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September 22, 2022 - Afternoon

15.00-15.15 Welcoming - Sala delle Edicole
Egidio Robusto, Dean of FISPPA Department, University of Padova, Italy
Giuseppe Giordan, Coordinator ReSTI research group, FISPPA Department, University of Padova, Italy

15.15-16.45 Plenary Session One – Sala delle Edicole
State-Religion Governance and Religious Diversity
Chair: Giuseppe Giordan, University of Padova, Italy
Roger Finke, Pennsylvania State University, USA,
Cross-national research on religious freedom:
Charting a research agenda
Mar Griera, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, Soft Governance and religious diversity:
Setting the limits of "good religion"

16.45-17.15 Coffee Break

17.15-19.00 Parallel Session A – Sala delle Edicole
Chair: Adam Possamai, Western Sydney University, Australia

- Ioannis E. Kastanas, University of Nicosia, *The harmonisation between religious freedom and the protection of public health: Betwixt self-regulation and law*
- Maria Chiara Giorda, University Roma Tre, and Stefania Palimiano, University of Torino, *Ensuring religious freedom, while taking care of patients*
- Alberta Giorgi, University of Bergamo, *Is "religious freedom" good for women? The experiences of religious feminist and women's rights activists in between religious communities and the broad society in Italy*
- Georgios Tsaousis, University of Nicosia, *Prevailing religion as a factor in enhancing religious freedom*
- Andrea Porcarelli, University of Padova, *Institutionalizing the relationship between religious teaching and religious freedom: The case of the Republic of San Marino*

17.15-19.00 Parallel Session B – Aula Stefanini
Chair: James T. Richardson, University of Nevada, USA

- Bernadette Rigal-Cellard, University of Bordeaux Montaigne, *Religious freedom issues and Scientology in France*
- Rosita Šorytė, European Federation for Freedom of Belief (FOB), *Science, secrecy, and conspiracy theories in Russia before and during the War in Ukraine*
- Massimo Introvigne, Center for Studies on New Religions (CESNUR), *Science, brainwashing, and religious freedom in post-Trump United States*
- Maija Grizāne, Daugavpils University, *Becoming legal: Marriages in the Old Believer community of Latvia*
- Ina Kirničānska and Irēna Saleniece, *Daugavpils University, Old Believers' identity and religious freedom literacy: The case of Latvia from 1918 to the present days*

11.00-12.45 Parallel Session E – Aula Stefanini
Chair: Mar Griera, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain

- Giovanna Rech, University of Trento, *University of Verona, (In-)visibility of places of worship in new religions: A comparative analysis of heritage-making processes in Italy and France*
- Sumedha Dutta, Central University of Punjab, *Religious freedom, NRMs and the concept of "spirituality": A case study of the Art of Living Foundation*
- Roberto Cipriani, University Roma Tre, *Religiosity in Italy: A multi-methods approach*
- Zsuzsanna Demeter-Karászi, Zsófia Kocsis and Gabriella Pusztai, University of Debrecen, *Types of religiosity and student work among higher education students in Central and Eastern Europe*
- Carlo Macale, University of Roma "Tor Vergata", *Sacred and consciousness: Young Italian students in foreign religious contexts*

11.00-12.45 Parallel Session F – Aula Seminari
Chair: Lene Kühle, Aarhus University, Denmark

- Carlo Nardella, University of Milano, *Religious diversity, social conflict and symbolic change: The cult of St. Anthony after Sri Lanka's 2019 Easter bombings*
- Marco Guglielmi and Stefano Sbalchiero, University of Padova, *Does sharing place of worship matter in enhancing interfaith dialogue? Evidences from Italy*
- Kiril Lapitskii, Polish Academy of Sciences, *The Ukrainian Orthodox Church Moscow Patriarchate and the Orthodox Church of Ukraine: Possible dialogue*
- Moncef Chaibi, University of Padova, *Oligopoly dynamics: Religious pluralism and the European Court of Human Rights*
- Martina Mignardi, University of Padova, *Attitudes toward religious diversity: The case of religious minorities in the cities of Bologna and Milan*

12.45 Buffet

September 23, 2022 - Afternoon

14.30-16.00 Round-table – Sala delle Edicole
Social Perception of Religious Freedom
Olga Breskaya, University of Padova, Italy
Néstor Da Costa, Catholic University of Uruguay, Uruguay

Giuseppe Giordan, University of Padova, Italy
Adam Possamai, Western Sydney University, Australia
Siniša Zrinščak, University of Zagreb, Croatia

16.00-17.30 Reception offered by Brill for Celebration of 10th Anniversary Issue of the Annual Review of the Sociology of Religion – Sala delle Edicole

Presentation of the volume *Chinese Religions Going Global!*

Nanlai Cao, Renmin University, China
Luigi Berzano, University of Torino, Italy
Enzo Pace, University of Padova, Italy

17.30 Concluding Remarks – Sala delle Edicole

17.15-19.00 Parallel Session C – Aula Seminari

Chair: Siniša Zrinščak, University of Zagreb, Croatia
Maja Kaninska, University of Ljubljana, *Studies on religious freedom, a sample of three countries, three periods - Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Serbia*

Roberto F. Scalon, University of Torino, *Religious freedom and citizenship right in the public-political sphere: An important precedent for the Italian case*

Nadezha Bелиakova, Gerda Henkel Fellowship at University of Bielefeld, Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences and Vera Kluieva, Tyumen Scientific Centre, Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Sciences, *Cult-watching organizations and religious freedom in Russia: From Soviet legacies to international anti-cult movement*

Asia Leofreddi, University of Padova, *Exploring social perceptions of political secularism and religious freedom in Croatia*

Teuta Stipišić, University of Padova, *Attitudes toward immigrants intertwined with religion: Comparison of Croatia and Italy*

20.00 Dinner

September 23, 2022 - Morning

9.00-10.30 Plenary Session Two – Sala delle Edicole
Claims of Cultural Pluralism and Religious Freedom

Chair: Enzo Pace, University of Padova, Italy
Lene Kühle, Aarhus University, Denmark, *The construction of religious diversity as a framework for claims for religious freedom*

James T. Richardson, University of Nevada, USA, *The Judicialization of religious freedom: A comparison between the European courts and the U.S. Supreme Court*

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break

11.00-12.45 Parallel Session D – Sala delle Edicole
Chair: Roger Finke, Pennsylvania State University, USA

• Marko Veković, University of Belgrade, *State, religion and religious freedoms in the post-conflict Kosovo*

• Máté-Toth András, University of Szeged, *Religion as securitization*

• Sabrina Testa, CAPES-COFECUB at the Groupe Sociétés, Religions, Laïcités (CNRS-EPHE), *Between religious freedom and the secularity of the State: Notions in dispute in secularist judicial activism in Brazil*

• Álvaro Augusto Espinoza Rizo, Bielefeld University / University of Groningen, *Governmental persecution against the Catholic Church: Reflections on the Nicaraguan case 2018-2022*

• Matteo Di Placido, University of Torino, *Narendra Modi's deployment of yoga: Religious (un)freedom, right-wing governance and biopolitics in contemporary India*