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Director of IIRF, Thomas Schirmmacher, lectures on religious freedom at Vietnams Academy of Politics

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Scientific Seminar: “Limits of Religious Freedom Rights”

(Bonn, 06.06.2018) The Institute of Human Rights along with the Institute of Religion and Beliefs co-organized a scientific seminar titled “Limits of Religious Freedom Rights” on March 6th, 2018 with the participation of lecturers and researchers from these two institutes, a large number of master’s students majored in Laws of Human Rights and Religious studies.

Overview of the seminar

Co-chairmen of the seminar were Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tuong Duy Kien, General Director of the Institute of Human Rights, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Do Lan Hien, General Director of the Institute of Religion and Beliefs and Prof. Dr. Thomas Schirmmacher, President of the International Society for Human Rights (Frankfurt), Associate Secretary General of the Theological Concerns Department, The World Evangelical Alliance (New York, Bonn), President of the International Institute for Religious Freedom (Bonn, Cape Town, Colombo, Brasilia), Chair of the Board of Advisors of the Central Council of Oriental Christians in Germany (Munich), extraordinary professor of the sociology of religion at the State University of the West (Timisoara, Romania).

The screenshot shows a website page with a navigation bar at the top containing 'Home', 'About Us', 'Member Units', and 'International Partners'. Below the navigation bar, there is a 'News & Events' section with a sub-heading 'Scientific Seminar: "Limits of Religious Freedom Rights"'. The main content area features a large photograph of a seminar in progress, with several people seated around a long table. To the right of the main image, there are smaller images and text snippets under the heading 'Latest News', including 'Upcoming high-ranking officials in the sixth class opening', 'Scientific Seminar: "Limits of Religious Freedom Rights" Academy President welcomes Spanish Ambassador to Vietnam', 'International Solidarity Week with Venezuela', 'Members of Communist Party: Theoretical and practical values in today's era', 'Theoretical staff training: Reality and solutions', and 'Seminar on "Social Media and Policymaking from experiences of France and EU"'. There is also a 'Photos' section with a small image of a group of people.

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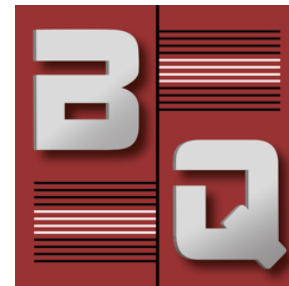
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In his opening speech, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tuong Duy Kien briefly presented some outstanding international cooperation activities in research and teaching of the Institute of Human Rights recently. He also welcomed the visit of Prof. Dr. Thomas Schirmmacher to Vietnam, considering this as a good opportunity for the two sides to exchange and share issues relating to human rights and religious freedom in the current global context.



Part of the lecture hall during the seminar © IIRF/Martin Warnecke

At the seminar, Prof. Dr. Thomas Schirmmacher overviewed issues about religious freedom in the world in general and in Germany in particular. He specifically emphasized Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. Accordingly, he shared the views on the existing limits of religious freedom rights and the conflicts between religious freedom and other social issues. He also pointed out the necessary limits for religious freedom rights, and condemned extreme nationalism and its negative consequences for the safety and development of countries in the world.

At the end of the seminar, scientists and students asked questions and talked with Prof. Dr. Thomas Schirmmacher on the main contents of his presentation. Prof. Dr. Thomas Schirmmacher enthusiastically responded to the questions. Meanwhile, he provided more new information, clarified the theoretical and practical issues related to religious freedom and the limits of religious freedom rights.

In his closing speech, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tuong Duy Kien would like to thank Prof. Dr. Thomas Schirmmacher, and highly appreciated the lecture and the useful knowledge that the professor provided to the lecturers and students, helping to improve their level as well as supplementing and updating new knowledge for teaching, researching and studying at the Academy.



Prof. Dr. Tuong Duy Kien stellt Prof. Dr. Thomas Schirmmacher vor © IIRF/Martin Warnecke

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The main building of the university 'National Academy of Politics' with the Ho Chi Min statue © IIRF/Martin Warnecke

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