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# ON RIGHTFUL SOVEREIGNTY

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VORTRÄGE

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## Thinkers in Philosophy & Public Policy

### About the Lecture

In this lecture, I reflect about recent conflicts pitting religious authority against state law. I reject both the doctrine of religious institutionalism, which denies state sovereignty, and the liberal egalitarian doctrine that denies the special nature of religious authority. I steer a middle course which argues that robust protection for freedom of association, including religious association, is essential to the rightful exercise of state sovereignty. In the process, I introduce my theory of the disaggregation of religion, developed in my recent book *Liberalism's Religion* (Harvard University Press, 2017).

### About the Speaker

Cécile Laborde holds the Nuffield Chair of Political Theory at the University of Oxford. Prior to that she was Professor of Political Theory at University College London, and a Lecturer at King's College London and the University of Exeter. She holds a DPhil in Politics from Oxford. Prof. Laborde was the founding director of UCL's Religion and Political Theory Centre. She has held visiting positions in Paris and Princeton, and is a Fellow of the British Academy. Professor Laborde has published extensively in the areas of republicanism, liberalism and religion, theories of law and the state, and global justice. Her most recent book is *Liberalism's Religion* (Harvard University Press, 2017).

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