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Post-Secularism and its Precedents: Religious Counter-discourses to Modernity

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Theoretical Models of Post-Secularism

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Abstract: Sociological theories of postsecularity comprise different theoretical approaches that reflect on the complex religious-secular constellation after the demise of the secularization thesis, on religious pluralization and on the public presence of religion in modern societies. Postsecularity as a theoretical concept is being developed in different branches of academic research, namely sociology, normative political theory, philosophy and theology. Starting from an observation about the Russian reception of postsecular social theory, this lecture identifies four genealogies of postsecularity: a sociological, normative, postmodern and a theological genealogy. These four genealogies function as epistemological backdrop for the selective gaze of scholars and determine the methodology, the processes and the material that come under scrutiny in research on postsecularity.

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