

The contributions of religions in the formation of Europe's „identity“ cannot be exaggerated. From the infusion of moral codes and educational principles to the productive tensions between the heritage of antiquity and Christianity as well as the bloody intrafaith conflicts which have devastated vast regions over centuries in the early modern period and also led to the creation of a substantial tradition of a(n)-religious thought from the Enlightenment onwards.

Today, Europe is proud to have overcome most of these strives – with different models, ranging from strict laïcité to cooperative alliances between states and religious bodies. Still, Europe is not „done“ with religions – far from it. Whereas the significance of religious practice and doctrine is on the decline in large parts of Europe's societies, new forms of piety and even zealotism are on the rise in others.

For more than one decade questions as to the proper relation between religions and the state, the (counter-)dynamics of “secularization”, the roots of religious violence and the compatibility of “Islam” with European constitutions and “values” have been discussed in public with much vigor. All too often, however, these discourses suffer from minds already made up or, worse, closed to rivaling perspectives.

As the climate for productive discussions on religion in Europe gets rougher, it is more than ever vital for academia to create spaces where distinct views get into touch and urgent topics can be addressed in a free and earnest manner.

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## Invitation

### Conference

**TELL ME EUROPE, HOW DO YOU FEEL  
ABOUT RELIGION?**

**24-25 MAY 2018, UNIVERSITY OF INNSBRUCK**

## PROGRAM

### Thursday 24 May 2018

Dekanatssaal, Faculty of Catholic Theology, Karl-Rahner Platz

9.00            Opening. Words of Welcome by Ulrike Tanzer, Vice Rector for Research, University of Innsbruck

9.30 – 10.45    **Luca Mavelli** (University of Kent): *Relthinking Europe between the Secular and the Religious*

10.45 – 11.15    COFFEE BREAK

11.15 – 12.30   **Raja Sakrani** (University of Bonn):  
*Some Histories About Treating the Religion of the Other in Europe: The Islamic Theory of Dhimminess in Medieval Spain und the Jurisprudence of the Islamic Minorities Today*

12.30 – 14.00    LUNCH BREAK

14.00 – 15.15   **Mar Griera** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona):  
*Iconic Multi-Religious Buildings and the Politics of Collective Memory in Europe*

15.15 – 16.30   **Kristina Stöckl** (University of Innsbruck):  
*Resisting the Culture Wars. Debates about Religion, Tradition and Values in Russia, Europe and the US*

19.00 – 21.00

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#### Panel Discussion:

*Religion and Re/Creating Europe – Potentials, Limits, Dangers*

with **Mar Griera** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona), **Roman Siebenrock** (University of Innsbruck), **Anne Siegetsleitner** (University of Innsbruck), **Hans-Herbert Kögler** (University of North Florida)

### Friday 25 May 2018

Dekanatssaal, Faculty of Catholic Theology, Karl-Rahner Platz

9.00 – 10.15    **Hartmut Zinser** (FU Berlin): *Religion and War*

10.15 – 10.45    COFFEE BREAK

10.45 – 12.00   **Richard Amesbury** (Clemson University, USA):  
*Populist Religion as a Secular Phenomenon*

12.00 – 12.30    Final Reflections – Future Possibilities

13.30            Conference Dinner

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