

SPEAKERS



Dr. Mario Silva

**B.A., LL.M., Ph.D. (International Law)
Distinguished Visiting Professor, Ryerson University**

Dr. Mario Silva has had a distinguished career as an elected municipal and federal official between the years 1994 and 2011 as well as an author and international legal scholar. He was appointed by the Government of Canada to serve as the 2013 Chair of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA).

Dr. Silva is a graduate of the University of Toronto, the University of Sorbonne in Paris and holds a Master's degree in International Law from Oxford University as well as a Ph.D. in law from the National University of Ireland in Galway. He has been honoured with the French Order of the Legion of Honour, Order of Merit of Portugal, the Order of Rio Branco from Brazil and the Insignia of the Autonomous Region of the Azores. He has also received the Bridge Builder Award by the Parliament of Canada All Party Interfaith Friendship Group.

Dr. Silva has published several articles and books in the field of international law and co-edited a book on anti-Semitism. Dr. Silva is a Distinguished Visiting Professor at Ryerson University, a member of the International Association of Genocide Scholars and has served on the boards of Exhibition Place, Canadian Opera Company, Mount Sinai Hospital and Toronto Hydro.



Mr. Abdu Murray

**B.A., J.D.
North American Director, Ravi Zacharias International Ministries**

Mr. Murray is the author of two books, including his latest, *Grand Central Question: Answering the Critical Concerns of the Major Worldviews*. Mr. Murray has spoken to diverse international audiences and has participated in debates and dialogues across the globe. He has appeared as a guest on numerous radio and television programs all over the world and hosts *Embrace the Truth with Abdu Murray*, a radio show heard on WLQV AM 1500 in Detroit and worldwide on the internet and podcast.

Mr. Murray holds a BA in Psychology from the University of Michigan and earned his Juris Doctor from the University of Michigan Law School. As an attorney, Mr. Murray was named several times in Best Lawyers in America and Michigan Super Lawyer. Mr. Murray is the Scholar in Residence of Christian Thought and Apologetics at the Josh McDowell Institute of Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

Mr. Murray lives in the Detroit area with his wife and their three children.



5th Annual Parliamentary Forum

on

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Hosted by:

David Anderson, MP Cypress Hills—Grasslands
International Human Rights and Religious Freedom, Critic
Official Opposition



Room 200, Sir John A. Macdonald Building
144 Wellington Street, Ottawa

MAY 2, 2016

6:30pm—8:30pm

SCHEDULE

5th Annual Parliamentary Forum on

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Religious Freedom or Secularism? A World Safe for Diversity: Living with our Deepest Differences

May 2, 2016

6:00 | Registration and Coffee

6:30 | Welcome by **DAVID ANDERSON, MP**
Member of Parliament for Cypress Hills—Grasslands

6:35 | Keynote Address by **DR. OS GUINNESS**
International Adjunct Speaker, Ravi Zacharias International
Ministries, Author, and Social Critic

7:15 | Canadian and International Perspectives

DR. JANET EPP BUCKINGHAM
Associate Professor, Trinity Western University

DR. MARIO SILVA
Distinguished Visiting Professor, Ryerson University

7:45 | Break

7:50 | Panel Q & A and Discussion
Moderated by **DAVID ANDERSON, MP**

Panelists:
DR. OS GUINNESS
DR. JANET EPP BUCKINGHAM
DR. MARIO SILVA

8:30 | Closing Remarks by **MR. ABDU MURRAY**
North American Director and Senior Itinerant Speaker,
Ravi Zacharias International Ministries

SPEAKERS



Dr. Os Guinness

D.Phil

**International Adjunct Speaker with Ravi Zacharias
International Ministries, Author, and Social Critic**

Dr. Os Guinness was born in China in World War II where his parents were medical missionaries. He completed his undergraduate degree at the University of London and his D.Phil in the social sciences from Oriel College, Oxford.

Dr. Guinness is an international adjunct speaker with RZIM (Ravi Zacharias Ministries), an author and social critic. He is currently a senior fellow at the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics in Oxford. He has written or edited more than thirty books, including *The Call, Time for Truth, Long Journey Home, Unspeakable, A Free People's Suicide, The Global Public Square, Renaissance and Fool's Talk – The Recovery of Christian Persuasion*.

Dr. Guinness was a freelance reporter with the BBC and served as Executive Director of the Williamsburg Charter Foundation, a bicentennial celebration of the First Amendment. He helped to draft "The Williamsburg Charter" and later "The Global Charter of Conscience," which was published at the European Union Parliament in 2012. He speaks at major universities and at political and business conferences on many issues, including religious freedom, across the world.

He lives with his wife Jenny in the Washington, DC area.



Dr. Janet Epp Buckingham

B.A., LL.B., LL.D.

**Associate Professor of Political Studies and History,
Trinity Western University**

Janet Epp Buckingham is a professor at Trinity Western University and the Director of the Laurentian Leadership Centre: an Ottawa-based, live-in, extension program for upper-year university students focusing on public policy. She has previously served as director, law and public policy, for the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada and Executive Director of the Christian Legal Fellowship.

Dr. Buckingham has an LL.B. from Dalhousie University and an LL.D. from the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa. She has numerous academic publications on religious freedom, and published a book on the history of religious freedom in Canada, *Fighting over God*, in 2014.