

# International Symposium

## Political Discourses on Religion in Contemporary Japan: Beyond the “New”?



The Concept of “Religious Minority” and the Religious Minorities Online (RMO) Project

**Erica Baffelli**

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Gender and Religion in Japan's Ruling Coalition: Recent Developments

**Levi McLaughlin**

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North Carolina State University



Mind, Money and Morality: the “Spiritual Sales” as a Legal Category

**Ioannis Gaitanidis**

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**Responding:**

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**Presiding:**

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**15:00-18:00**

**December 22, 2023**

**Venue:**

**1F Multipurpose Room**

**Tohoku University Main Library**

**27-1 Kawauchi, Aoba, Sendai**

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