

First conference of the Center for Advanced Studies (KFG)  
“Universalism and Particularism in European Contemporary History”

# Religious and Secularistic Concepts of Universalism/Particularism

## PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 25 MAY 2023

10.00–10.15

Welcome and introduction:  
**Martin Schulze Wessel** (Munich)

### PANEL 1

Chair: **Martin Schulze Wessel**  
(Munich)

10.15–11.45

**José Casanova** (Washington D.C.)  
Mutual, Secular and Religious,  
Exclusive Claims to Universalism  
**Hans Joas** (Berlin, Chicago)  
The Emergence of Moral Univer-  
salism in the Axial Age. Contours  
of a Contemporary Debate

### PANEL 2

Chair: **Kiran K. Patel** (Munich)

13.00–14.30

**Brian Van Wyck** (Baltimore)  
Muslimizing, Secularizing, Nationaliz-  
ing: Universalism and Particularism  
in the Turkish Diaspora  
**Mateusz Majman** (Munich)  
From Universal to Particular:  
the Transformation of Holocaust  
Memory among the Mountain Jews  
after the Collapse of the Soviet Union

### PANEL 3

Chair: **Andreas Wirsching** (Munich)

15.00–17.00

**Hélène Miard-Delacroix** (Paris)  
The Evolution of French Laïcité:  
from a Political Pattern to a Secular  
Key Concept of Living Together  
in a Multicultural Society  
**Heléna Tóth** (Bamberg)  
“If we can do what the church can!”  
The Competition for Structuring  
the Emotions of the “Socialist New  
Man” in the 1960s in Central Europe  
**Johannes Gleixner** (Munich)  
“Politicizing Secularity”: Universalism  
as a Tool for Political Particularism

### KEYNOTE LECTURE

18.00–19.30

**John Connelly** (Berkeley):  
Nation as Tragedy: the Story  
of East and Central Europe

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FRIDAY, 26 MAY 2023

### PANEL 4

Chair: **José Casanova** (Washington  
D.C.)

09.00–10.30

**Marta Bucholc** (Warsaw)  
The Historical Dynamics of  
Universalism and Particularism  
in the Discursive Framings of the  
Figure of John Paul II in Poland  
**Zdeněk R. Nešpor** (Prague)  
Saving the Nation via Religion,  
or Religious Elements in Czech  
and Slovak Neo-nationalisms

### PANEL 5

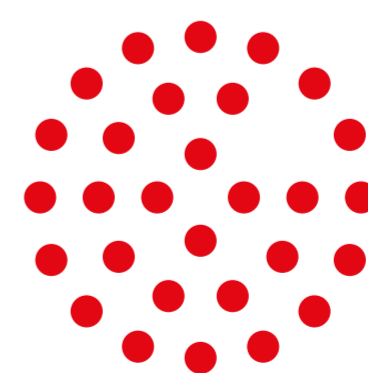
Chair: **Marta Bucholc** (Warsaw)

10.45–12.45

**Nadieszda Kizenko** (Albany)  
Human Rights and Values Discourses  
in the Russian Orthodox Church  
**Nikolay Mitrokhin** (Bremen)  
Transregional and Universal Reli-  
gious Orientation versus State  
Expectations of Loyalty. Orthodoxy  
in Ukraine from World War II to  
the Present

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