

Dialogue And Mediation For The Right To Religious Freedom

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Abstract:

Religious Freedom legislation is a far reaching exercise in democracy and progress, as well as an excellent measure of the level of openness and advancement of a society at the same time gives us a very accurate picture of how Human Rights are implemented in a society. But the effectiveness of legislation depends not only on how to write it, but also how it is implemented and enforced.

It is the gap between the legislation on religious freedom on the one hand and its implementation on the other, where there should be dialogue and religious mediation, whilst overcoming outdated ethical and sociological *reductionism* analysis. As I have already said, it is all about dialogue and religious mediation.

Religious freedom is a fundamental right; more likely found in personal circles, but the exercise of that right is collectively found within synagogues, mosques, chapels, churches, temples or any center for religious worship. The authorities should remove any obstacles to exercise this right, and therefore it is essential to have such places where exercising this fundamental right of religious freedom can take place.

The current economic crisis in Europe (*unjust, deep and cruel economic crisis*) is affecting all of its citizens, but especially focused on those who are considered as being most vulnerable, including also those members of minority faiths. It is not only the economic, social and cultural rights which are subject to attack (as in health, housing, education, and so on ...) but there is also a reduction in other fundamental rights such as the right to religious freedom, with special reference to *Places of Worship, Hate Speech and the Right to Proselytize*.

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