Preliminary Agenda of the Religion Revisted Conference,
5-6 June 2009 at Heinrich Böll Foundation, Schumannstraße 8, 10117 Berlin

Friday, June 5, 2009

16.30-17.00 Registration

17.00-18.00 Welcome addresses

- Barbara Unmüßig, Heinrich Böll Foundation
- Shahra Razavi, UNRISD

18.00-20.00 Keynote addresses and public discussion
Speakers:

- José Casanova (Georgetown University, Washington, DC): „The Politicization of Religion: Public Religions Revisited”
- Anne Phillips (London School of Economics and Political Science, London): „Religion: Ally, threat, or just religion?”

Discussants (10 min each):

- Farida Shaheed (Shirkat Gah, Pakistan)
- Agnieszka Graff (Warsaw University, Poland)

Facilitator:

- Renate Wilke Launer (Freelance Journalist, Hamburg)

Saturday, June 6, 2009

10.00-11.00 Lecture
What kind of secularism for gender equality and democracy?

- Deniz Kandiyoti (University of London, UK)

11.00-12.00 Introduction of working groups

1. Religious Feminists – Allies in the struggle for women’s rights?  
   (Facilitation: Homa Hoodfar, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada)
2. Welfare provision by faith-based organizations – danger to women’s rights or necessary addition to the state?  
   (Facilitation: Asef Bayat, International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, Leiden, the Netherlands)
3. Multiculturalism and Muslim immigrant women’s rights and choices in Western Europe
   (Facilitation: Gökce Yurdakul, Humboldt-University Berlin)
4. Religious fundamentalisms – feminist understandings and counter strategies
   (Facilitation: Cassandra Balchin, Association for Women’s Rights in Development, UK)
5. Religion, politics and family laws
   (Facilitation: tbc)

12.00-13.00 Lunch break

13.00-15.00 Parallel working groups

15.00-15.30 Poster Session with posters prepared by the working groups presenting flow and results of their discussions

15.30-16.00 Tea break

16.00-18.00 “Fishbowl“ discussion
How to challenge politicized religions in favor of women’s rights and gender equality?

- Gita Sen (Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era, DAWN)
- Sindi Medar-Gould (BAOBAB, Nigeria)
- Maria Consuelo Mejia (Catholics for the Right to Decide, Mexico)
- N.N.
- Facilitation: Shahra Razavi, UNRISD

18.00-18.15 Concluding remarks

- Barbara Unmüßig (Heinrich Böll Foundation)
- Shahra Razavi (UNRISD)

End of conference