody Tenent of Persecution" (1644).
- William Penn, "The Great Case of Liberty of Conscience" (1670).
- John Locke, "A Letter on Toleration" (1689).
- James Madison, "Memorial and Remonstrance Against Religious Assessments" (1784).
- Thomas Jefferson, "Virginia Statute for Religious Liberty" (1786).

International Law and International Organizations

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the pivotal documents that undergird international law on religious freedom.
- Compare and contrast the legal agreements used to apply international religious freedom.
- Explore the struggles, tensions, and controversies in the application of international law and covenants.

Recommended Readings:

- Universal Declaration on Human Rights, 1948, Article 18.
- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1966, Article 18.

- European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, 1950, Article 9.
- Helsinki Accords, 1975, Article 7.
- Declaration on the Elimination of Intolerance and Discrimination based on Religion or Belief, 1981.
- European Union Charter of Fundamental Rights, 2000, Chapter II, Article 10.
- W. Cole Durham, Jr. and Brett G. Scharffs, eds., *Law and Religion: National, International, and Comparative Perspectives* (New York: Aspen Publishers, 2010), chapters 3, 5, 12 part i and ii.
- W. Cole Durham Jr., Matthew K. Richards, and Donlu D. Thayer, "The Status of and Threats to International Law on Freedom of Religion or Belief," in Allen D. Hertzke, ed., *The Future of Religious Freedom: Global Challenges* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2013).
- H. Knox Thames, Chris Seiple, and Amy Rowe, *International Religious Freedom Advocacy* (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2000), chapters 1-7.
- W. Cole Durham, "Recognizing Religious Communities in Law," *The Review of Faith & International Affairs*, 5/3 (2007): 27-40.
- Paul A. Brink, "Debating International Human Rights: The 'Middle Ground' for Religious Participants," in Dennis R. Hoover and Douglas M. Johnston, eds., *Religion and Foreign Affairs: Essential Readings* (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2012), pp. 473-480.
- David Little, "Does the Human Right to Freedom of Conscience, Religion, and Belief Have Special Status?" In Dennis R. Hoover and Douglas M. Johnston, eds., *Religion and Foreign Affairs: Essential Readings* (Waco: Baylor University Press, 2012), pp. 503-508.

For Further Reference:

- o Johan D. van der Vyver and John Witte, Jr., eds., *Religious Human Rights in Global Perspectives: Legal Perspectives* (The Hague, The Netherlands: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 1996).
- o Tore Lindholm, W. Cole Durham Jr., Bahia g. Tahzib-Lie, eds., *Facilitating Freedom of Religion or Belief: A Deskbook*. (Leiden, The Netherlands: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2004). Contains source texts for intentional religious freedom and relevant case studies.
- o Reports by the United Nation's Special Rapporteur on Religious Freedom.

Religious Freedom and Security

Learning Objectives:

- Summarize the arguments for religious freedom as a national security concern.
- Integrate these themes into the dominant models of International Relations theory and practice.

Recommended Readings:

- Thomas Farr, *World of Faith and Freedom: Why International Religious Liberty is Vital to American National Security* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008), chapter 3.
- Allen D. Hertzke, "Introduction." In Allen D. Hertzke, ed., *The Future of Religious Freedom: Global Challenges* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2013).
- Chris Seiple and Dennis R. Hoover, "Religious Freedom and Global Security," in Allen D. Hertzke, ed., *The Future of Religious Freedom: Global Challenges* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2013).
- William Inboden, "Religious Freedom and National Security: Why the U.S. Should Make the Connection," *Policy Review* 175 (October 2, 2012), <http://www.hoover.org/publications/policy-review/article/129086>.
- Brian J. Grim, "Religious Freedom: Good for What Ails Us?" *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 6/2 (Summer 2008): 3-7.
- Brian J. Grim and Roger Finke, *The Price of Freedom Denied: Religious Persecution and Conflict in the Twenty-First Century* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011), chapters 1-3, 7.
- Robert A. Seiple and Dennis R. Hoover, eds., *Religion and Security: The New Nexus in International Relations* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2004), chapters 2, 3, 9, and Conclusion.

For Further Reference:

- Chris Seiple, Dennis R. Hoover, and Pauletta Otis, eds., *Routledge Handbook of Religion and Security* (Oxford: Routledge, 2013)

Religious Freedom, Democracy, and Economic Well-being

Learning Objectives:

- Understand and analyze the connection between religious freedom and democracy.
- Explore the linkages between religious liberty and economic or social uplift.

