2010 Journalists & Editors Workshop Overview

LACC's 28th Annual Journalists & Editors Workshop brought together prominent journalists and scholars from the US, Colombia, Brazil, Argentina, France, and Mexico to examine religion in the Americas and the role of media in the formation of policy and public understanding related to religion.

Panels explored issues related to representations and misrepresentations of religion in the media; religions vis-à-vis issues of human rights and gender; religion and migration and displacement; and the use of communication and media tools by different religions to influence the economic, socio-political and ideological landscape.

The Workshop featured Colombian journalist and expert in communications ethics, **Javier Darío Restrepo**, as keynote speaker. An award-winning journalist and author with more than 5 decades of experience, Mr. Restrepo is an affiliate of Medios para la Paz and Fundación Nuevo Periodismo Iberoamericano, founded by **Gabriel García Márquez** in 1994.

Panelists included **Philip Williams**, University of Florida; **Margaret E. Crahan**, Columbia University and the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights; **Michael Camilleri**, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, OAS; **Maria José Rosado**, Pontifical Catholic University of Sao Paulo; **Bill Mitchell**, Poynter Institute; **Zidane Zeraoui**, Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico; **Amparo Beltrán**, Latin American Centre for Popular Communication (CEPALC); **June Carolyn Erlick**, Harvard University; **José María Mayrink**, O Estado de Sao Paulo; **Leonardo Ferreira**, University of Miami; **Pedro Brieger**, Canal 7 Argentina and University of Buenos Aires; **John Tofic Karam**, DePaul University, and **Terry Rey** from Temple University. The Workshop also featured a special address on the issue of identity and the emergence of European Islam by **Dr. Guillermo Uribe** from Grenoble University, France.

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