

Religion and Philanthropy: traditions, practices and anthropological context

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Philanthropy and Religion in Judaism and Christianity

11/03/2008

b. 10 a.m. – 1. p.m.

Introduction on the history of the relationship between philanthropy and religion in Judaism and Christianity.

12/03/2008

b. 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

a) Jewish philanthropy in the Bible: the Agriculture laws as "divine" tools aiming at the social adjustment and at the redistribution of the crop. Jewish philanthropy in the Profets' vision and in the rabbi literature in the period of the mishnah.

b) Social ideas and the philanthropic regimes in Early Christianity during the collapse of the Roman Empire (patristic thoughts and practices).

12/03/2008

b. 2 -4 p.m.

a) Philanthropy in the Jewish Diaspora and the evolution of the Agrcolture Laws. The emergence of Maimonides system in the medieval communities (the "eight degrees").

b) The crisis of the monastic model during the Barbaric invasion, the re-birth of the cities, the revival of merchant economy, and the origins of beggar orders' philanthropy.

13/03/2008

b. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- a) The philanthropic regime in the Protestant thought as a consequence of the secularization of the religious assets. The Lutheran, Anglican, and Calvinist solution. And the Catholic response.
- b) The laic (secular) evolution of Protestant philanthropic regimes and the clerical involution in Catholic countries.

14/03/2008

b. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- a) Jewish philanthropy from the separated community (ghetto) to the achieved citizenship with the emancipation and the charitable projects to the society.
- b) The transformation of philanthropy in American hebraism as a consequence of of the migrations from Eastern Europe after 1882. From havurot to foundations

17/03/2008

b. 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.

- a) Philanthropy as the "good" betrayal of the religious, colonial, and national task.
- b) The problems linked to the secularization of philanthropy and the dispersion of the religious principle in the humanitarian action.

Prtofessor Dina Sherif

From Charity to Change: Key Trends on Arab Philanthropy

10/03/2008

b. 10 a.m. – 13 p.m.

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Professor Ersilia Francesca

Some issues about Islamic Philanthropy

26/03/2008

b. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Zakàt in Contemporary Muslim Countries: Interpretation and Assessment

26/03/2008

b. 2-5 p.m.

Workshop/Discussion: Islamic economics and Islamic subeconomy – Islamism/fundamentalism and economics

27/03/2008

b. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The elimination of poverty in an Islamic perspective. Challenges and strategies

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