**Workshop**

***Political Theologies of Juridification***

**11 May 2017 (Thursday)**

**Sibson Building, Room: SIBS.R6**

**Organized by:** Thanos Zartaloudis & John Ackerman**,** in collaboration with the *Centre for Research In Political Theology* (CRIPT, University of London) and the Group *Research in Juridification and Political Theology* (KLS): <https://www.kent.ac.uk/law/cript/>

*Law, politics and theology are historically inextricably intertwined, as much so today as before, despite modernity’s claims to secularization. Contemporary constitutions, institutions, political and legal practices and texts all bear the traces of multiple and conflicting theological inheritances. Political theology names this conjunction. In recent years, it has been a site of rich comparative and interdisciplinary exploration, across societies, cultures, religions, periods and academic fields. The workshop aims to advance research into the long-term genesis of Western institutions as reflected in and illuminated by the conundrums of political theology, interrogating the significance of juridification as a core process in Western institutional history, along with the resistances that have accompanied it.*

**11.00 Welcome and Coffee**

**11.15-13.00 Panel 1** (Chair: John Ackerman)

**Agata Bielik-Robson** (Nottingham) - *Political Theology of Khora.* *The Right to Life versus the Law of Death in Derrida’s Last Seminars*

**Anton Schütz** (Birkbeck) - *Juridification and de-juridification: the* Marcionite trap

**13.00-14.00 Lunch**

**14.00-15.45 Panel 2** (Chair: Yvonne Sherwood)

**Piyel Haldar** (Birkbeck) - *The pointless sword of justice: political theology and anachronism*

**Gil Anidjar** (Columbia) - *Weapons of the Strong*

**15.45-16.15 Coffee Break**

**16.15-18.00 Panel 3** (Chair:Thanos Zartaloudis)

**John Ackerman** (Kent) - *Political Theology and Constitutional Theory: Hannah Arendt’s* On Revolution *and Carl Schmitt*

**Marinos Diamantides** (Birkbeck) - *The empire of management and the consolations of constitutionalism*

**18.30 Dinner for participants (Goods Shed)**

**Please register if you intend to come by email to: KLSResearch@kent.ac.uk**

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