





RADICALISATION, SECULARISM AND THE GOVERNANCE OF RELIGION: BRINGING TOGETHER DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES

RESEARCH AND POLICY CONFERENCE

Scientific Organisers:

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22 – 23 September 2022

Venue: Hotel Martin's Brussels EU, Boulevard Charlemagne 80, Brussels



Thursday 22 September 2022

Religiously-inspired Radicalisation: How can it be prevented? Policy Insights from Europe, Asia and the MENA region

09.00 - 09.30 Registration and Coffee

09.30 - 10:00 Welcome and Introduction

10.00 – 12.30 Why is religiously-inspired violent radicalisation on the rise across the world despite government efforts to manage religious diversity? Are secularist approaches privileging less engagement with religion the way to go or should we favour a deeper engagement between state and religious institutions? And what should such engagement look like?

Chair: Anna Triandafyllidou (EUI/Toronto Metropolitan University)

Competing models for the governance of religion and state relations in Western Europe

Tariq Modood and Thomas Sealy (University of Bristol)



Deep respect for religion and its drawbacks: Insights from South and Southeast Asia

Gurpreet Mahajan (Jawaharlal Nehru University), **Pradana Boy Zulian** (University of Muhammadiyah Malang) and **Muhammad Rezaur Rahman** (University of Bristol)

Governing state-religion relations in Muslim majority countries in the MENA region

Hisham Hellyer (RUSI)

Discussants' Roundtable

Eugenia Relaño Pastor (Complutense University and Fundamental Rights Agency), **Olivier Luyckx** (European Commission, DG International Cooperation and Development), **Constantinos Alexandris** (European External Action Service)

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch Break –Screening of GREASE Films

14.00 – 16.00 How are states reacting to religiously inspired violent radicalisation? What works and why?

Chair: Tariq Modood (University of Bristol)

Why aren't people in the MENA region radicalising more? **Hisham Hellyer** (RUSI)

The (non-)radicalisation effect in southern Europe

Tina Magazzini (EUI) and Anna Triandafyllidou (TMU)

Preventing religiously inspired violent radicalisation in western Europe and Australia: what works and what does not work

Michele Grossman (Deakin University) and **Thomas Sealy** (University of Bristol)

Discussants' Roundtable

Tahir Abbas (Leiden University), **Ilke Dagli Hustings** (The Centre for Sustainable Peace and Democratic Development), **Ruby Gropas** (European Political Strategy Centre, European Commission)

- 16.30 **End of Policy Conference**
- 20.00 Dinner

Friday 23 September 2022

Governing Religious Diversity: Variations of Secularism and National Traditions

09.00 - 09.30 Coffee and Welcome

09.30 – 11:00 Variations of Secularism: Insights from different world regions

Chair: Francesca Scrinzi, University of Glasgow

A conceptual framework for positive state religion relations

Tariq Modood (University of Bristol)

Comparing the policies and practices of the UK, France, Germany and Belgium **Thomas Sealy** (University of Bristol)

Bringing together southern and southeastern European models (Greece, Italy, Spain, Albania, Bulgaria and BiH) in comparative perspective

Tina Magazzini (EUI)

Discussants

Umut Korkut (Glasgow Caledonian University); **Tobias Kremer** (Oxford University)

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee Break*

11.30 - 13.00 What is the relationship between religion and nationalism? Can it be constructive?

Chair: Umut Korkut

Religion and Nationalism: A Conceptual Framework for the 21st Century Europe

Anna Triandafyllidou (TMU)

Between post-Communism legacies and religious nationalism **Lily Yakova** (CSD)

Passive or Active Secularism in Central and Eastern Europe

Egdūnas Račius and Daniel Vekony (Vytautas Magnus University)

Discussants

Pralay Kanungo (Jawaharlal Nehru University), **Francesca Scrinzi** (University of Glasgow)





















