

# Exploring Religion and Violent Extremism Across Comparative National Contexts: Motivation, Distortion and Exploitation?

The Kozmetsky Center and the Initiative on Religion, Law, and Diplomacy at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University will host a session “Exploring Religion and Violent Extremism Across Comparative National Contexts: Motivation, Distortion and Exploitation?”

**Monday April 12, 12:00 noon CT / 1:00 PM ET**



## Speakers:

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## Discussants:

**Dr. Kelley Colbentz-Bautch**, Professor of Religious Studies, St. Edward's University

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Session co-moderated by project directors **Dr. Sharyl Cross**, Director, Kozmetsky Center and **Dr. Elizabeth Prodromou**, Faculty Director, Fletcher Initiative on Religion, Law and Diplomacy

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