UNIVERSALITY v PARTICULARITY: HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELIGIONS

CONFERENCE

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
8–9 JUNE 2018

UNESCO Amphitheatre
University of Nicosia

ORGANIZED BY:
The Joint PhD Program on «Human Rights, Society, and Multi-Level Governance» offered by the University of Padova, the University of Zagreb, the University of Western Sydney, Panteion University of Athens, and the University of Nicosia
CONFERENCE PROGRAM

FRIDAY, 8 JUNE 2018

09.30-09.45  Registration

09.45-10.15  Addresses

- Achilles C. Emilianides, Professor, Dean, School of Law, University of Nicosia
- Giuseppe Giordan, Associate Professor, Co-Ordinator of the Joint PhD Program, University of Padova
- Maria Stylianou Lottides, Commissioner for Administration and Protection of Human Rights

10.15-10.45  Keynote Speech

Marco Ventura, Professor, University of Siena.
Chair: Achilles Emilianides, Dean, School of Law, University of Nicosia

10.30-10.45  Discussion
10.45-11.00  Coffee Break

11.00-13.15  First Session:  
   Human Rights and Religious Diversity
   Chair:  Siniša Zrinščak, Professor, University of Zagreb

First Table

11.00-11.20  The Enforcement of Sharia in a Secular State.  
The Boundaries between Multiculturalism and ‘Laicité’  
according to the Jurisprudence of the ECtHR  
Nikos Koumoutzis, Assistant Professor, University of Nicosia  
Christos Papastylianos, Assistant Professor,  
Head of Department of Law, University of Nicosia

11.20-11.40  ‘Wearing’ Religion. The Precarious Relationship between  
Religious Tolerance and the Values of a Democratic Society  
Eleni Micha, Teaching Fellow, University of Athens

11.40-12.00  Human Development Indicators and their Relation to  
Religious Confessions and Institutions in Europe  
and the Americas  
Jason Garcia Portilla, Swiss-Latin American Centre of the  
University of St Gallen (PhD Cand.)

12.00-12.15  Discussion

Second Table

12.15-12.35  Is there a Right to Choose a Religious Jurisdiction over the Civil  
Courts? The Case of Minority in Western Thrace  
Eleni Kalampakou, PhD, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

12.35-12.55  The Religious Exemption in EU Labour Law  
Achilles C. Emilianides, Professor, Dean, School of Law,  
University of Nicosia  
Christina Ioannou, Associate Professor, Associate Dean,  
School of Law, University of Nicosia

12.55-13.15  Discussion

13.15-15.00  Lunch Break
15.00-17.10 Second Session: 
*Religious Human Rights and Policy*

Chair: Christina Ioannou, Associate Professor, Associate Dean, School of Law, University of Nicosia

**First Table**

15.00-15.20 *The Governance of Religious Freedom in Spain. A Reflection of the Available Policy Instruments*  
Mariana Rosca, Human Rights Institute, University of Deusto, Bilbao (PhD Cand.)

15.20-15.40 *Does Civil and Citizenship Education Lead to Less Religion? An Analysis of Students’ Attitudes towards the Influence of Religion in Society*  
Matteo Tracchi, Human Rights Centre, University of Padova (PhD Cand.)

15.40-16.00 *Executing Parental Values in the Public Education. Conflicting Use of Human Rights Narrative during the Croatian Education Reform*  
Siniša Zrinščak, Professor, University of Zagreb  
Antonija Petričušić, Assistant Professor, University of Zagreb  
Dario Čepo, Assistant Professor, University of Zagreb

16.00-16.15 Discussion

**Second Table**

16.15-16.35 *The Intersectionality of Human Rights Violations in the Universal Supervision of the Freedom of Religion*  
Antal Berkes, Manchester International Law Centre

16.35-16.55 *The Relationship between Religion and Human Rights. A Study of India’s Caste System*  
Adriana Michilli, Human Rights Centre, University of Padova (PhD Cand.)

