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BUILDING BRIDGES OR BARRIERS? :

Religion in the East and West

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Religion is, without a doubt, one of the single most potent forces in the world. Hardly a day goes by without reading or seeing news events motivated by a particular religious perspective or agenda. Indeed, if we are to understand the world we live in, we must understand and be able to speak to the religious traditions which undergird so much of our world events. How is it that religion plays such a critical role in global politics? How is it fundamentally different in the East and the West? How might religion serve as a bridge to global understanding? Why does it so often become a barrier? What strategies might we employ to bring religious tolerance/understanding rather than religious hatred? These and other questions of “Religion as a Bridge or Barrier” to the 21st century will be examined in this presentation.

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