

DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND RELIGION: A ROUNDTABLE

CALL FOR PAPERS

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The role of religion in dispute resolution is particularly controversial. In addition to the specific mechanisms for resolving disputes based directly on religious questions established within the various confessional institutions, religious issues also emerge significantly in disputes arising out of private, public, criminal and international legal matters. The relevance and influence of religion in such disputes, however, is rarely the subject of study and research: religion is often considered as an aspect merely inherent in the personal sphere of the parties, and its relevance reduced to issues subject to reasonable accommodation. The practice, however, shows how questions of identity - among which religion is often chief - are increasingly assuming a significant and influential role in disputes in which, for various reasons, problems of a spiritual nature directly affect matters regulated by law. The aim of the roundtable is thus to explore the role of religion in the solution of international disputes.

Contributions addressing any of the following issues will be considered, based on the quality of the papers/abstracts and the expertise of the authors:

- The role of arbitration, mediation and conciliation in religious matters
- The effects of judgments and decisions of religious bodies on domestic and international legal relationships
- The effect of international decisions on religious bodies
- Theoretical underpinnings of religious dispute resolution
- Regional perspectives, broadly understood
- Other relevant issues

The roundtable will bring together scholars working in international law, public and constitutional law, private law, criminal law, law and religion, international relations, history, philosophy, and related disciplines. We are seeking empirically - as well as theoretically-oriented draft papers and abstracts that address one or more of the above questions. Different disciplinary approaches are welcome, as long as the focus remains on the main topic of the workshop. Precedence will be given to those submitting draft papers.

Please send your submission, accompanied by a short CV, by **20 June 2022** to blarina.xheraj@le.ac.uk and/or paolo.vargiu@le.ac.uk. We aim at communicating the results of the selection process by June 27. The organizing committee shall be able to cover up to £150 in travel expenses for speakers who will attend in person. **Please confirm in your email if you will attend in person.** The roundtable is funded by Leicester Law School.

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