WCED Conference: Religion, Identity, and Politics

May 10-11, 2013
Henderson Room
Michigan League
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor
Friday, May 10

9:00—Opening Remarks
Anna Grzymala-Busse and Pauline Jones Luong, University of Michigan

9:15-10:45—History, Nations, and Religion
John Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
  Religion and National Identity: Orthodoxy in Post-Soviet Russia
Zvi Gitelman, University of Michigan
  The Fusion of Religion and Ethnicity: the Jews
Thomas Pepinsky, Cornell University
  Understanding Islam in the Indonesian and Arab Spring Transitions
Kenneth Wald, University of Florida
  The State as a Religious Actor: New Thoughts on an Old Variable

11:00-12:00—Doctrine and Governance
Melani Cammett, Brown University
  Is there An Islamist Governance Advantage?
Sigrun Kahl, Yale University
  Church Space, State Space: A Comparative Historical Explanation of Nonprofit Sector Variations in Europe, the United States, and Australia
Tarek Masoud, Harvard University
  Religion and Beliefs about Beliefs about Redistribution

1:00-3:15—Religious Identities and their Ramifications
Philip Brenner, University of Massachusetts, Boston
  Through a Glass, Darkly: How Religious Identity Biases Survey Estimates and Alters How We See Others and Ourselves
David Campbell, University of Notre Dame
  The Politics of Irreligion: Understanding Secularism in the United States
Daniel Philpott, University of Notre Dame
  Pathways to Freedom: On the Prospects for Religious Liberty in Islam
Daniel Posner, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
  The Political Sources of Religious Identification: A Natural Experiment on the Burkina Faso-Cote D'Ivoire Border
Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl, University of Virginia
  Identity Categories and Parochialism
3:30-4:45—Religious Organization and Mobilization
Rachel Beatty Riedl, Northwestern University
  Religious Organization and Collective Action
Joel Selway, Brigham Young University
  Religious Leadership Structures and Societal Cleavages
Guillermo Trejo, University of Notre Dame
  Religious Competition and the Mobilization of Ethnic Minorities

5:00—Reception and Graduate Poster Session, Room D

Saturday, May 11

9:30-11:30—Regulating Religion
Kristin Fabbe, Claremont McKenna College
  Understanding the Varieties of Secularism in the Former Ottoman World
Anthony Gill, University of Washington
  Thoughts on a Causal Connection between Religious Liberty and Economic Development
Ted Jelen, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
  Support, Separation, and Opposition: Notes for a General Theory of Religious Identity and Religion/Regime Relations
Steven Wilkinson, Yale University
  Institutions, Religious Identities, and Religious Conflict: Some Lessons from South Asia