

**Challenges and Opportunities:  
Religious Freedom Development in the Sphere of Law**

**Conference – Yerevan, Armenia – 14-16 May 2015**

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

The local organizing committee is pleased to announce a conference on law and religion which will be held in Yerevan at the American University of Armenia, Thursday May 14-Saturday, May 16, 2015, titled “Challenges and Opportunities: Religious Freedom Development in the Sphere of Law.” The conference will focus predominantly on legal and policy issues affecting religious freedom in Eastern Europe.

This international conference will be dedicated to the challenges and opportunities regarding religious freedom in the experience of Eastern European countries. A quarter of century since the collapse of Soviet Union, there are still many issues in the development of law and legal procedures in the religious sphere as well as their application in practical life in many of the former Soviet Republics. We anticipate that the academic discussion of these challenges will have practical significance not only for scholars but also for practitioners and lawyers in the development of comprehensive draft laws and other legal tools.

All scholars interested in the study of Law and Religion (preference shall be given to scholars from Eastern Europe and former Soviet Republics) are invited to submit proposals of no more than 250 words and short bios by 15 March 2015. These can be submitted electronically to [hovhannes.hovhannisyan@gmail.com](mailto:hovhannes.hovhannisyan@gmail.com)

The language for presentations is English, Russian, or Armenian. A number of speakers will be commissioned for the program.

Travel support may be available for those whose papers are selected.

Participants will present their papers in panel sessions (20 minutes in English) and will afterwards submit an article to for possible inclusion in a publication. The aim of the organizer is to publish a selection of articles presented at the conference.

Thanking you in advance for your interest and for the wider dissemination of this information, we remain at your disposal for all further questions.