



04 - 05 May 2022

ISFORB CONFERENCE

Secular States Struggling with Religious Freedom

Preliminary Conference Program*

Thursday, 4 May 2023

9:00-10:00	Arrival, registration & coffee	
10:00-11:45	PLENARY SESSION 1	
	Welcome Mutual introductions I	
	How Secular and Religiously Free are Europe's "Secular" States? Prof. Dr Jonathan Fox (Bar-Ilan University)	
12:00-13:00	SMALL PAPERS SESSION 1	
	Room A	The Great Western-Ukrainian Cult Conspiracy: Russian Anti-Cult Propaganda and the War in Ukraine - Rosita Šorytė Ivan Ilyn, Putin, and Anti-Cultism – Massimo Introvigne
	Room B	Facing Janus: State Incorporation, Local Politics and Muslim Leadership in Belgium – Yehia Sherif Mohamed Fakhry Mekawi Freedom, Privilege and Control: Complex Intersections in Religion-State Relations in Belgium – Jelle Creemers
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	PLENARY SESSION 2	
	Welcome	
	Ideological Challenges of Religious Freedom to Secular State Politics and Jurisdiction Prof. Dr Johan Temmerman (FPTR Brussels)	
15:45-16:45	SMALL PAPERS SESSION 2	
	Room A	Secularists no more? The Belgian secular sphere's plight for life stance recognition in a model of mutual interdependence – Niels De Nutte Structuring the Humanists for their relation with the Belgian State – Rik Röttger
	Room B	The Kokkinakis case - A milestone of the European Court of Human Rights for religious freedom – Matthias Adt Integral mission and FORB – navigating the new Swedish political landscape and its consequences at home and overseas: a case study – Kristina Patring
18:00	Conference Dinner (Optional)	

Friday, 5 May 2023

8:00-9:00	Breakfast	(Optional)
9:30-10:30	PLENARY SESSION 3 The Freedom of Personal Self-Determination: the Essential Principle of Religious Manifestation Prof. Dr Archil Metreveli (University of Georgia)	
10:45-11:45	SMALL PAPERS SESSION 3	
	Room A	Secular States, Anti-Cult Hate Speech, and Courts of Law – Willy Fautré The MIVILUDES and Related Controversies: A Thorn in the Side of French Democracy? - Eric Roux
	Room B	Innovations in the Religious Education to strengthen the Freedom of Religion/Belief – Elena Miroshnikova (online) Cross-pressures between Secularism and Hinduism: Challenges for Religious Freedom on the Subcontinent – Varughese John (online)
12:00-13:00	SMALL PAPERS SESSION 4	
	Room A	Secular is as Secular Does – Eileen Barker The Assassination of Shinzo Abe and the Campaign Against the Unification Church/Family Federation in Japan – Massimo Introvigne
	Room B	Religious Freedom in the Soviet State: International debates during the long 1970s – Nadezhda Beliakova The Public Management of Religion in Georgia today and the case of SARI – Tatiana Kopaleishvili
	Room C	The Right to Freedom of Religion and Aspirations towards Inclusion in South Africa: <i>Prince v President of the Cape Law Society</i> – Shaun de Freitas A divisive interpretation for individual religious freedom emanating from institutional mandatory Covid-19 vaccination policies in South Africa – Werner Nel
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-14:30	PLENARY SESSION 4: the GAPS conversation	
14:45-15:45	SMALL PAPERS SESSION 5	
	Room A	The Impact of Tax Policies on Freedom of Religion or Belief: The Tai Ji Men Case in Taiwan – Judith Chiu and Robin Liang Black Magic, False “Victims,” and “Religious Fraud”: Parallels Between the Cases of the Unification Church in Taiwan and Tai Ji Men in Taiwan – Rosita Šorytė Response – Chris Vonck
	Room B	The Impacts of Religion on Politics in Ghana: A Case Study of Neo-Prophetic Churches and Ghana’s Elections – Kwame Oppong-Konadu Accommodating Freedom of Religion or Belief in the public realm – Lessons from South Africa – Daniela Ellerbeck
15:45-16:00	PLENARY SESSION 6: Closing words	

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