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Did Secularisation Kill God? Changes in Religiosity and Values among Natives and Migrants in Europe

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13:00-14:30 CET
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Secularisation in Europe is an increasingly prevalent social reality. The influence of religion and religious authorities, which was prominent just a few generations ago, seems to have significantly diminished in shaping individual beliefs, behaviours, and collective social and political decisions. Yet even in today's secularised Europe, religion remains a powerful force that shapes societal culture, and its values leave an imprint on the ethos, worldviews and ideologies of people, regardless of their individual religiosity. In addition, existing social research shows that areas with different Christian denominations secularise at different speeds and that significant differences exist between Christianity and Islam. To discuss these trends and their implications for centre-right politics, the Martens Centre invites you to a paper launch authored by Tommaso Virgili and Benedetta Panchetti which examines religiosity and secularisation trends among natives and migrants in the EU. Presentation of the findings will be followed by a commentary and debate.

PROGRAMME

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| 12:15 | Registration and light lunch |
| 13:00 | Welcome remarks: Peter Hefele , Policy Director, Martens Centre |
| 13:10 | Paper presentation:
Benedetta Panchetti , Lecturer, Mercatorum University
Tommaso Virgili , Postdoctoral Research Fellow, WZB Berlin Social Science Center |
| 13:30 | Commentary:
Torsten Moritz , General Secretary, Churches Commission for Migrants in Europe
Corinne Torrekens , Professor of Political Science, ULB, Researcher, OMAM
Moderated by:
Vít Novotný , Senior Research Officer, Martens Centre |
| 14:00 | Q&A |

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