Recommended Readings:

- Brian J. Grim, "God's Economy: Religious Freedom and Socio-Economic Well-Being," in Paul Marshall, ed., *Religious Freedom in the World* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2007).
- Lawrence E. Harrison, "Religions and Progress," chapter 4 of *The Central Religious Truth* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006).
- Theodore Malloch, "Free to Choose: Economics and Religion," in Paul Marshall, ed., *Religious Freedom in the World* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2007).
- Monica Duffy Toft, Daniel Philpott, Timothy Samuel Shah, *God's Century: Resurgent Religion and Global Politics* (New York: W.W. Norton, 2011), chapter 4.
- Alfred Stepan, "Religion, Democracy and 'The Twin Tolerations,'" *Journal of Democracy* (October 2000).
- Daniel Philpott, "In Search of the Twin Tolerations." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 6/2 (Summer 2008): 9-12.
- Special issue of *The Review of Faith & International Affairs* on "Religion and Social Welfare in Comparative Perspective," volume 7, number 3 (Fall 2009).

For Further Reference:

- *Universal Rights in a World of Religious Diversity: The Case of Religious Freedom*. Mary Ann Glendon and Hans F. Zacher, eds., (Vatican City: Pontifical Academy of the Social Sciences, 2012).

Religious Freedom, Evangelism, and Conversion

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the difference between political pluralism and religious relativism.
- Comprehend the human right to change faith and the right to attempt to peacefully persuade others to change faith, along with the sources of opposition.
- Analyze trends in apostasy and anti-conversion laws, their motivations, abuses, and their socio-political effects.

Recommended Readings:

- Universal Declaration on Human Rights, 1948, Article 18.
- John Jr. Witte "Soul Wars: New Battles, New Norms" in Dennis R. Hoover and Douglas M. Johnston, eds., *Religion and Foreign Affairs: Essential Readings*. (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2012).
- Jose Casanova, "Balancing Religious Freedom and Cultural Preservation." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 6/2 (Summer 2008): 13-15.
- Abdullah Saeed, "Ambiguities of Apostasy and the Repression of Muslim Dissent." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 9/2 (Summer 2011): 31-38.
- Louay M. Safi, "Religious Freedom and Interreligious Relations in Islam: Reflections on *Da'wah* and Quar'anic Ethics." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 9/2 (Summer 2011): 11-16.
- Abdullah Saeed and Hassan Saeed, *Freedom of Religion, Apostasy and Islam* (Aldershot, England: Ashgate, 2004), chapters 1, 6-8.

- Miroslav Volf, "Pluralism as a Political Project for Exclusivist Christians and Muslims," *The Review of Faith & International Affairs* 9/3 (Fall 2011): 51-62.
- Special issue of *The Review of Faith & International Affairs* on "Proselytism and Persecution," volume 7, number 1 (Spring 2009), <http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rfia20/7/1>.

International Religious Freedom and American Foreign Policy

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the origins and intent of American international religious freedom policy.
- Assess the success and challenges facing the implementation of that policy.

Recommended Readings:

- International Religious Freedom Act (IRFA), 1998.
- Allen D. Hertzke, *Freeing God's Children: The Unlikely Alliance for Global Human Rights* (Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2004), chapters 4, 5, and 6.
- Thomas Farr, *World of Faith and Freedom* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2008), ch 4-7.
- Thomas Farr, "Religious Freedom and International Diplomacy," in Allen D. Hertzke, ed., *The Future of Religious Freedom: Global Challenges* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming)
- H. Knox Thames, Chris Seiple, and Amy Rowe, *International Religious Freedom Advocacy* (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2000), chapter 8.
- Latest Annual Report on International Religious Freedom by United States Department of State Office of International Religious Freedom
- Latest Annual Report by the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom.

Debating American International Religious Freedom Policy

Learning Objectives:

- Compare the foundational differences and perspectives on religious freedom advocacy.
- Identify and define the main debates regarding international religious freedom policy.

