

## AGS Seminar on Religion and International Relations

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### “Religion and State: A Troubled Relation”

3-4 February 2017, in Paris

#### Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

- 5:30**      **Welcome**
- 6:00**      **Opening ceremony:**  
**Dr. Eileen Servidio-Delabre**, President of the American Graduate School in Paris
- 6:10**      **Student welcome:**  
**Alexander Ybarra-Rojas**, Master’s Candidate, American Graduate School in Paris
- 6:20-7:20** **Presentation:**  
**Christophe Grannec**, Researcher, GSRL-CNRS (France)  
**Manlio Graziano**, Professor, American Graduate School in Paris
- 7:20-8:00** **Debate**

#### Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Moderator: Ambassador Michael Einik, AGS**

- 10:00**      **Welcome**
- 10:30**      **Presentation and debate:**  
**Sophie-Hélène Trigeaud**, Professor, University of Kent (UK), Religion, NGO’s and UN:  
*“Visible and Invisible Actors in Power”*  
**Sabrina Pastorelli**, Researcher, GSRL-CNRS (France):  
*“Religion in Public Sphere in Europe, Recent and Current Debate”*  
**Sara Colantonio**, Doctorate Student, Sapienza University (Italy):  
*“The Ambiguous Relation between State and Muslim Organizations in Italy”*
- 12:30-1:30 Break (lunch at AGS)*
- 1:30-4:00** **Student Presentations and debate**  
**Ramy Aziz**, Doctorate Student, Sapienza University (Italy)  
*“The Relationship Between Politics and Religion in Saudi Arabia and the Implications for International Relations”*  
**Alexander Ybarra-Rojas**, American Graduate School in Paris (France)  
*“Politics and Religion in Nicaragua”*  
**Mohamed Tharwat**, Université Paris-Sud (France):  
*“The Religious Institutions and the State in Egypt”*  
**Abdenaceur Chaili**, Université Paris-Sud (France):  
*“How French Laïcité Became a Militant Secularism”*

**Space is limited. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to : [rsvp@ags.edu](mailto:rsvp@ags.edu)**