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**Title: European Union, Human Rights and Religion –
between crises and war**

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Call for Chapters

Proposals Submission Deadline: **31 July 2023**
Full Chapters Due: **30 October 2023**

Introduction

The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union brought together the most important personal freedoms and rights enjoyed by citizens of the EU into one legally binding document. The Charter was declared in 2000, and came into force in December 2009 along with the Treaty of Lisbon. Since then, the European Union has gone through a series of critical situations. After the sovereign debt crisis in 2008, the refugee crisis highlighted by the war in Syria (2011) yet with additional causes such as climate change or the fragility of states in Africa and Brexit, in 2020, with Covid19 pandemic, the EU would experience a shock with a hybrid threat to health of the people and, more recently, with the return of the conventional threat, as is the case of the Russian-Ukrainian War on the periphery of Europe.

The challenges posed today to Human Rights in the EU are more decentralized and with potential risk of the not respect their principles. Related with ethnic identity, Religion, the most important social factor of the human history, become a central issue in the assessment of HR in the EU. Despite of the secularization process that occurred in the modern time, with the growth of radical right-wing and far-right parties (France, Italy, Portugal, Greek, Austrian, Hungary, Kingdom, Romania, Sweden, Poland, Germany), religious issues has returned to the political agendas of many European states.

The fragile dialectic between state sovereignty and respect for multiculturalism, which includes the various religions present in European territory, is one of the most relevant topics for various scientific and disciplinary areas. The importance of disseminating studies and academic discussions on this subject from a multidisciplinary perspective - law, philosophy, theology, sociology, anthropology, religious studies, international relations, European studies - is still necessary and can contribute to better governance policies in the EU in terms of Human Rights.

In order to respond to these major current challenges, the editors intend to bring together contributions from authors of different scientific areas, whose topics may arouse the interest of academics who work with this issue. In Europe at an economic, political, social, humanitarian and geopolitical crossroads in which we live, this book intends to contribute to the valuation of the scientific knowledge, in addition to opening new epistemo-methodological analyses in the domain of the intellection of the EU, Human Rights and Religion.

Objective

The general objectives of this book are:

- Explore trends in human rights abuses in the EU
- Assess normative evolution in terms of human rights in the *acquis communautaire* and among member states.
- Evaluate the interreligious and ecumenical dialogue in promoting the homogenization of human rights
- Present the current state of governance;
- Investigate /examine situations of violation and disrespect of human rights in the European Union
- Assess the acceptance by religions of European decisions on human rights
- Sightsee refugee reception and governance responses;
- Publish recent studies in the various disciplinary areas that intersect the European Union, Human Rights and Religion;
- Contribute to new lines of research emerging from European Union, Human Rights and Religion governance

Target Audience

This book will be a resource for researchers, academics, professors, students, lawyers, judges, theologians, politicians, consultants, policy makers.

Recommended Topics

- Charter of Fundamental Rights of EU and human rights evolution in Europe
- War and Human Rights
- Multiculturalism, Religion and Human Rights in European Union
- Secularization, Populism, Authoritarianism, Nationalism
- Violations of Human Rights in Europe
- Gender Rights, Religion and Europe
- LGBT+ Rights, European Union and Religion
- Universalism, Multiculturalism on European Union

Submission Procedure

Researchers and practitioners are invited to submit on or before 31 July 2023, Full chapters are expected to be submitted by 30 October 2023.

Additional Information

- Chapters have not been published previously
- Chapters should have a maximum of 8000 words including bibliography, data, footnotes
- The final chapters must be sent until the 30th of August,
- References must be in APA style.

All submitted chapters will be reviewed on a double-blind review basis. Contributors may also be requested to serve as reviewers for this project.

Important Dates

30 July 2023: Proposal Submission Deadline

30 October 2023: Full Chapter Submission

31 December 2023: Final Chapter Submission

About the Editors

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Liliana Reis owns a PhD in International Relations and Political Science from University of Minho (Braga, Portugal). Currently, she is professor and head of bachelor in International Relations and Political Science at Lusófona University and professor in University of Beira Interior and researcher in Portuguese Institute of International Relations. She has been awarded with the José Medeiros Ferreira Award (from the European Institute of Law Faculty, Lisbon University) for one of the best thesis on International Relations of Portuguese Universities linked to the European Defence and Security Policy. She has published a book *A Construção do Ator Securitário Europeu: A*

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