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Religious Voices and the Making of Modern Human Rights 70 Years After the UDHR

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Shisei-kan meeting room (3rd floor), Imadegawa Campus

The seminar series is open for students and academics. If you would like to participate in this seminar, please send an email to the CISMOR office in advance: rc-issin@mail.doshisha.ac.jp.
Registration closes on **May 27**. Language: English only, No interpretation

The UDHR has been approached by many as an entirely secular project and the road towards the making of the declaration was shaped by perspectives and inputs by religious voices from different traditions. The papers explored the contribution of the Lebanese delegate Charles Malik, an Eastern Orthodox Christian, an existential philosopher and a theologian who studied with Heidegger. Malik approached human rights through a Christological paradigm and his complex relationship with PC Chang, R Cassin and JP Humphrey shaped the UDHR and its ultimate focus on the human person. The paper will explore the intellectual currents in the making of the UDHR and the wider set of influences and relationships between Malik, the international ecumenical movement, J Maritain, L Sturzo, JC Murray, K Rahner and H Kung. It will argue that the disconnect from the contribution of the religious voices to the making of the UDHR risks to erode the existing human rights system which is increasingly challenged by alternative 'religious human' rights project.



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10:45 - 10:50 Opening Remarks Director of CISMOR
10:50 - 11:50 Lecture Dr. Peter Petkoff
11:50 - 12:15 Discussion

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