

Religion and Citizenship Panels

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Abstract

In recent years, religion has become a crucial factor in debates about citizenship. Whereas most European states embrace political secularism, and the right to religious freedom is protected for all citizens, religion often functions as an important marker of difference. We are applying for several panels on Religion and Citizenship at the ECPR Conference in Innsbruck, 26-28 August 2020, as part of the section on Citizenship. In these panels, we ask what role religions play in the accessibility and inaccessibility of citizenship, both as a legal status and as a mode of belonging. How does religious identity relate to dynamics of inclusion and exclusion?

The first panel focuses specifically on contemporary meanings and practices of secularism, including which conceptions of secularism operate in different contexts, and how and to what effect the aim of achieving egalitarian citizenship is operationalized. The second panel addresses questions of religious identity, multiculturalism and citizenship and explores how formal citizenship rights coexist and intersect with contemporary debates about (the recognition of) religious identity and belonging. The final panel addresses questions of collective identity. For example, this panel investigates how different forms of nationalism draw upon a 'Judeo-Christian' narrative in order to marginalize and exclude those who are declared to be alien to it.

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