Recommended Readings:

- Rosalind Hackett, Mark Silk, and Dennis R. Hoover, eds., *Religious Persecution as a U.S. Policy Issue* (Hartford, CT: Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life, 2000).
- Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, "Exporting Religion: Where the Religious Freedom Act Fails," *Commonweal* (February 26, 1999).
- Kristin Nadasdy Wuerffel, "Discriminating Among Rights?: A Nation's Legislating a Hierarchy of Human Rights in the Context of International Human Rights Customary Law," *Valparaiso University Law Review* (Fall 1998).
- Michael Horowitz, "Cry Freedom: Forget 'Quiet Diplomacy' – It Doesn't Work," *Christianity Today* (March 2003).
- T. Jeremy Gunn, "Full of Sound and Fury: Polemics at Home and Abroad Does Not Prevent Religious Persecution," *Christianity Today* (March 2003).
- The Horowitz-Gunn debate, Part II, *Christianity Today* (April 2003).
- Robert Seiple, "Religious Freedom: How are We Doing?" *Christianity Today* (October 2001).
- Thomas F. Farr, "The Trouble with American Foreign Policy and Islam." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 9/2 (Summer 2011): 65-73.
- Nina Shea, "The Origins and Legacy of the Movement to Fight Religious Persecution." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 6/2 (Summer 2008): 25-31.
- Laura Bryant Hanford, "The International Religious Freedom Act: Sources, Policy, and Influence." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 6/2 (Summer 2008): 33-39.
- Allen D. Hertzke, "International Religious Freedom Policy: Taking Stock." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 6/2 (Summer 2008): 17-23.

- Robert A. Seiple, "Methodology, Metrics, and Moral Imperatives in Religious Freedom Diplomacy." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 6/2 (Summer 2008): 53-56.
- The Imminent Frame at <http://blogs.ssrc.org/tif/religious-freedom/>. See especially:
 - o William Inboden, "A Valuation of Religious Freedom" (2 April 2010)
 - o Allen D. Hertzke, "Beware the Unstated Assumptions" (3 March 2010)
 - o Thomas F. Farr, "Where Lies Wisdom, Where Folly?" (14 February 2011)
 - o Abdullahi An-Na'im, "'Good Intentions' Alone are not Good Enough!" (1 March 2010)

Advocacy Strategies

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the practical challenges facing religious freedom advocates.
- Identify and define the models and strategies employed in religious freedom advocacy, including their historical antecedents and major actors.

Recommended Readings:

- Allen D. Hertzke, "Urgent Questions and Strategic Models for Religious Freedom Advocacy," *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 10/3 (Fall 2012).
- Michael Bourdeaux, "Pioneering Religious Freedom Advocacy Behind the Iron Curtain: Lessons and Legacies," *The Review of Faith & International Affairs* 10/3 (Fall 2012).
- Angela Wu Howard, "Lessons in Leveraging Legal Protection for Religious Liberty," *The Review of Faith & International Affairs* 10/3 (Fall 2012).
- Greg Mitchell, "Advocacy Coalitions and Legislative Lobbying for International Religious Freedom," *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 10/3 (Fall 2012).
- Ziya Meral, "International Religious Freedom Advocacy in the Field: Challenges, Effective Strategies, and the Road Ahead," *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 10/3 (Fall 2012).
- Chris Seiple, "Building Religious Freedom: A Theory of Change," *The Review of Faith & International Affairs* 10/3 (Fall 2012).
- Elizabeth A., Sewell "Facilitation of Freedom of Religion or Belief through NGOs", in Tore Lindholm, W. Cole Durham Jr., Bahia g. Tahzib-Lie, eds., *Facilitating Freedom of Religion or Belief: A Deskbook*. (Leiden, The Netherlands: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2004).
- H. Knox Thames, Chris Seiple, and Amy Rowe, *International Religious Freedom Advocacy: A Guide to Organizations, Law, and NGOs* (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2009), chapters 9-12.

Judaism and Religious Freedom

Learning Objectives:

- Understand and evaluate the ways that Jewish history and thought inform foundations and advocacy of International Religious Freedom.
- Identify the particular challenges and responses of Jewish advocacy for religious freedom.

Recommending Readings:

- David Novak, "Religious Human Rights in Judaic Texts," in John Witte, et al, eds., *Religious Human Rights in Global Perspective: Religious Perspectives* (The Hague, The Netherlands: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 1996).
- Michael Broyde, "Forming Religious Communities and Respecting Dissenters' Rights: A Jewish Tradition for a Modern Society," in John Witte, et al, eds., *Religious Human Rights in Global Perspective: Religious Perspectives* (The Hague, The Netherlands: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 1996).
- Irwin Cotler, "Jewish NGOs and Human Rights," in John Witte, et al, eds., *Religious Human Rights in Global Perspective: Religious Perspectives* (The Hague, The Netherlands: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 1996).
- Felice Gaer, "If Not Now, When?": Jewish Advocacy for Freedom of Religion," *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 10/3 (Fall 2012).

