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ABSTRACT:

The “Empire” hegemonic visio as XIX century European Colonialism have imposed to the world their political and cultural understanding of State Nationalism and Religious homogeneity (*Cuius Regio eius Religio*). This twofold process emphasized the corresponding “Religious Nationalism” narrative that from the ‘60s started to impact in the Middle East regional area, Israel, Turkey and Iran included, continuing in the ‘90s with the “Clash of Civilization” theory.

The main instrumental action to reach this result has been “religious violence” or better the Globalization/internalisation of Islamic Jihad, assuming it as an exclusivist and defensive/offensive agenda, both in the last part of the Cold War than after it, as a factor of fragmentation and control on Middle Eastern countries.

However, contrarily to propagandist and falsely democratic narratives, the Empire hegemonic actions have not only been the instigator of this situation, but the real contributor of the same through different actors.

This panel would like to implement the analysis to shape a theoretical as practical “Liberation” from “Jihadism” as an artificial – fabricate outcome starting from the “deconstruction” of his anti-Hegemonic narrative. The fight as the resistance to the Empire through its same methodology is not only impracticable but hopeless; western manipulation of Jihad concept and the necessary rereading of it, is part of this narrative. What does resistance to Eurocentrism and North American Empire look like in today’s world, and does it differ from struggles for liberation? Even if we cannot unify practices of resistance, can a Liberation Theology approach still offer a loose concept of resistance and liberation? And finally, is liberation from Eurocentrism and Imperialism possible while still embedded within the hegemonic colonial framework (an episteme that falsely presents itself as the human universal)?

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