

Fides et Foro

Aspects of the Common Good

Law & Conscience:

Lessons from Modern Germany

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It is now impossible to avoid the many areas of public life in which private moral or religious convictions come into conflict with rights' claims of others and regulations which are based on particular political world-views.

This talk will examine the difficulties in defining "freedom of conscience" and "conscience-protection" in many liberal democracies, where the terms of conscience have been uncoupled from their original religious or at least metaphysical foundations.

The speaker will explore the work of the eminent German jurist, **Joseph Isensee**, who has undertaken an extensive study of the problems surrounding the supposedly "neutral" judicial and constitutional interpretations of conscience. He will also argue that the Church and Christians have an important role to the public in education and promotion of a sound understanding and authentic expression of conscience.

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6.15 for 6.30 pm

With light refreshments