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The question of religious communities in society cannot be solved without taking into account society as a religious community itself, referring to practices, discourses, and institutions conceptualized as civil religion as well as political or secular religion. The sacralization of politics in the age of nationalisms, the interreligious contact of the state especially with Christian churches, have assumed a transnational character. From this point of view we should consider the migration of national symbols, since the French Revolution until the totalitarianisms, the upsurge of universal models of society religiously determined. Religious traditions of communities are re-invented, constantly in correspondence to the ethnical, national, imperial, global stages of society's structure. Such aspects lead to consider the adaptation of civil religions to globalization today, as a part of a general reorientation of the concept of citizenship. This panel aims to develop an interdisciplinary cooperation between Political Science and History of Religions by bringing original case studies and encouraging theoretical considerations.

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