



Seminar on

GLOBAL POLITICS AND GLOBAL RELIGION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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11:30 – 13:00 pm

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Introduction MICHELE COMELLI, Senior Fellow, IAI

Presentation SCOTT THOMAS, Senior Lecturer in International Relations, University of Bath; Visiting Fellow, LUISS University, Rome

The lecture will briefly survey some of the main trends in global religion and how they affect politics in different regions of the world. The lecture will also focus on what this means for Europe and for Europeans as they engage with the global South and will raise the issue of how Europeans might discuss religious freedom differently than the Americans.

Dr. Scott M. Thomas currently lectures in International Relations in the Department of Politics, Languages, and International Studies, University of Bath, and is a research fellow at Heythrop College, University of London. He has taught at universities in the United States, Switzerland, and South Africa. He has published widely on the role of religion in international relations today. Dr. Thomas' publications include *The Global Resurgence of Religion and the Transformation of International Relations* (PalgraveMacmillan, 2005).