16.55-17.10 Discussion

17.10-17.25 Coffee Break
17.25-18.40 Third Session:  
Religion, Human Rights and Modernity  
Chair: Odysseas Christou, Assistant Professor, Associate Head,  
Department of Law University of Nicosia  

17.25-17.45 Universal for the West? The relation between Culture, Religion and  
Human Rights in Modern and Postmodern Thought  
Petra Klug, Research Associate, University of Bremen, (PhD Cand.)  

17.45-18.05 Is the Church Open to Gender and Sex Diversity?  
Ino Kehrer, Human Rights Centre, University of Padova (Phd Cand.)  

18.05-18.25 Surfing Modernity. Orthodox Christianity and the Question  
of Human Rights  
Marco Guglielmi, Human Rights Centre, University of Padova  
(Phd Cand.)  

18.25-18.40 Discussion  

SATURDAY, 9 JUNE 2018  

09.45-10.15 Keynote Speech  
Effie Fokas, Research Fellow, Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy  
Chair: Giuseppe Giordan, Associate Professor, Co-Ordinator of the  
Joint PhD Program, University of Padova  

10.15-10.30 Discussion  

10.30-13.00 Fourth Session:  
Theoretical Approaches  
Chair: Christos Papastylianos, Assistant Professor,  
Head of Department of Law, University of Nicosia  

First Table  

10.30-10.50 Global Discourses for a Better Life.  
Human Rights and/versus Religion  
Giuseppe Giordan, Associate Professor, University of Padova  

10.50-11.10 Some Thoughts on the Role Played by Religion  
Elena Pariotti, Professor, University of Padova
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Speaker(s)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>11.10</td>
<td>Operationalizing Religious Freedom. Challenges and Opportunities for Empirical Sociology</td>
<td>Olga Breskaya, University of Padova (PhD Cand.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.30</td>
<td>Discussion</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11.45</td>
<td>Coffee Break</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Second Table

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Speaker(s)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>12.20</td>
<td>Economics (Neoliberalism) as Religion. Commonalities and Differences</td>
<td>Roberto De Vogli, Professor, University of Padova, Rosella De Falco, Human Rights Centre, University of Padova (PhD Cand.)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12.40</td>
<td>Moral Panic, Religious Movements and Contemporary Conservative Populism</td>
<td>Rafal Smoczynski, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13.00</td>
<td>Discussion</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13.15</td>
<td>Lunch Break</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

15.00-17.35 Fifth Session: *Topics in Religion and Human Rights*

Chair: Paolo De Stefani, Professor, University of Padova

First Table

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Speaker(s)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>15.00</td>
<td>How does the European Union Talk about Migrant Women and Religion? A Critical Discourse Analysis of the Migration Agenda of the European Union</td>
<td>Paola Degani, Professor, University of Padova, Christina Y. Ghane, Human Rights Centre, University of Padova (PhD Cand.)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
15.20-15.40  Security Threats and Human Rights Violations. How Securitization of Islam led to Religious Discrimination in the West
Elena Mara, Research Assistant, University of Nicosia (PhD Cand.)

15.40-16.00  Moldovan Orthodoxies. Social Insecurity, Political Borders and Debate about Religious Freedom
Davide N. Carnevale, University of Padova (PhD Cand.)

16.00-16.15  Discussion

Second Table

Ioannis Kastanas, Teaching Fellow, University of Nicosia (PhD Cand.)

16.35-16.55  FDI and Peacefulness in Host Countries. A Panel Analysis
Silvia Marinella Fontana, Human Rights Centre, University of Padova (PhD Cand.)
Roberto Antonietti, Associate Professor, University of Padova

16.55-17.15  Buying Dreams. Experiences and Mental Health Effects of Labour Trafficking Survivors
Ahmed Abidur Razzaque Khan (PhD Cand.)
Garry Stevens, Senior Lecturer, Western Sydney University
Saiful Islam Shaheen, International Organization for Migration, Bangladesh

17.15-17.30  Discussion

17.30-17.40  Closing Speech
Constantinos Phellas, Professor, Vice-Rector, University of Nicosia

17.40-17.50  Concluding Remarks
Giuseppe Giordan, Associate Professor, University of Padova, Co-Ordinator of the Joint PhD Program