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Recent Work on the Doctrine of Secularism

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Attendance to this seminar session is open to the public.

Abstract: Thinking clearly about post-secularism might benefit from re-examining the concept of secularism. Do we know what the secular stance is? Is it only liberalism applied to religion? Or does it bring with it more than this? There has been interesting recent work on secularism by the philosophers Charles Taylor and Akeel Bilgrami. I’ll focus on Bilgrami’s work. One question that emerges is this: Is the secular stance only a matter of state neutrality on religion in the public domain or does it involve a wider debunking and detaching that leads to widespread “disenchantment.”

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