

**THE FRANCO-BRITISH LAWYERS SOCIETY**  
*in collaboration with*  
**THE FRANCO-BRITISH COUNCIL**

*invites you to an evening Conference entitled*

**THE STATE AND RELIGION  
A COMPARATIVE EXAMINATION FROM A  
LEGAL PERSPECTIVE BY**

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**AND**

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2005 sees the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of France's Act separating Church and State. Great Britain has followed a very different path, yet in both countries religion, in all its forms has had and continues to have a profound impact on the laws of the respective States. Our speakers will examine the current legal position of religion and secularism, covering such issues as freedom of speech and the laws on blasphemy, and the position of religion in education in the two countries at the start of a new millennium which may well see attitudes to religion supplanting political ideology as a main source of debate argument and potential conflict.

*The Conference will be held on*  
**Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2005 at 6 pm at The Conference Centre**  
**The Horticultural Hall Conference Centre, Graycoat Street,**  
**On the corner with Elverton Street, London SW1**

The meeting will be followed by a drinks reception at approximately 7.45 pm. Both members and non-members of the Franco-British Lawyers Society are welcome to attend free of charge. Non-members attending the lecture are encouraged to join the Society.

This event is accredited for Law Society CPD, Bar Council, NPP and ILEX – 1.5 hours. For further information please contact Rosalie Jorda on 0207 222 3860 or at [yfb31@dial.pipex.com](mailto:yfb31@dial.pipex.com).