

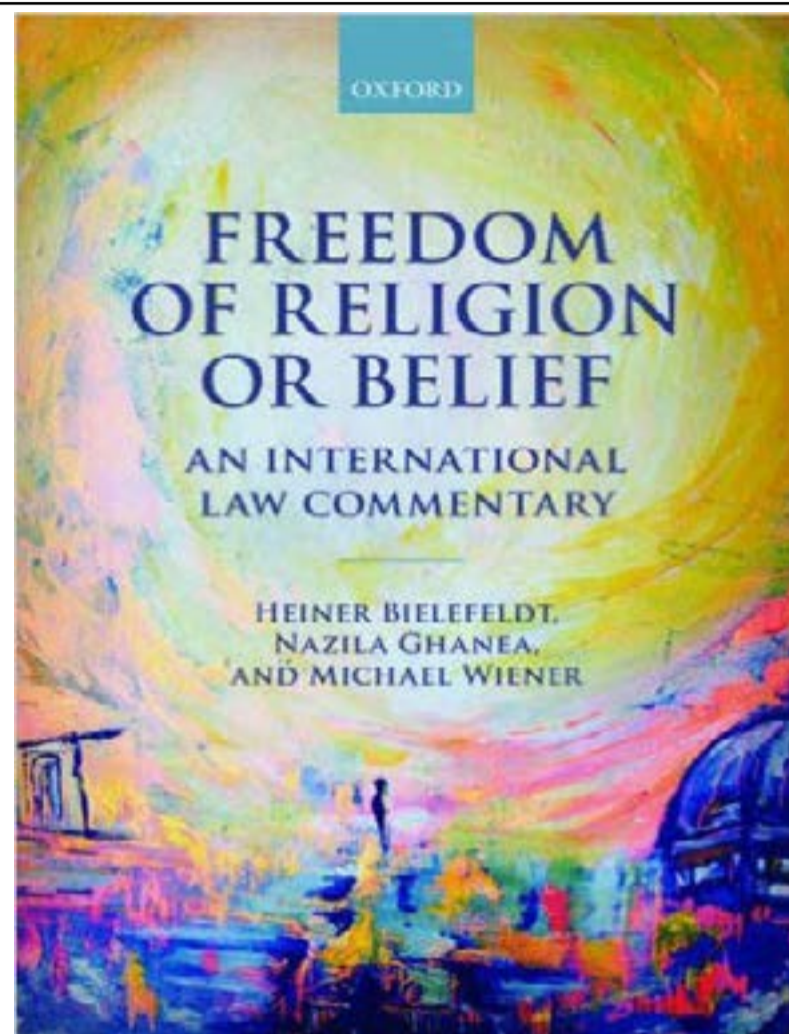
Thursday 10 March 2016
1 p.m. – 2.30 p.m.

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Palais des Nations,
Building B, Door 20, 1st Floor

Book Launch

Freedom of Religion or Belief

**Panel discussion on the
30th anniversary of the mandate of
the United Nations Special Rapporteur
on freedom of religion or belief**



Violations of religious freedom and violence committed in the name of religion grab our attention on a daily basis. Freedom of religion or belief is a key human right, enshrined in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and numerous conventions, declarations and soft law standards.

The book «*Freedom of Religion or Belief: An International Law Commentary*» is the first commentary to look comprehensively at the international provisions for the protection of freedom of religion or belief. The commentary takes stock of their implementation and interpretation by various UN Special Procedures and Treaty Bodies, fifty years since the adoption of the two Covenants and thirty years since the creation of the Special Rapporteur's mandate.

With the participation of:

[Heiner Bielefeldt](#), United Nations Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief

[Nazila Ghanea](#), Member of the OSCE Advisory Panel of Experts on Freedom of Religion or Belief

[Anja Seibert-Fohr](#), Vice-Chair of the United Nations Human Rights Committee

[Michael Wiener](#), Visiting Fellow of Kellogg College at the University of Oxford

Moderated by:

[Diane Ala'i](#), Chair of the CoNGO Sub-Committee on Freedom of Religion and Belief