

Twenty-first century religion: European and global perspectives

Lecture and dialogue with Prof. Grace Davie for practitioners working in different religious communities

This seminar will outline the religious landscape in modern Europe, seeing this as an “exception” in global terms. Different factors push and pull in different directions: some point to increasing secularization; others resist this trend.

What emerges is a paradox: on the one hand European populations are less religiously active than they used to be; on the other they talk more about religion than they did in the past. One reason for the latter is the persistence of religion in almost every other global region and the impact that this has on public debate in Europe.

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