

Headscarves and Holy Days: Should the Law Make Exceptions?

A Panel Discussion about Religious Freedom

moderated by Erik Owens, Assistant Director of the
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Leah Farish

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The recipient of American University's 2005 Mary Beth Tinker Award for defending the right of a Muslim girl to wear a headscarf in an Oklahoma public school, Farish has also represented other Muslims in connection with First Amendment issues.



Marci Hamilton

Professor of Public Law, Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University

In *God vs. the Gavel: Religion and the Rule of Law*, Hamilton contends that not all religious conduct deserves constitutional protection. She also successfully argued against the Religious Freedom Restoration Act in the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case *Boerne v. Flores* (1997).



Jytte Klausen

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For her recent book *The Islamic Challenge: Politics and Religion in Western Europe*, Klausen interviewed more than 300 European Muslim leaders; her next book examines the explosive reaction to the publication of Danish cartoons about the Prophet Muhammad.

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