

RELIGIOUS CONVICTIONS AND CITIZENSHIP TODAY

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Panel abstract :

This panel is dedicated to the implications of religious claims in terms of citizenship . Based on religious freedom, and, more generally, on individual liberties, these growing up demands , , express a willingness of questioning the common standards, at least for some religious claims. more generally This lies,, the debate of the ability of our postmodern societies to establish common values and to legitimate them.

Indeed , the democratic State builds itself with a logic of neutrality towards what is good ; as a consequence, it spreads out a procedural manner around what is just. But can individuals ask to be exempted from the democratic standards because they consider they are not in accordance with their conception of the good ? Can it be a general rule of functioning of a democratic State ? What is the balance between individual rights on the one hand, and, in the other hand, the will to avoid persons or groups excluding themselves from society and from the common principles which rule it ?

As a suggestion, some thematics could guide the panel thoughts :

- (new) religious claims and conscientious objection in the democratic State ;
- how do policy makers answer to religious claims and which conception of common good they have ;
- religious freedom and neutrality in the democratic State : case studies.

National and comparative studies are welcomed such as more theoretical papers.