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Call for Papers (new deadline):
*The Challenges of Law, Religion and State
in Health Care and Mental Health*

Online Workshop of the Journal of Law Religion and State, September 28th-29th, 2022

The Journal of Law, Religion and State is inviting contributions for its workshop on 'The Challenges of Law, Religion and State in Health Care and Mental Health', which will focus on examining the different interactions between health-related state law and policy and the regulation of medical treatment and care by religious laws and norms.

We invite abstracts for papers on topics including, but not limited to, organ transplants (including use of artificial organs, xenotransplantation etc.); abortion; IVF and other reproductive procedures (including the donation of genetic materials, surrogate motherhood etc.); end-of-life care (including defining life and death, physician assisted suicide and prolonging life etc.); the use of drugs; capacity to consent to treatment; patient rights; and deontology (including professional codes of conduct).

Questions that may be discussed cover, inter alia:

- Are the legal and religious regulations compatible? And/or can they co-exist?
- What (mutual) influence exists between state law and religious regulation? Is there current and/or historic influence?
- Do – or should - religious authorities have an (non)official role in regulating or implementing medical practice?
- Should regulation allow different (adapted) protocols for religious people?
- Are religion-based exemptions normatively acceptable in health care for patients, staff, institutions and even states (under international law)?

In addition, we want to encourage contributions that focus more specifically on mental health, dealing with questions such as:

- Can religious clerics provide mental health care?
- What is the appropriate regulation of such care?
- Can professionals offer religiously-guided and/or religiously-adapted, mental health care?

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- What is the normative status of mental health definitions such as the DSM (or others), and professionally accepted norms and standards of care, which may be disputed by some religious patients or staff?

Researchers interested in presenting at the workshop are invited to send an abstract (250-500 words) to Amos Israel, aisrael@mail.sapir.ac.il before June 30th. We will send our decision on acceptance no later than July 5th. Authors whose proposals are accepted must provide a rough first draft of their paper (8000-10,000 words) by September 5th (3 weeks before the workshop) for review and discussion by participants.

Papers presented at the workshop will be peer-reviewed, and a selection of those accepted will be published in a special theme-issue of the *Journal of Law, Religion and State*, planned for January 2023.

Prof. Sam Levine, Touro University, USA.
Prof. Gideon Sapir, Bar Ilan University, Israel.
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