

RELIGION, ECONOMICS, AND CULTURE*

Salt Lake City, Utah
November 1-3, 2002

A series of thematic sessions at the *Meetings of Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*

Including a special session honoring
Nobel Laureate Gary S. Becker

Thursday:

8:30-10:00pm Kickoff Reception & Welcome

Friday:

8:30-10:00 **Religious Markets – International Perspectives**
(Gill, Gwin & North, Froese)
10:15-11:45 **Charting Religious Trends**
(Everton, Iannaccone, Bisin)
1:15-2:45 **Religion and the Family**
(Lehrer, Haraldson, Grossbard-Schechtman)

Saturday:

8:30-10:00 **The Political Economy of Islam**
(Kuran, Berman, Warner)
10:15-11:45 **Religion, Political Economy, and Society**
(Barro, McCleary, Montgomery)

Luncheon: **TANSTAAFL Lunch for Religion and Economics**

1:15-2:45 **Religion and Social Capital**
(Woodberry, Khoury & Panizza, Schlicht, Levy & Pert)
3:00-4:30 **Gary Becker and the Economic Approach
to the Study of Religion**
(Iannaccone, Chiswick, Lehrer, Becker)

Sunday:

8:00-9:30 **The Economics of Judaism**
(B. Chiswick, C. Chiswick, Rappaport & Weiss)

Religious Markets – International Perspectives

Friday, 8:30 – 10:00 [A7] Meeting Room: Alpine West

Convener: Carolyn Warner, Arizona State University

- *Welfare Spending and Religious Participation: Explaining the Uruguayan Paradox in Cross-National Perspective.* Anthony Gill and Erik Lundsgaarde, University of Washington
- *Religious Freedom and the Unintended Consequences of the Establishment of Religion.* Carl R. Gwin and Charles North, Baylor University
- *The Rationality of Faith: Evidence from the Soviet Union.* Paul Froese, University of Washington

Discussant: Carolyn Warner, Arizona State University

Charting Religious Trends

Friday, 10:15 – 11:45 (B9) Meeting Room: Ballroom

Convener/Discussant: Kevin Dougherty, Calvin College

- *Visual Analysis of Religious Trends: The Case Women's Ordination,* Sean Everton, Stanford University
- *Looking Backward: Twentieth Century Religious Trends across Thirty Nations.* Laurence Iannaccone, George Mason University
- *Religious Education, Conversions, and the Growth of Religious Denominations.* Alberto Bisin, New York University, and Giorgio Topa, New York University

Religion and the Family

Friday, 1:15 – 2:45 [C10] Meeting Room: Alpine West

Convener: Robert Stonebraker, Winthrop University

- *The Role of Religion on Entry into Cohabitation and Marriage: An Economic Perspective.* Evelyn Lehrer, University of Illinois-Chicago
- *Does Religion Influence the Labor Supply of Women in Sweden? Bengt Haraldsson, Göteborg University, and Per-Ola Maneschiöld, U. Skövde*
- *Competitive Marriage Markets and Jewish law.* Shoshanna Grossbard-Schechtman, San Diego State University and Columbia University.

Discussant: Doug Allen, Simon Fraser University

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The Political Economy of Islam

Saturday, 8:30 – 10:00 [E10] Meeting Room: Canyon I

Convener/Discussant: Guity Nashat-Becker, University of Illinois -Chicago

- *The Economic Ascent of the Middle East's Religious Minorities: The Role of Islamic Legal Pluralism.* Timur Kuran, University of Southern California
- *Hamas, Taliban, and the Jewish Underground: An Economist's View of Radical Religious Militias.* Eli Berman, Rice University
- *Organizing Islam for Politics in Western Europe.* Carolyn M. Warner, Arizona State University, Manfred Wenner

Religion, Political Economy, and Society

Saturday, 10:15 – 11:45 [F7] Meeting Room: Topaz

Convener: Katherine Meyer, Ohio State University

- *Religion and Political Economy in an International Panel.* Robert Barro and Rachel McCleary, Harvard University
- *Salvation, Damnation, and Economic Incentives.* Rachel McCleary, Harvard University
- *A Formalization and Test of the Religious Economies Model.* James Montgomery, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Discussants: Robert Woodberry, UNC, and Darren Sherkat, So. Illinois Univ.

"TANSTAAFL" Luncheon for Religion and Economics

Saturday, 12:00 – 1:00, Grand Ballroom A

Religion and Social Capital

Saturday, 1:15 – 2:45 [G10] Meeting Room: Canyon III

Convener/Discussant: Carrie A. Miles

- *Religious Liberty, Education, and Economic development.* Robert Woodberry, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
- *Social Mobility and Religion: Evidence from Individual-Level Data.* Marianne El Khoury, the World Bank, and Ugo Panizza, Inter-American Development Bank
- *Religion as an Intervening Variable.* Ekkehart Schlicht, University of Munich
- *Who are the Canters? Evangelicals and Evangelicals in Coalition.* David Levy, George Mason University, and Sandra Peart, Baldwin-Wallace College

Gary Becker and the Economic Approach to Religion

Saturday, 3:00 – 4:30 [H8] Meeting Room: Ballroom

Organizer / Convener: Laurence Iannaccone, George Mason University

Comments:

- Barry Chiswick, University of Illinois -Chicago
- Laurence Iannaccone, George Mason University
- Evelyn Lehrer, University of Illinois -Chicago

Response: Gary S. Becker, University of Chicago

The Economics of Judaism

Sunday, 8:00 – 9:30 [I10] Meeting Room: Alpine West

Organizer / Convener: Carmel Chiswick, University of Illinois -Chicago

- *American Jewry: An Economic Perspective and Research Agenda.* Barry Chiswick, University of Illinois -Chicago
- *Judaism in the United States and Israel: Comparative Economics.* Carmel Chiswick, University of Illinois -Chicago
- *In-Group Cooperation in a Hostile Environment: An Economic Perspective on Some Aspects of Jewish Life in (Pre-Modern) Diaspora.* Hillel Rapoport, Stanford University/Bar-Ilan University, and Avi Weiss, Bar-Ilan University

Discussants: Evelyn Lehrer, University of Illinois -Chicago and Eli Berman, Rice University

* * * EVENING EVENTS AT THE SSSR/RRA * * *

The SSSR/RRA meetings offer unique opportunities to interact with religious researchers from many different fields. See the SSSR/RRA program for a complete listing of events and sessions, including the following evening events.

Thursday:

6:00 – 9:00
8:30 – 10:00

Registration
Kickoff Reception and Welcome

Friday:

5:00 – 6:15
6:30

RRA Presidential Address
Reception

Saturday:

5:00 – 6:15
6:30
7:00

SSSR Presidential Plenary
Cash Bar
Banquet Dinner and Awards Ceremony