

How to Communicate the Christian Worldview in the Public Square

Many parts of today's Europe are characterized by a secular and pluralistic public square, whether the arena is the media, the academy, or the workplace. As evangelical Christians, we are often marginalized in such public contexts. How can we communicate the Christian worldview with biblical authenticity and contemporary relevance in this public square? The panel discussion will relate this key task to challenges from competing current views of (a) values, (b) humanity, (c) reality, and (d) faith commitments.

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