Orthodox Christianity and Religious Freedom

Learning Objectives:

- Understand and evaluate the ways that Orthodox history and thought inform foundations and advocacy of International Religious Freedom.
- Identify the particular challenges and responses of Orthodox advocacy for religious freedom.

Recommending Readings:

- Elizabeth Prodromou, "International Religious Freedom and the Challenges of Proselytism", in Aristotle Papanikolaou and Elizabeth H. Prodromou, eds., *Thinking Through Faith: New Perspectives from Orthodox Christian Scholars* (Crestwood, NY: St. Vladimir's, 2008).
- Elizabeth Prodromou, "The Ambivalent Orthodox," *Journal of Democracy* 15/ 2 (April 2004): 62-75.
- John A. McGuckin, "The Issue of Human Rights in Byzantium and the Orthodox Christian Tradition," in John Witte and Frank Alexander, eds., *Christianity and Human Rights: An Introduction* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), pp. 173-190.
- Christopher Marsh, "Eastern Orthodoxy and the Fusion of National and Spiritual Security," in Chris Seiple, Dennis R. Hoover, and Pauletta Otis, eds., *Routledge Handbook of Religion and Security* (Oxford: Routledge, 2013), pp. 22-32.
- Aristotle Papanikolaou, "Byzantium, Orthodoxy, and Democracy," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 71/1(2003): 75-98.

Protestantism and Religious Freedom

Learning Objectives:

- Understand and evaluate the ways that Protestant history and thought inform foundations and advocacy of International Religious Freedom.
- Identify the particular challenges and responses of Protestant advocacy for religious freedom.

Recommending Readings:

- Robert D. Woodberry, "The Missionary Roots of Liberal Democracy." *American Political Science Review* 106/2 (2012): 244-274.
- Robert Dudley Woodberry and Timothy Samuel Shah, "The Pioneering Protestants," *Journal of Democracy* 15 (2004): 47-61.
- Martin Luther – "On secular Authority" in Harro Höpfl, ed., *Luther and Calvin on Secular Authority* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991)
- John Calvin – "On Civil Government" in Harro Höpfl, ed., *Luther and Calvin on Secular Authority* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1991)
- John Leland – "The Rights of Conscience Inalienable", 1791.
- Philip Wogaman, *Protestant Faith and Religious Liberty* (Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 1967).
- John Witte and Frank Alexander, eds., *Christianity and Human Rights: An Introduction* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010), chapters 6 and 7.
- Statements by Protestant Advocacy Groups:
 - o World Council of Churches: Commission of the Churches on International Affairs. Advocates for Universal Human Rights and Religious Freedom as a broad Protestant coalition. Information at <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/who-are-we/organization-structure/consultative-bodies/international-affairs.html>
 - o National Association of Evangelicals: Public Policy. Advocates for religious freedom in the U.S. and abroad. Information at <http://www.nae.net/government-relations>.
 - o World Evangelical Alliance: Religious Liberty Commission. Advocates for global religious freedom in line with United Nations Declaration on Human Rights and Protestant interpretations of the Christian Bible. Information at

<http://www.worldevangelicals.org/commissions/rlc/>. See also WEA's journal, the "International Journal for Religious Freedom"

- World Baptist Alliance: Freedom and Justice. Information at <http://www.bwanet.org/programs/freedom-and-justice/religious-freedom>

Roman Catholicism and Religious Freedom since Vatican II

Learning Objectives:

- Understand and evaluate the ways that Catholic history and thought inform foundations and advocacy of International Religious Freedom.
- Identify the particular challenges and responses of Catholic advocacy for religious freedom.

Recommending Readings:

