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## ***“Freedom for Us or for All? (Non-)Religious Communities and FORB Rights”***

**ISFORB Conference, 5-6 May 2022**

### ***Call for Papers***

Within the Human Rights framework, Freedom of Religion or Belief is understood as a right of every individual. But religion or belief are more than an inward disposition or personal conviction regarding what is good, right and pious. In most, if not all instances, religion or belief also involves a communal dimension.

On 5 and 6 May 2022 the ETF Leuven [Institute for the Study of Freedom of Religion or Belief \(ISFORB\)](#) organizes its [second international conference](#) on **“Freedom for Us or for All? (Non-)Religious Communities and FORB Rights.”** The conference aims to give attention to diverse relations between (non-)religious communities and FORB rights. This topic can be unpacked by focusing on three levels of interaction. First, it involves the **religious freedom of an individual *within* a community**, the extent to which each individual can live out their personal (religious) convictions in this context. Second, it involves the **freedom offered mutually by religious communities towards one another**, accepting and promoting the other community’s freedom to believe and act in the way they deem right. Third, it implies the **religious freedom given by any society to (non-)religious communities** to self-organize and live out their religious or philosophical particularities in the way they choose. These topics will be introduced in plenary papers.

In addition, this **multi-disciplinary call for papers** warmly welcomes you to contribute to our conversations, giving attention to these themes on the local, national or European level. We draw particular attention to the vulnerability of members of minority religions/worldviews and their rights and experiences. Other suggested subthemes are regulation and protection policies; the place of religious voices in public debate; the relation between FORB and liberal secular values; pressure of or from religion (or FORB lobbying groups); social integration strategies of religious migrants; etc.

**Please send your abstract (200-300 words) before 1 February 2022 to [isforb@etf.edu](mailto:isforb@etf.edu). You will be notified of acceptance before 15 February 2022.**

We aim to bring quality papers of the conference brought together in an appropriate academic publication afterwards.