

# Norden meets Europe

Göttingen 21–22 March 2019

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Thursday, March 21

15.00–15.30	Opening	Hans Michael Heinig Lisbet Christoffersen
15.30–16.45	The secular political order in the mirror of protestant political ethics  Presentation and comment	Rainer Anselm Nils Henrik Gregersen
16.45–17.00	<i>Coffee</i>	
17.00–19.00	<i>Guided tour in Göttingen</i>	Andreas Ohlemacher
19.00–20.00	<i>Dinner</i>	
20.00–22.00	Vom Religionskonflikt zur Ausgleichsordnung  Presentation and comment	Martin Heckel Lisbet Christoffersen

Friday, March 22

<p><b>Case studies: Secularity of Law – old and new challenges</b></p> <p>In this part of the conference we will have a closer look to some case studies and detailed questions to learn more about the current understanding of the secularity of law, the uses of the past and the impact of the historical heritage. A main focus could be how our legal and political systems deal with new communities, especially the Islam (or rather roman catholicism) in its variety (criminal law and sharia, marriage law, cooperation with the government and state financial support, religious education in public schools and religious schools). Additional we could ask what impact the de-churchification has?</p> <p>(20 min German perspective, 25 min discussion)</p>		
9.00–9.45	Criminal law	Bijan Fateh-Moghadam
9.45–10.30	Marriage law	Matthias Rohe
10.30–11.00	<i>Coffee</i>	
11.00–11.45	cooperation with the government and state financial support	Fabian Wittreck

11.45–12.30	religious education in public schools and religious schools	Christian Walter
12.30–13.00	Secularization and the secularity of law General discussion	
13.00–14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
<p><b>Europeanization: Pluralization or Marketization</b></p> <p>The last part of the conference should deal with the Europeanisation of national legal orders and the impact on the understanding of the secularity of law. In my understanding the two European courts have no thick concept of the secularity of law, but in their jurisdictionation can be found an underlying idea und influence. The European Court for Human Rights has an approach considering the religious plurality of the society and the democratic legitimization of the law whereas the European Court in Luxemburg has a more market driven approach. The later leaves no or at least less room for confessionalistic shaped traditions. Therefore the Lutheran heritage in the understanding of the secularity of law could dissolve in the process of Europeanization.</p>		
14.00–14.30	The secularity of law in the mirror of the jurisdiction of the ECHR and the ECJ	Hans Michael Heinig
14.30–15.00	Europeanization: Pluralization or Marketization	Marie-Claire Foblets
15.00–16.00	Discussion	
16.00–16.30	<i>Coffee</i>	
16.30–17.30	Final: What did we learn for the ongoing research?	Tarald Rasmussen Anna Sara Lind Pamela Slotte Thomas Kaufmann
18.00	<i>Organ recital, St. Jacobi</i>	
19.00	<i>Dinner</i>	<i>Bremers Weinkellerei am Wall Obere Karspüle 42</i>

Saturday, March 23: Departure