As stated by J. Habermas, we live now in a post-secular time. This means that the secular frame of western societies is experiencing a lack of meaning’s resources, which makes liberal society and constitutional democracy fragile. At the same time, we can observe an ambivalent «come-back» of religions and religious sentiment, which has to be seen as a new phenomenon to deal with in the public square. The course would like to introduce students into a set of new questions and challenges that arise from this condition of parallel presence of the secular and the religious in our western societies. The course is designed in a constructive way, with the aim to outline new spaces of negotiation between the secular and the religious for the sake both of a peaceful coexistence among the many within a plural society, and of finding creative resources to implement the democratic quality of such coexistence.

Credit Points: 5

Final Exam: Oral Exam (20 Minutes)