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Public Management of Religious Diversity and Human Rights in Post Secular Societies

Message from the Guest Editors

In this volume we will analyse all these issues from an interdisciplinary perspective (particularly legal-political and sociological) and with special attention to the Western context (North America and Europe). In these countries, and although Habermas points out that it is the region that, having experienced the most intense secularisation, is most prone to a post-secular interpretation, there still coexist challenges and possibilities, futures prospects and threats, which we will explore in this volume. In the light of this discussion, we aim to propose new readings of fundamental rights, which must open the door for an interpretation based on the principle of non-discrimination that avoids indirect discrimination in the enjoyment of rights in culturally diverse societies, from the local to the national level. This reinterpretation, moreover, should not be limited to the scope of certain traditional minorities, but should be valid for the management of all possible religious or spiritual-based identities that coexist in contemporary democratic societies.

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