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## CONFERENCE

# *The Impact of Emergency Rules on Religious Freedom, With Special Regard to Religious Minorities*

## Messina

### Room 5, Department of Law July 24 and 25, 2024

0.25 CFU will be awarded for each session to all students of the Department of Law who will attend the Conference.

The Council Bar of Messina will award 6 CFU to those who will attend the Conference.

The Conference is included within the educational activities of the PhD School in Legal Studies.

July 24 - 14.30-15.00

## OPENING

### WELCOME

**Alessio LO GIUDICE**  
(Head of the Department of Law)

**Concetta PARRINELLO**  
(Head of the PhD School in Legal Studies)

**Prof. Pierluigi CONSORTI**  
(Full Professor of Law and Religion, University of Pisa, and Principal Investigator of the Project of Relevant National Interest)  
*An Overview of the Project of National Relevance "Religion and Emergency Rules", its Scope and its Aims*

## FIRST SESSION

### FIRST PANEL

#### Emergency Rules and Religious Minorities: An Introduction

July 24 - 15.00-16.00

Chair: Prof. Javier MARTÍNEZ-TORRÓN  
(Full Professor of Church-State Relations and ICLARS President)

**Rossella BOTTONI**  
(Associate Professor of Law and Religion, University of Trento)  
*Religious Minorities in States of Emergency: the UN Perspective*

**Fernand DE VARENNES**  
(UN Former Special Rapporteur on Minorities)  
*Religious Minorities in Times of Crisis: the Growing Threats of Discrimination, Securitisation, and Nationalism*

**Marietta VAN DER TOL**  
(Post-doctorate Fellow, Lecturer at St. Peter's College, Oxford University)  
*"Legitimate Aims": Security, Identity, and Religion in Europe*

16.00-16.30: Coffee Break

### SECOND PANEL

#### The Impact of the Russia-Ukraine War on Religious Freedom with Special Regard to Religious Minorities

16.30-19.00

Chair: Marietta VAN DER TOL

**Judd BIRDSALL**  
(Senior Fellow Department of Theology and Religious Studies Georgetown University, Washington)  
*The International Debate over Religious Freedom in Ukraine*

**Elizabeth CLARK**  
(Associate Director of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University, UT)  
*Non-Derogability of Freedom of Religion and Necessity of Limitations: the Case of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church*

**Dmytro VOVK**  
(Visiting Professor, Cardozo University, NY; Former Director of the Center for the Rule of Law and Religion at the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University, Ukraine)  
*Religious Freedom and National Security Through the Lens of the Russia-Ukraine War*

**Pasquale ANNICCHINO**  
(Researcher of Law and Religion, University of Foggia)  
*The "Russian World", National Security and the Protection of the Rights of Religious Minorities*

**Maksym VASIN**  
(Executive Director of the Institute for Religious Freedom NGO, Ukraine)  
*The Impact of the Russian Invasion on Religious Minorities in Ukraine*

**Kyriaki TOPIDI**  
(European Centre for Minority Issues, Flensburg)  
*Serving God and the Country? Religious Minority Self-Identification in Ukraine after February 2022*

19.00-19.30

### DISCUSSION

## SECOND SESSION

### THIRD PANEL

## The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Religious Freedom with Special Regard to Religious Minorities

July 25 - 9.00-10.30

**Chair: Fernand DE VARENNES**  
(UN Former Special Rapporteur on Minorities)

**Javier MARTÍNEZ-TORRÓN**  
(Full Professor of Church-State Relations and ICLARS President)  
*Religions Freedom under Emergency Rules:  
Some Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic*

**Roberta MEDDA WINDISCHER**  
(Senior Researcher EURAC, Bolzano)  
*Religious Minorities and Health Emergencies:  
Global Approaches and Lessons Learnt from the  
Covid-19 Pandemic*

**Brett SCHARFFS**  
(Rex E. Lee Chair and Professor of Law, J. Reuben Clark Law School,  
BYU University, UT and Director of the International Center for Law and  
Religion)  
*The US Approach to Regulation during the  
COVID-19 Pandemic*

10.30-11.00: Coffee Break

ORGANIZING  
SECRETARIAT:  
Maurizio PINIZZOTTO, M.A.  
Maria SCALIA, Ph.D

11.00-12.00

**Geoffrey C. UPTON**  
(Assistant Professor of Political Science, Seton Hall University, NJ)  
*Church and State in Time of Crisis: Religious  
Minority Group Rights and Protections and States  
of Emergency After the COVID Cases*

**Jonathan FOX - Moira DEITCH**  
(Yehuda Avner Professor of Religion and Politics,  
Department of Political Science, Bar-Ilan University, Israel)  
*COVID-Based Restrictions on Religious  
Freedom in Sub-Saharan Africa*

**Tornike METREVELI**  
(Associate Senior Lecturer in European Studies, Associate Professor in  
Sociology of Religions Lund University)  
*Sacred Spaces and Social Distancing:  
The Impact of COVID-19 on Orthodox Christianity*

12.00-12.30 Discussion

12.30-13.00

**Adelaide MADERA**  
(Full Professor of Law and Religion, University of Messina,  
and Associate Investigator of the Project of Relevant National Interest,  
Unit of Research of Messina)  
*Closing Remarks: Religious Minorities  
in Times of Crisis*

SCIENTIFIC AND ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:  
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