

# POLITOLOGY OF RELIGION: IV BI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023

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## Final program

**8:30 - 9:15**      **Registration** (main hallway)

**9:15 - 9:30**      **Opening remarks** (room 3)

**Dragan R. Simić**, *University of Belgrade, Dean of the Faculty of Political Science (Serbia)*

**Miroljub Jevtić\***, *University of Belgrade; Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Politics and Religion Journal; Ambassador of Serbia in Democratic Republic of Kongo*

**Marko Veković**, *University of Belgrade (Serbia)*

**9:30 - 11:00**      **Panel 1: Religion and Politics in the European & U.S. Contexts** (room 3)

*Chair: Marietta van der Tol, University of Oxford (UK)*

**Religion and the Contours of “European” Identity**

**James L. Guth**, *Furman University (USA)*

**The Effect of Religious Cleavage on Political Stability and Democracy**

**Miloš Bešić**, *University of Belgrade (Serbia)*

**Religious Contra-Identities within the Political Rhetoric of the European Far Right**

**Kirsten Smeets**, *Radboud University (Netherlands)*

**Are There White Working-Class Democrats in the U.S.? Religious Disaffiliation as a Predictor of Partisanship**

**Laura R. Olson**, *Clemson University (USA)*

**11:00 - 11:15**      **Coffee break**

**11:15 - 12:45 Panel 2: Religion and Politics in the Asian Context (room 2)**

*Chair: Aleksandra Đurić-Milovanović, , Institute for Balkan Studies of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts (Serbia)*

**The Thai Buddhist Wat in Kaiyuan Si, Chaozhou: An "Apolitical" Monument of Piety in the Political China**

Yaoping Liu, Rajamangala University of Technology Krungthep (Thailand)

**The Implications of the Religio-Political Structure of the Tibetan Governance: An Illustrative Perspective**

Tsetan Namgyal, Jawaharlal Nehru University (India)

**Chinese Attitudes toward Religious Deprivatization and Its Determinants\***

Dao Zhou, Renmin University (China)

**Is the Roman Catholic Church Losing its Political Clout in the Philippines? A Postmortem Analysis of the 2022 National Elections**

Arvin D. Eballo, University of Santo Tomas (Philippines)

**11:15 - 12:45 Panel 3: Religion, Law & Politics in a Comparative Perspective (room 3)**

*Chair: Zachary Calo, Hamad bin Khalifa University (Qatar)*

**Making Religious Governance Stricter through *laïcité*. An Analysis of the French Case (1980 - Present)**

Frédéric Strack, Sciences Po (France)

**Freedom of Religion as a Subjective Public Right - Insights from Italian Legal Theory**

Vasilije Marković, Institute for Comparative Law (Serbia)

**Progressive Islamic Interpretation of Tradition: Why Should Muslims threat Sharia Law only as a Moral Code?**

Ajla Čustović, University of Zagreb (Croatia)

**"Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's": But what about the People? Church Tax as a Contributor to the Common Good**

Marko Tmušić, University of Belgrade (Serbia)

**12:45 - 15:00 Lunch break (Professor's club restaurant at the venue)**

**15:00 - 16:30 Panel 4: Religion and Authoritarianism in a Comparative Perspective (room 3)**

*Chair: Kirsten Smeets, Radboud University (Netherlands)*

**Populism and Authoritarianism - Relevant Topics for the Scientific Study of Religion?**

Siniša Zrinščak, University of Zagreb (Croatia)

**From the Russian World to the Hungarian World: Political Images between the Secular and the Sacred?**

Marietta van der Tol, *University of Oxford (UK)*

**Overturing Roe v. Wade: Between Faith and Misogyny**  
Dunja Arandžević, *Clemson University (USA)*

**15:00 - 16:30 Panel 5: Religion and Politics in a Comparative Perspective (room 2)**

Chair: Rastko Jović, *University of Belgrade (Serbia)*

**Religious Mediation and Political Conflict**  
Zachary Calo, *Hamad bin Khalifa University (Qatar)*

**The Role of Orthodox Christianity in the War in Ukraine: Entanglements in Practice and Ideology\***  
Tobias Koellner, *Witten/Herdecke University (Germany)*

**Great Britain and the Muslim World: Contradictory Trajectories of the Secularization Thesis\***  
Mourad Maimoune, *Ibn Zohr University of Agadir (Morocco)*

**Transnational Religious Networks of the Seventh Day Adventist Church: Researching Minority Community in Serbia and Bosnia & Herzegovina**  
Aleksandra Đurić-Milovanović, *Institute for Balkan Studies of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts (Serbia)*  
Marko Galić, *Institute for Balkan Studies of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts (Serbia)*

**16:30 - 16:45 Coffee break**

**16:45 - 18:15 Panel 6: Religion and Politics across the Islamic World (room 3)**

Chair: James L. Guth, *Furman University (USA)*

**Modern Turkey's Centennial: Using Religion and Religious Structures as an Influencer in Foreign Policy**  
Istar Gözaydın, *Istanbul University (Turkey)*  
Ahmet Erdi Öztürk, *London Metropolitan University (UK)*

**The Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Question of Women's Rights: The Case Study of the Contemporary Afghanistan**  
Mirela Lončar, *University of Belgrade (Serbia)*

**Liberation Theology: From Latin American to the Middle East?**  
Yousef M. Y. Aljamal, *Sakarya University (Turkey) & Non-Resident Scholar at Hashim Sani Center for Palestine Studies of University of Malaya (Malaysia)*

**The Use of Religion in Political Life: A Critical Study from some Muslim Countries**  
Ershad A.H.M. Uddin, *Kocaeli University (Turkey)*

**18:15 - 18:30**      **Closing remarks (room 3)**

**Miroljub Jevtić\***, *University of Belgrade; Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Politics and Religion Journal; Ambassador of Serbia in Democratic Republic of Kongo*

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**19:00**                      **Dinner at Trandafilović restaurant (organized transportation)**