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Post-Secularism and its Precedents: Religious Counter-discourses to Modernity

Public Session

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Whence the post-secular? A critical look at the field

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Attendance to this seminar session is open to the public.

Abstract: This talk will question the concept of post-secularism by revisiting the fallacies of secularization, its theoretical and empirical bases, and current religious trends across the globe. It will argue that shifting trends in scholarship do not always match empirical evidence, or the latter is often read through a normative lens. If post-secularism is, like its predecessor, a contested normative concept: how can we develop an empirical study of religion in contemporary society?

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Reception to follow