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Geopolitics of Transnational Law and Religion: an exploratory Workshop

ABSTRACT

The aim of this event is to contextualize current events within the global scenario of culture wars through the frame of legal narrative and geopolitical imagery, in which religious factors and variables play a significant role. Legal orders and conscience-related conflicts are therefore understood in the context of a constantly shifting and fragmenting international legal regime.

The initiative is part of the renovated effort of the Centre for Religious Studies of the FBK Foundation to advance a critical understanding of the multi-faceted relationship between religion, politics, law and innovation in contemporary society and part of the research line on religion and conflicts. Conflicts represent one of the key research lines of the centre and are understood as a key feature of contemporary religion and the main reason why the public opinion, the media, and scholars take an interest in the phenomenology of religion. Our research stems from the assumption that both isolating religion as a factor in conflict descriptions and downplaying the significance of religious motives are inadequate. Recent researches could offer a good starting point to elucidate the wider relationships between geopolitics, religion, law and social sciences and the reshaping of the global political (and legal) order.

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PROGRAMME

- 11:00** **Introduction**
Pasquale Annicchino, European University Institute and Center for Religious Studies-Fondazione Bruno Kessler
- 11:15** **Geopolitics and Religion**
Alessandro Aresu, Limes - Rivista Italiana di Geopolitica
- 12:00** **Discussion**
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30** **Geopolitics and the Russian Orthodox Church**
Kristina Stoeckl, University of Innsbruck
- 15:00** **Islam and Geopolitics of Religion**
Olivier Roy, European University Institute
- 15:30** **The Catholic Church and Geopolitics of Religion**
Marco Ventura, Center for Religious Studies - Fondazione Bruno Kessler and University of Siena
- 16:00** **Final discussion**

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