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Abstract

Shifting state- religion relations in Turkey: a global phenomenon or an exception?

Public demand for more religion is following an increasing trend in the world generally and in Turkey particularly. This presentation aims to draw attention to the ongoing shifts in religion-state relations in Western countries through various examples illustrating how the states are revolving into a reconciliatory model. It will then situate the changing state- religion relations in Turkey from past to present. Meanwhile the presentation will question whether the Turkish experience is in tune with the developments in other Western countries or it stands out as an exceptional case?

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