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Main Challenges of the Governance of Religious Diversity

Presentation

The [GODIRE project](#) (Governance of Religious Diversity in Spain) aims to make a significant contribution to the understanding of religious governance by offering a comprehensive and comparative socio-legal perspective that serves as a foundation for the development of more inclusive public policies, oriented towards strengthening social cohesion in our country. Through the analysis of empirical data and the study of the active participation of three key actors—legal operators, administration, and civil actors—GODIRE seeks to develop an innovative and interdisciplinary approach to the study of religious diversity in Spain. Inspired by expert commissions on religious diversity carried out in other countries, GODIRE applies a comparative methodology to identify the main legal debates and controversies surrounding ethno-religious diversity and deepen the analysis of public policies in the management and regulation of cultural and religious diversity in Spain.

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THURSDAY, April 3, 2025

9.00-9.30: Registration

9.30-10.00: Opening remarks

(Salón de Grados)

Prof. Dr. José Manuel Almudí Cid

Dean of the Faculty of Law, Complutense University of Madrid (Spain)

Prof. Dr. Ana Gemma López Martín

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10.00-11.45: I Plenary Session. European Models of Religious Governance

(English Panel. Translation provided)

Title: Governing religious diversity in global comparative perspective

Prof. D. Thomas Sealy

Senior Lecturer, School of Sociology, Politics and International Studies, University of Bristol (United Kingdom)

Title: Public Commissions on Cultural and Religious diversity

Prof. Dr. Marie-Claire Foblets (video)

Head of the Department of Law & Anthropology, Director of the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology (Halle, Germany)

Title: Cultural forms of autonomy and religious diversity governance: A new role for the state?

Prof. Dr. Kyriaki Topidi

Head of Culture and Diversity Cluster, Senior Research Fellow at European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI) (Germany)

Title: Cultural and religious pluralism for a social coexistence: Rights, law and spaces

Prof. Dr. Fabio Franceschi and Prof. Alessandra Viani

Senior Lecturer and Phd Professor, Faculty of Law, La Sapienza, University of Rome (Italy)

Chair and Discussant: Dr. Tina Magazzini, Senior Researcher, Czech Academy of Sciences, Department of Mobility and Migration (Czech Republic)

11.45-12.15: Coffee-break

12.15-14.00: II Plenary Session. Religious governance in Spain: a legal comparative approach

(English Panel. Translation provided)

Title: Religious Governance in Latin America

Prof. Dr. Montserrat Gas Aixendri

Full Professor at the Faculty of Law and the Institute for Advanced Family Studies, International University of Catalonia (Spain)

Title: Religious Diversity in Portugal: a comparison with the Spanish context

Prof. Dr. Patricia Jeronimo

Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, University of Minho (Portugal)

Title: Intervention models and religious diversity in Spain and Italy

Prof. Dr. Francesco Alicino

Full Professor of Public Law and Religion, LUM University (Italy)

Chair and Discussant: Prof. Dr. Rafael Palomino Lozano, Full Professor at the Faculty of Law, Complutense University of Madrid (Spain)

14.00-16.00: Lunch (Cafeteria at the Faculty of Philosophy)

16.00-17.45: III Plenary Session. Religious Diversity and Governance in Spain

(Spanish Panel. Translation provided)

Title: Local Management of Religious Diversity

Ms. Inés Mazarrasa Steinkuhler

Director of the Pluralism and Coexistence Foundation (Spain)

Title: Decentralisation of the State, the role by the Public Authorities and religious communities

Prof. Dr. Miguel Rodríguez Blanco

Full Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Alcalá de Henares (Spain)

Title: Public Management of Religious Pluralism in the Basque Country

Prof. Dr. Gorka Urrutia Asua

Director of the Human Rights Institute Pedro Arrupe and Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Deusto (Spain)

Chair and Discussant: Prof. Dr. Javier López de Goicoechea Zabala, Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Complutense University of Madrid (Spain)

17:45-18:00: Break

18.00-20.00: Pararell Roundtables

(No translation available)

Roundtable I: Governance of Religious Diversity in the Public Sphere (Chair: Dr. Christian J. Backenköhler Casajús) - Room 301

- Minorías religiosas en la esfera pública española: contribuciones antropológicas para una mejor gestión pública de la diversidad religiosa. Óscar Salguero Montaña (Institute of Sciences of Religions, Complutense University of Madrid)
- Notas a propósito del derecho de las confesiones religiosas a establecer lugares de culto y su regulación en España. María del Mar Martín García (University of Almeria)
- *Facially neutral certifications*: con ocasión de las leyes de lugares de culto de Cataluña (2009) y el País Vasco (2023). Pedro Sánchez Llaveró (University of Almeria)
- Las federaciones como posible actor clave en la gobernanza de la gestión pública de la diversidad religiosa en España. Marina Domínguez Bautista (Complutense University of Madrid)
- Post-Secularism and Transculturalism: Rethinking Religious Governance in Spain. Zakaria Sajir (University of Salamanca)

