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## Between religious indifference and public voice: Constructing Meaning, Community, and Space through Religious Resources and Engagement in Germany and Europe

The fundamental right to freedom of religion, with its multifaceted dimensions, influences the diverse ways in which religion manifests itself in public spaces across Germany and Europe. Against this backdrop, churches and religious communities on the one hand, and religious individuals on the other, live their religion in the public sphere, using it as a foundation for their public engagement. At the same time, an increasing religious indifference can be observed. Furthermore, a constructive understanding of space reveals that "the public space" is comprised of multiple, intersecting, dynamic and evolving public spaces. Consequently, it is not only the role of religion and the public statements and engagement of religious actors within public space that warrant attention, but also the contribution of religion to the emergence and development of public spaces, a phenomenon particularly pronounced in the European context.