

## UTS to Host Dr. Richard Rubenstein Lecture at NYC Campus, October 21st

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Dr. Richard Rubenstein, the outstanding Jewish scholar and theologian, will speak at UTS's New York City campus on Monday, October 21st, where he will also receive an honorary doctorate from UTS in recognition of his outstanding achievements.



Dr. Richard Rubenstein

Dr. Richard L. Rubenstein has had a distinguished career as a Jewish scholar, theologian, author and rabbi. Born and raised in New York, he received a Master of Hebrew Literature and his rabbinical ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, a Master of Sacred Theology from Harvard Divinity School and his PhD from the Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. He taught for most of his career at Florida State University (FSU) becoming the Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor of Religion at FSU. His areas of expertise and special focus have included the Holocaust, Jewish-Christian relations, the sociology of religion, religion and public policy and more recently, radical Islam. He also served as President of the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut.

Dr. Rubenstein engaged in a variety of important ecumenical and interreligious initiatives including the New Ecumenical Research Association and its "God Conference" series, the Assembly of the

World Religions, the Council of the World's Religions, the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace, and the Universal Peace Federation. As an academic, he also contributed to the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, the Professors World Peace Academy and the Washington Institute for Values and Public Policy.

Dr. Rubenstein will speak at 5:30 pm. The event is open to the public. For more information, contact Dr. Kathy Winings, UTS Vice President of Academic Affairs.