

UTS: Jan Figel - Significance of Religious Freedom for Peace and Development

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Dear,

You are invited to an event on Wednesday, April 6 at 10 AM EDT featuring Dr. Jan Figel entitled, "**The Significance of Religious Freedom for Peace and Human Development : A Conversation with Dr. Jan Figel.**"

Religious freedom is enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as in many constitutions around the world, including in the 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Freedom of religion is closely linked to freedom of thought, freedom of speech and freedom to petition. It can be claimed that freedom of religion is a fundamental component of a free society. At the same time, the right to freedom of religion has often been violated, and in many parts of the world, the freedom of religion is not upheld, even when it is affirmed in the constitution. At this time in history, we observe an increase in challenges to religious freedom. Such developments are related to a more general decline in basic freedoms.

In this webinar we will hear from **Dr. Jan Figel**, who has served as European Commissioner from 2004 to 2009,-and from 2016 to 2019 as the European

Commissions special envoy for the promotion of freedom of religion outside the EU.



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