- *Nostra Aetate* (Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions, 1965)
- *Dignitatis Humanae* (Declaration on Religious Freedom, Second Vatican Council, 1965)
- David Alton, "Roman Catholic Responses to Religious Persecution." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 3/3 (Winter 2005-2006): 11-17.
- Thomas F. Farr, "Religious Realism in Foreign Policy: Lessons from Vatican II." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 3/3 (Winter 2005-2006): 25-34.
- Allen D. Hertzke, "Roman Catholicism and the Faith-Based Movement for Global Human Rights." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 3/3 (Winter 2005-2006): 19-24.
- Kenneth L. Grasso and Robert P. Hunt, "*Dignitatis Humanae* and the Catholic Human Rights Revolution." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 3/3 (Winter 2005-2006): 3-10.
- Robert P. George and William L. Saunders, Jr., "Dignitatis Humanae: The Freedom of the Church and the Responsibility of the State," in K.Grasso, et al., *Catholicism and Religious Freedom: Contemporary Reflections on Vatican II's Declaration on Religious Liberty* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2006).
- Robert P. George and William L. Saunders, Jr., "*Dignitatis Humanae*: The Freedom of the Church and the Responsibility of the State," in K.Grasso, et al, *Catholicism and Religious Freedom: Contemporary Reflections on Vatican II's Declaration on Religious Liberty* (Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield, 2006)
- John Courtney Murray, "The American Proposition," in *We Hold These Truths: Catholic Reflections on the American Proposition* (Kansas City, MO: Sheed and Ward, 1960).
- Kevin J. Hasson, "Religious Liberty and Human Dignity: A Tale of Two Declarations," in Dennis R. Hoover and Douglas M. Johnston, eds., *Religion and Foreign Affairs: Essential Readings* (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2012), pp. 481-488.
- Stephen Colecchi, "The Advocacy of the U.S. Catholic Bishops for International Religious Freedom," *The Review of Faith & International Affairs* 10/3 (Fall 2012).

Islam and Religious Freedom

Learning Objectives:

- Understand and evaluate the ways that Muslim history and thought inform foundations and advocacy of International Religious Freedom.
- Identify the particular challenges and responses of Muslim advocacy for religious freedom.

Recommending Readings:

- Zainab Al-Suwaij, "The Civil Rights Model: Applying the "Montgomery Method" to the Middle East," *The Review of Faith & International Affairs* 10/3 (Fall 2012).
- Abdullahi Ahmed, An-Na'im, "Islamic Foundations of Religious Human Rights" in John Witte, Jr. and Johan D. van der Vyver, ed., *Religious Human Rights In Global Perspective: Religious Perspectives*. (The Hague, The Netherlands: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 1996).
- Abdullah bin Hamid Ali, "Preserving the Freedom for Faith: Reevaluating the Politics of Compulsion." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 9/2 (Summer 2011): 3-9.

- Paul Marshall, "Exporting Blasphemy Restrictions: The Organization of the Islamic Conference and the United Nations." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 9/2 (Summer 2011): 57-63.
- Ziya Meral, "The Politics of Religious Minorities in Muslim-Majority States: Old Challenges and New Trends." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 9/2 (Summer 2011): 25-30.
- John Musselman, "American Muslims: A (New) Islamic Discourse on Religious Freedom." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 9/2 (Summer 2011): 17-24.
- Asma T. Uddin, "Blasphemy Laws in Muslim Majority Countries." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 9/2 (Summer 2011): 57-63.
- Mark S. Weiner, "Religious Freedom and the Rule of the Clan in Muslim Societies." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 9/2 (Summer 2011): 39-45.
- Recep Şentürk, "Human Rights in Islamic Jurisprudence: Why Should All Human Beings Be Inviolable?," in Allen D. Hertzke, ed., *The Future of Religious Freedom: Global Challenges* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming).
- Asma Afsaruddin, "Making the Case for Religious Freedom within the Islamic Tradition." *The Review of Faith and International Affairs* 6/2 (Summer 2008): 57-60.

Asian Religions and Religious Freedom

Learning Objectives:

- Understand and evaluate the ways that history and thought of Asian religious traditions inform foundations and advocacy of International Religious Freedom.
- Identify the particular challenges and responses of the various Asian religious traditions in religious freedom advocacy.

Recommending Readings:

- Dali Lama, "Buddhism, Asian Values, and Democracy," in *World Religions and Democracy*. Ed by Larry Diamond, Marc F. Plattner, and Philip J. Costopoulos (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2005)
- Francis Fukuyama, "Confucianism and Democracy," in *World Religions and Democracy*. Ed by Larry Diamond, Marc F. Plattner, and Philip J. Costopoulos (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins, 2005)
- Aung San Suu Kyi, "Burma's Quest for Democracy," in *World Religions and Democracy*. Ed by Larry Diamond, Marc F. Plattner, and Philip J. Costopoulos (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins, 2005)
- Stephen Bailey, "Ritual, Relationship, and Religious Liberty in Laos," *The Review of Faith & International Affairs*, 2/1 (2004): 3-10.
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