

WHERE: 2103 Rayburn House Office Building

WHEN: Friday, July 29, 2011 --- 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) invites you to a staff briefing, “The Interplay between Religious Freedom, Extremism, and Security: Implications for U.S. Policy” on Friday, July 29 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in Rayburn 2103.

A panel of experts will discuss the interplay between religious freedom, extremism, and security with a particular focus on U.S. policy toward Egypt, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Three of the panelists, Daniel Philpott, Tim Shah, and Monica Duffy Toft, will present findings and offer policy recommendations from their recently published book, *God’s Century: Resurgent Religion and Global Politics*. Current USCIRF Fellow Ziya Meral will speak about patterns of ethno-religious violence with case studies from countries he recently visited, Egypt and Nigeria. Questions and answers will follow.

Please contact Kristina Olney (at 202-786-0613 or KOlney@uscirf.gov) with any questions.

Panelists:

Ziya Meral is a researcher, writer and a PhD candidate in politics at the University of Cambridge focusing on the Middle East. He is a 2010-2011 USCIRF Crapa Fellow.

Daniel Philpott is Associate Professor of Political Science and Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame.

Tim Shah is Associate Director & Scholar-in-Residence at the Religious Freedom Project at the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace & World Affairs, Georgetown University. He was a

2009-2010 USCIRF Crapa Fellow.

Monica Duffy Toft is Associate Professor of Public Policy and Director of the Initiative on Religion in International Affairs at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.