

Group Religious Freedom: A Workshop at the University of Oxford

Centre for Law and Religious Freedom at the Department of Roman Law,
Jagiellonian University in Kraków
Religious Freedom Clinic at Harvard Law School

Oxford, 2–3 September 2025

Organizers: Grzegorz J. Blicharz, Franciszek Longchamps de Brier,
Josh McDaniel, Eric Rassbach

Tuesday, 2 September 2025

Oriel College, University of Oxford, Music Room

9:00 Opening remarks – Grzegorz J. Blicharz

9:10 – 10:40 First Session

Presenter: Lael Weinberger: *How Corporations Became Private: Churches, Charters, and Corporate Rights in the Early American Republic*

Discussant: Eric Rassbach

10:40 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Second Session

Presenter: Parker Knight: *Religious Institutions and Conceptions of Freedom*

Discussant: Grzegorz J. Blicharz

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00 Third Session

Presenter: Edward David: *Modeling Justice and Group Religious Freedom*

Discussant: Parker Knight

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee break

15:15 – 16:45 Fourth Session

Presenter: Nazila Ghanea: *Death Rites and Freedom of Religion or Belief*

Discussant: Franciszek Longchamps de Bérrier

Workshop adjourns for the day

18:00 – University College tour

Wednesday, 3 September 2025

Oriel College, University of Oxford, Music Room

9:00 – 10:30 Fifth Session

Presenter: Michael Moreland: *Church Autonomy and Unconstitutional Conditions*

Discussant: Josh McDaniel

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Sixth Session

Presenter: Todd Zywicki: *Civil Society and the Boy Scouts: The Importance of Religious Group Rights in a Free Society*

Discussant: Eric Rassbach

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 13:45 Final remarks – Josh McDaniel

14:00 – 16:00 Oriel College Tour and Bodleian Library Tour

Workshop adjourns

Organized in collaboration with:

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