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# RELIGION AND DEMOCRATIC THEORY: Which Institutions for Legitimate Decision-Making on Religion?

**19 June 2024 (4 pm – 7 pm)**  
**Scharnhorststraße 100 | Room 101**  
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**20 June 2024 (9 am – 6 pm)**  
**Johannisstraße 1 | JO 101**  
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### Day 1 19 June 2024

- 4:00** **Arrival & Coffee**
- 5:00 – 6:30** **Opening & Introduction** Svenja Ahlhaus & Iman Al Nassre
- 7:00** **Dinner**

### Day 2 20 June 2024

- 8:30** **Arrival & Coffee**
- 9 – 10:30** **Cristina Lafont**  
What if Religion Is Not Special? Political Justification Beyond the Religious–Secular Distinction
- Aurélia Bardon**  
The Role of Religious Experts in Making Decisions about Religion
- 10:30** **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 – 12:30** **Udit Bhatia**  
Reparative Counterspeech
- Schirin Amir-Moazami**  
Democracy Education in Prevention Programs against “Islamism”?
- 12:30** **Lunch & Visiting Westphalian Peace Hall**
- 2:30 – 4:00** **Tobias Müller**  
Depoliticising Religion, Contextualising Justice: History, Intersectionality, Subsidiarity
- Ulrich Willems**  
Religion in “Democracy as Compromise”, or: Realist Democracy’s Religion
- 4:00** **Coffee Break**
- 4:30 – 6:00** **Svenja Ahlhaus**  
Religious Strategic Litigation as a Challenge for Democratic Theory
- Closing Remarks**
- 7:30** **Dinner**