



Religion and the Global Far Right

International Conference

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The far right's engagement with religion is complex and, despite its widely recognized centrality, has long remained underexplored. Considering current world political dynamics, this conference aims to illuminate how religion and far-right extremism intertwine globally by examining their mutual entanglements, forms of appropriation, and claims to religious authenticity.

The conference will focus on religious fields that are understood as being subject to constant renegotiation and contestation. For example, Christianity is often presented in trans-denominational ways by far-right actors and constitutes an essential component of far-right identity formation and historical narratives.

These debates are inseparable from positions toward Islam and Judaism. Therefore, the project also considers conversions, collaborations, and the active participation of Islamic and Jewish perspectives in these contexts.

The conference panels will be organized thematically and will examine transnational networks, (supra-)nationalism, gender and sexuality, concepts of historical antimodernism, and political strategies. Roundtable discussions will consolidate the discussions and help establish focus, producing tangible insights into developments of increasingly urgent importance.

HOSTS

Prof. Dr. Julian Strube (University of Göttingen)

Dr. Judith Bodendörfer (Evangelical Central Office for Questions about World Views)

PD Dr. Rolf Frankenberger (Institute for Research on Far Right Extremism, University of Tübingen)

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PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

2:30 pm // Welcome and Introduction

3:00 – 3:45 pm // Public Keynote

The Religious Right in the USA

Annika Brockschmidt (Journalist)

3:45 – 5:00 pm // Roundtable

The Far Right Across Borders: (Religious) Networks, Institutions and Personal Connections

Annika Brockschmidt (Journalist)

Roger Griffin (Oxford Brookes University)

Philip Gorski (Yale University)

5:00 – 5:30 pm // Coffee Break

5:30 – 7:30 pm // Panel I

International Networks

Chelsea Ebin: *Mapping the Influence of the Transnational Nationalist Catholic Right*

Anton Shekhovtsov: *Antichrists and Empires: The Transnationalisation of Quasi-Religious Visions of the Russian Far Right and US Techno-Oligarchy*

Andrea Mammone: *Italy's Far Right and Religion: From National History to Global Ties*

Gionathan Lo Mascolo: *Religious Right Networks and Their Metapolitical Playbook*

8:00 pm // Conference dinner

THURSDAY, JULY 30

9:00 – 11:00 am // Panel II

(Beyond) Nationalism

Atalia Omer: *Interfaith Violence: Judeo-Christian Zionism, Muslim Zionism, and Antisemitic Zionism*

Sushmita Nath: *Emerging as Bharat: The New Hindutva's Post-national Pedagogical Transformational Agenda*

Davide Marino & Giovanni Maltese: *Falun Gong and the Far-Right Question*

Fabian Schäfer: *Disinformation and Conspiracy Narratives in the Online Media Strategy of Happy Science*

11:00 – 11:30 am // Coffee Break

11:30 am – 1:30 pm // Panel III

Anti-Genderism

Dmitry Uzlaner: *Ruptures and Continuities in Russia's Traditional Values Agenda*

Rebekka Blum: *How Antifeminism Unites Various Actors in a Common Enemy Image*

Cynthia Freund-Möller: *Anti-Trans Discourses as a Religious-Political Mobilization in the Global Far Right*

Madlen Geidel: *Christfluencer, Anti-Genderism, and Social Media*

1:30 – 3:00 pm // Lunch

3:00 – 5:00pm // Panel IV

Anti-Modernism

Julian Strube: *The Esoteric Far Right: From Völkisch Milieus to Global Politics*

Peter Staudenmaier: *Evola's Traditionalism: Anti-Modernism as a Modern Construct*

Minoo Mirshahvalad: *How Julius Evola Shaped Italian Traditionalists' Understanding of Shi'ism*

Moritz Maurer: *From Hyperborea to Tartaria: Right-Wing Utopias, Internet Culture, and the History of Esotericism*

7:00 pm // Guided Walking Tour of Tübingen

FRIDAY, JULY 31

9:00 – 11:00 am // Panel V

Apocalypse and the Far Right

Sebastian Pittl: *Secularized or Perverted Apocalypticism(s)?*

Felix Schilk: *Apocalypticism and Far Right Narratives of Crisis and Decline*

Jennifer Wasmuth: *The Katechon Motif in the War Theology of the Moscow Patriarchate*

Alexander-Kenneth Nagel: *On the Apocalyptic Temporality of Far Right Rhetoric*

11:00 – 11:30 am // Coffee Break

11:30 am – 1:30 pm // Panel VI

United in Prejudice

Magdalena Marsovszky: *Hungary's Fundamental Law, the 'Holy Crown', the Historical Constitution and Metapolitics*

Marietta van der Tol: *Constitutional Identity as a Political Instrument: The New Fundamental Law in Hungary*

Hans-Ulrich Probst: *Anti-Liberal and Anti-Muslim Attitudes in Evangelical Zionism*

Tomas Poletti Lundström: *Evangelicalism and Fascism in Transhistorical Perspective*

1.30 – 2:00 pm // Lunch

2:00 – 3:30 pm // Closing Remarks

Léonie de Jonge (University of Tübingen)

Mirjam Wiedemann (Former Director of the Office for Questionable Religious and Ideological Offers)

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