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**The Cardozo Law Institute in Holocaust
and Human Rights
invites you to:**

Claiming Truth: Heresy and Blasphemy in Religion, Law and Literature Colloquium

Prosecutions based on alleged violations of "anti-blasphemy laws" continue to grab international headlines, as evidenced by Asia Bibi's acquittal by the Pakistani judiciary. But Pakistan is not alone. Today, dozens of states across the globe still have anti-blasphemy laws on the books, and a good number continue to enforce those laws. Several others, like Ireland, have decided to get rid of their anti-blasphemy laws altogether.

Please join the Cardozo Law Institute in Holocaust and Human Rights to further explore the motivations behind these laws, their consequences, and the challenges faced by those working to abolish them.

The colloquium will convene three expert panels to further discuss these issues, and will feature a keynote address by Professor Deborah Lipstadt, renowned Holocaust scholar.

Sunday, March 3 - Monday, March 4, 2019

**Jacob Burns Moot Court Room
Cardozo School of Law**

**55 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York**

Sunday, March 3

2:30 p.m. - Panel I: Blasphemy Past and Present: From the Universal Problematic to Two National Approaches

Professor Richard Weisberg (Cardozo School of Law)

Professor Eric Freedman (Cardozo School of Law)

Professor Ditlev Tamm (University of Copenhagen)

Professor Sylvia Preuss-Laussinotte (Paris Ovest Nanterre La Defense University)

4:30 p.m. - Keynote Address: "Antisemitism: An Existential Threat to Democracy"

Professor Deborah Lipstadt (Emory University), followed by Q&A with Professor Richard Weisberg

6 p.m. - Reception

Monday, March 4

10 a.m. - Panel II: United Nations Initiatives against Blasphemy Laws

Christen Broecker (Jacob Blaustein Institute for the Advancement of Human Rights)

Simona Cruciani (UN Office for Genocide Prevention and R2P)

Professor Faraz Sanei (Cardozo School of Law)

12 p.m. - Lunch

1 p.m. - Video message, **Dr. Ahmed Shaheed**, UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief

1:30 p.m. - Panel III: Surveying Blasphemy Laws Around the World

Elizabeth Cassidy (United States Commission for International Religious Freedom)

Joelle Fiss (Member, OSCE Panel of Experts on FoRB)

Professor Jocelyn Getgen Kestenbaum (Cardozo School of Law)

3:30 p.m.- Closing Remarks and Reception



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