**Afternoon of Christianity:**
**Church and Theology for a Post-Secular Age**

**Monday, November 16**
2:30 pm — Return of Religion as Threat: Is the Contemporary Political Theology a Sufficient Answer to Religious Fundamentalism and Extremism?

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