

**A Christian or a Laic Europe?
Moving Beyond a False Dichotomy**

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Abstract:

This paper aims to advance the distinction between three stylised conceptions of constitution-making (communitarian, liberal and discursive) and analyze what they entail for the question of the constitutional recognition of Christianity in Europe. The paper is generated by the discussions on the European Constitution and the rejection of the project a while ago. It seems for the author that the “discursive perspective” is the most reasonable one because it entails an already existing situation at EU level. The “discursive model” envisages a public role for religious traditions and an interactive relation between the legal-political authority and the various religious institutions. He argues that this model is already at work at the level of the European Union

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