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WORKSHOP:

**‘Illegal’ Covering: Comparative Perspectives on Legal
and Social Discourses on Religious Diversity**

Coordinators: Valérie Amirault (*Canada*)
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17 – 18 May 2012

Final Programme

Organizers:

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Thursday 17 May 2012

09,00-09,15

Registration at the the IISL office

09,15-11,00

Welcome and Introduction

Introduction by the IISL and the coordinators: Valérie Amirault and Pascale Fournier

Plenary Lectures:

Headscarves, Hairstyles and Culture as a Civil Right: a critique

Richard T. Ford

“For your eyes only”: Regulating women’s visibility through law

Lori G. Beaman

11,15-12,30

**Panel 1: Veiling, Discrimination and Freedom of Religion in Europe and
Canada**

Discussant: Robert Leckey

“What’s in a Face?” Canadian Curtailments of Niqab-Wearing Women

Natasha Bakht

Illegal Covering in Law and Politics: The British Experience

Maleiha Malik

Thursday 17 May 2012 (continuation)

12,30

Lunch

14,30-16,15

Panel 2: "Performing" the Other: The Effect of Burqa Bans on Women's Subjectivities

Discussant: Pascale Fournier

Covering and 'Covering': Queer Reflections on the Construction of Non-religious Muslim Women

Robert Leckey

YouTube and Belonging: Visual Media and the Constitution of Muslim Women's Legal Subjectivities

Suzanne Bouclin

Burqa Bans and the Enforced Performance of Visibility

Valerie Behiery

19,30

Welcome reception at the Residence

Friday 18 May 2012

09,15-11,00

Panel 3: Burka Bashing: National Specificities or Global Narratives?

Discussant: Valérie Amiraux

Hijab, Niqab and Disability: Examining the Role of Ableist Discourse in the Promotion of Veil Bans

Samantha Feder

Unveiling the Truth: why 32 Muslim women wear the Full-Face Veil in France with comparative perspective with the UK debate

Naïma Bouteldja

Being Neutral While Fighting Against the Burqa? French Secularism Under Pressure

David Koussens

11,15-13,00

Panel 4: Public Arenas and Public Controversies: Law's Powerful Gaze

Discussant: Prakash Shah

Illegal covering in public spaces: the Belgian case

Emmanuelle Bribosia and Isabelle Rorive

Religious clothing and symbols in modern Spain: a legal approach to their limits

Aniceto Masferrer

The "headrag tax": impossible laws and the framing of public controversies

Anna Korteweg

Friday 18 May 2012 (continuation)

13,00 Concluding Remarks

Pascale Fournier and Valérie Amiraux

13,30

Lunch

15,30 Departure for Donostia - San Sebastián

Free time

23,00 Return to Oñati