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GLOBAL REBELLION – RELIGIOUS CHALLENGES TO THE SECULAR STATE

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PLENUM 8: RELIGION ALS SICHERHEITSRISIKO?

Based on interviews with scores of religious activists around the world, this lecture assesses the global rebellion against the secular state. It is shown that what we see as "terrorism" is often a part of a political critique against secular governments that are perceived as being corrupt, distant, and hostile to cultural identities. A long range solution to the security threat of rebellious religious movements will have to include changes in our way of thinking about the moral and cultural dimensions of national and transnational authority in an era of globalization.