

Invitation Panel Discussion: Law, Religion, and State in Practice

States and religion are everywhere in our world, but they come together in different ways – and one of the main locations of friction is law. What can scholarship in its various disciplines do to help us understand these frictions? Join us for a discussion in which law, political science, media studies, anthropology, and religious studies are brought into dialogue on religion, state, and law.

The Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law and the Hamburg Institute for Advanced Study cordially invite you to participate in this discussion on

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Panelists:

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Mirjam Künkler • Institute for Advanced Legal Studies, London

Ralf Michaels • Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, Hamburg

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Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen • University of Copenhagen

Moderator:

Nadjma Yassari • Swiss Institute for Comparative Law, Universities of Zurich and Hamburg

There will be an opportunity to socialize over snacks and drinks after the debate.

Further details on the HIAS Summer School, as part of which the event is taking place, can be found [here](#).

If you would like to participate, we kindly ask you to register [here](#). R.S.V.P. by 3 July 2026

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