

“Human and Minority Rights Protection: The Promise of Multiple Diversity Governance”

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ABSTRACT

The presentation will discuss the main elements of the development and conundrums of human rights and minority protection in Europe in the academic disciplines of history, law, political theory and sociology and their interrelationships. Thereby, the following questions will be addressed: Why do we consider ‘ethno-cultural’ minorities of all sorts dangerous for political unity and legal equality to this day? Is this based on a path-dependency stemming from different normative and institutional models of state formation and nation-building in Europe, requiring either assimilation into the dominant ‘majority culture’ or leading to various forms of exclusion (segregation, ethnic cleansing) or even extinction of members of groups (genocide)? And is there no way out of this dilemma? The answer given will be in the affirmative: We have to make the ideological underpinnings and ‘family relationships’ (Wittgenstein) between racism, nationalism and liberalism visible which legitimize the monist-identitarian nation-state paradigm to this day and to develop a new normative and institutional model which follows from an ethical perspective of ‘cosmopolitan constitutional pluralism’ translated into ‘multiple diversity governance’, which are institutional arrangements providing for autonomy, subsidiarity, social and system integration.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER



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REGISTRATION

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