Roundtable II: Management of Religious Diversity in Healthcare and the Workplace (Chair: Prof. Dr. Fernando Amérigo Cuervo-Arango) - Room 302

- Impacto de la inteligencia artificial en la gestión de la diversidad religiosa en el ámbito de la Salud. David Cobos Sanchiz y María José Parejo Guzmán (Pablo de Olavide University, Seville)
- El impacto de la objeción de conciencia en la aplicación de la eutanasia en España: Un análisis desde la diversidad religiosa. Marina Morla González (University of Leon)
- Las confesiones religiosas sin acuerdo de cooperación ante la eutanasia. Sergio Díaz Sánchez (Public University of Navarre)
- El acceso de los ministros de culto de las confesiones religiosas minoritarias al régimen general de la Seguridad Social: inactividad reglamentaria de la administración general del Estado. Ángel Ares y García (Public University of Navarre)
- Enfoques judiciales ante la diversidad religiosa y el acomodo razonable en los centros

educativos públicos españoles. **David Katz Rotnitzky** (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany)

Roundtable III: Management of Religious Diversity in Education (Chair: Prof. Dr. Silvia Meseguer Velasco) - Room 303

- El uso del velo islámico en los centros educativos y su impacto en la autonomía escolar: ¿un obstáculo o una oportunidad para gestionar la diversidad religiosa y cultural? **Ana María Vega Gutiérrez, Amal Benloukilia y Vanesa Neagu** (University of La Rioja)
- El proyecto de seguimiento del Plan Piloto sobre la implementación de la Religión Islámica en las escuelas e institutos públicos de Cataluña. **Ángel Jesús Navarro Guareño** (Ramon Llull University, Barcelona)
- Autodeterminación del menor, derecho de los padres a la formación religiosa y moral de sus hijos y adoctrinamiento: a propósito de la STC 26/2024, de 14 de febrero. **Amado Quintana Afonso** (University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria)
- Universidad y diversidad religiosa: reflexiones actuales. **Isabel Cano Ruíz** (University of Alcalá de Henares)
- Inclusión y no discriminación en el ámbito de educación superior: ¿un cambio de paradigma necesario. **María Araceli Oñate Cantero** (Francisco de Vitoria University)

Roundtable IV: The challenges for religious diversity in Spain (Chair: Prof. Dr. Alberto Ferrari Puerta) - Room 304

- Un estudio de caso sobre la gobernanza de la diversidad religiosa en la ciudad de Turín **Galina Esther Gonzalez Amaya** (University of Turin)
- La creación del Grado en Ciencias de las Religiones y su relación con la gestión pública de la diversidad religiosa en el Estado español. **Hugo Martínez Asensio** (Complutense University of Madrid)
- El papel de las organizaciones deportivas en la gobernanza de la diversidad religiosa. **Elena García-Antón Palacios** (Rey Juan Carlos University)
- Espacios para la Libertad Religiosa en la Universidad: una oportunidad para el diálogo **Ikram El Bannouidi El Bannouidi** (Complutense University of Madrid)
- Urbanismo y laicidad: el lugar de las creencias en el espacio público. **Ander Loyola Sergio** (Public University of Navarre)

21.00: Conference Dinner. Café Comercial Madrid

(Gta. de Bilbao, 7, Centro, 28004 Madrid)

FRIDAY, ABRIL 4, 2025

9.30-11.30: IV Plenary Session. Reviewing the Spanish system of State Cooperation with religious denominations and the Catholic Church.

(Spanish Panel. Translation provided)

Title: Some lights and shadows in the current Spanish system of Church-State relations

Prof. Dr. José Ramón Polo Sabau

Full Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Málaga (Spain)

Title: State Relations with religions: Common law or special law?

Prof. Dr. Silvia Meseguer Velasco

Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Complutense University of Madrid (Spain)

Title: Cooperation system with religious denominations and principle of equality

Prof. Dr. Óscar Celador Angón

Full Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Carlos III (Spain)

Chair and Discussant: Prof. Dr. Miguel Rodríguez Blanco, Full Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Alcalá de Henares (Spain)

11.30-12.00: Coffee-Break

12.00-14.00: V Plenary Session. Challenges of Religious Pluralism in Spain: Cooperation with Religious Minorities

(Spanish Panel. Translation provided)

Title: Main challenges in cooperation with religious minorities

Prof. Dr. Mercedes Murillo Muñoz

Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Rey Juan Carlos University (Spain)

Title: The situation of religious minorities without agreements in Spain

Prof. Dr. Alejandro Torres Gutiérrez

Full Professor at the Faculty of Law, Public University of Navarre (Spain)

Title: Religious Plurality in Spain: Main Conflicts Beyond the Legal Framework

Prof^a. Dra. Mar Griera i Llonch,

Full Professor at the Sociology School, Autonomous University of Barcelona (Spain)

Chair and Discussant: Prof. Dr. Fernando Américo Cuervo-Arango, Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, Complutense University of Madrid (Spain)

14.00-14.30: Closing Remarks

Prof. Dr. Ana Isabel Jiménez San Cristóbal

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14.30: Lunch (Cafeteria at the Faculty of Philosophy)