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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, 26 March 2004

8:30 am **REGISTRATION**

9:00 am **WELCOME**

T. N. Srinivasan

Samuel C. Park, Jr. Professor of Economics, and
Chair, South Asian Studies Council, Yale University

9:10 am **SESSION I**

Chair: **Francine Frankel**, University of Pennsylvania

“Is Secularism Alien to Indian Civilization?”

Romila Thapar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Discussant: **Shyam Sunder**, Yale University

10:30 am **BREAK** (coffee, tea, and refreshments in Room 305)

10:45 am **SESSION II**

Chair: **Francine Frankel**, University of Pennsylvania

“The Shifting *Qiblah*: Islamisation Under General Zia Ul Haq and Secularism Under General Musharraf: The Pakistani Experience”

Fakir Syed Aijazuddin,
Lahore School of Accountancy, Pakistan

Discussant: **Mahmood Monshipouri**,
Quinnipiac University

12:15 pm **LUNCH** (in Room 305)

1:15 pm **SESSION III**

Chair: **Dani Rodrik**, Harvard University

“When Secularism Opposes Nationalism: The Case of the Former Yugoslavia”

Amila Buturovic, York University, Canada

Discussant: **Michael Holquist**, Yale University

2:45 pm **BREAK** (coffee, tea, and refreshments in Room 305)

3:00 pm **SESSION IV**

Chair: **Dani Rodrik**, Harvard University

**“The Blindness of Insight: Why Communalism is
About Caste”**

Dilip Menon, Yale University and University of Delhi

Discussant: **S. N. Sridhar**, SUNY-Stony Brook

4:30 pm **THE FUTURE OF SECULARISM: A Panel Discussion**

Moderator: **T. N. Srinivasan**, Yale University

Panelists:

Jagdish Bhagwati, Columbia University

Armeane Choksi, US-India Institute

Francine Frankel, University of Pennsylvania

Gustav Ranis, Yale University

Dani Rodrik, Harvard University

Lamin Sanneh, Yale University

6:00 pm **RECEPTION** (in Roland Betts House, First Floor)

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Saturday, 27 March 2004

8:30 am REGISTRATION

9:00 am SESSION V

Chair: **Lamin Sanneh**, Yale University

“The Distinctiveness of Indian Secularism”
Rajeev Bhargava, University of Delhi, India

Discussant: **Faisal Devji**, Yale University

10:30 am BREAK (coffee, tea, and refreshments in Room 305)

11:00 am SESSION VI

Chair: **Lamin Sanneh**, Yale University

**“Islam and Secularism—Plato and Khomeini:
Questions Concerning the Open Society and
Its Enemies”**

Nur Yalman, Harvard University

Discussant: **Abbas Amanat**, Yale University

12:30 pm LUNCH (in Room 305)

1:30 pm **SESSION VII**

Chair: Chair: **Lamin Sanneh**, Yale University

“Secularism, Revivalism, and Mimicry”

Goenawan Mohamad, writer/poet, Indonesia

Discussant: **Benedict F. Kiernan**, Yale University

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