

## Wednesday Social/Dinner

June 9, 2010

### Welcome Remarks

Michael Schuck

Welcome to this first gathering of the Democracy, Culture, and Catholicism International Research Project. I am delighted that we have *come together to work together* --beginning a collegial and scholarly bond that I hope will strengthen over the next two years.

We represent different continents, different institutions and different academic fields, but in this project we come together with a shared curiosity about democracy, its relationship to culture, and the role Catholicism has played in either its promotion or demotion. We have much to learn from one another about these matters; there is much we do not know; and we have much to give one another on these matters, for we are a very gifted--and graced--group of human beings.

So, welcome--and thank you in advance for your scholarly curiosity, collegial openness, and professional commitment to the DCCIRP.

We are not all gathered this evening, some participants are still arriving later this evening and tomorrow, but I do want to take this opportunity to introduce the research participants who are here this evening. Please raise your hand when I introduce you . . .

Fr. Robert Araujo, S.J., LUC, Law  
Novita Dewi, Sanata Dharma University, English Language Studies  
James Garbarino, LUC, Psychology  
Christina Siwi Handayani, Sanata Dharma University, Psychology  
Elizabeth Jones Hemenway, LUC, Women's Studies & Gender Studies,  
History  
Marcia Hermansen, LUC, Theology  
David Ingram, LUC, Philosophy  
William O'Neill, S.J., Theology, Jesuit School of

David Posner, LUC, Modern Languages and Literatures  
Russell Powell, Seattle University, Law  
Julia Pryce, LUC, Social Work  
Peter Schraeder, LUC, Political Science  
Antanas Saulaitis, S.J., Lithuanian Jesuit Community, Lemont, IL  
Vidmantas Simkunas, S.J., Lithuanian Jesuit Community, Vilnius Lithuania  
Güne Murat Tezcür, LUC, Political Science

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The schedule for the rest of the evening is to enjoy dinner, renew acquaintances, make new ones, hear some remarks from Dr. Boyle at dessert time, get some details about tomorrow's schedule from John Crowley-Buck, and then find out if the Blackhawks won the Stanley Cup.

Before we head to the buffet table, I have asked Dr. Julia Pryce, Assistant Professor in Loyola University Chicago's School of Social Work to offer an invocation.