

# Religion as a Ground for International Protection

Conference organised in the context of the 2022 National Relevant Interest Project (PRIN)  
 Migration and Religion in International Law (MiReIL): Research-based Proposals for Inclusive,  
 Resilient, and Multicultural Societies

**31 October 2024, 10:00 am**

Room 203, Luiss Campus at Viale Romania 32, Rome

## 10:00 am Presentation

Francesco Cherubini  
 Professor of EU Law, Luiss University

## 10:15 am Introductory Guest Lecture: *Persecution and International Protection of the State*

Fabrizio Gallo  
 President, National Commission for the Right to Asylum

## 10:40 am *Religion and Persecution* Chair

Pietro Pustorino  
 Professor of International Law, Luiss University

### Speakers

Marco Ventura  
 Professor of Ecclesiastical and Canon Law,  
 University of Siena  
*When and How Does the Violation of Religious Freedom  
Become Persecution?*

Lidia Rieder  
 Legal Officer, ADF International, Vienna  
*Religion-Based Asylum Claims: An Overview  
of the Legal Problems from a Comparative Perspective*  
 Q&A

## 11:40 am Coffee Break

## 12:00 pm *Dimensions of Religious-Based Persecutions* Chair

Kristina Stoeckl  
 Professor of Sociology, Luiss University

### Speakers

Alfonso Giordano  
 Associate Professor of Economic and Political Geography,  
 University Niccolò Cusano  
*The Geography of Religious Persecutions*

Antonio di Muro

Protection Associate, UNHCR

*International Protection from Religious-Based Persecutions:  
A Picture of Europe and the UNHCR's Perspective*  
 Q&A

## 1:00 pm Light Lunch

## 2:00 pm *Evaluation of Religious-Based Claims* Chair

Francesca M. Corrao  
 Professor of Arabic Culture and Language,  
 Luiss University

### Speakers

Hedayat Selim  
 PhD Candidate in Psychology, Åbo Akademi University  
*The Credibility Assessment of Religious-Based Claims*

Sonja Pöllabauer  
 Professor for Interpreting Studies, University of Vienna  
*Interpreting in an Asylum Context  
and the Role of Interpreters*

Harald Dörig  
 Honorary Professor, Friedrich-Schiller University Jena  
*Religious-Based Claims and Exclusion Clauses*

## 3:20 pm Conclusions

Karen Musalo  
 Professor of Law, University of California,  
 College of the Law, San Francisco

Register here by 25 October 2024  
 to secure your participation