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THEME OF THE CALL FOR PAPERS: CONTEMPORARY EXTREMISMS AND INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES. RIGHTS, FREEDOMS, AND NEW TENSIONS IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE

Today, democratic institutions are increasingly confronted with new forms of extremism, unfamiliar compared to the past and often marked by strong identitarian and religious traits. Populist and fundamentalist trends, fueled by growing polarization of the public sphere, raise serious questions about the balance between public order, security, and the protection of fundamental rights, calling for innovative solutions.

These phenomena, which are widespread yet heterogeneous and not attributable to a single matrix, pose unprecedented challenges to national and supranational institutions. These institutions are called to develop legal and political responses capable of preserving public order without compromising fundamental rights and freedoms. This call invites reflection on these new forms of extremism, how they manifest in democratic contexts, and the institutional dilemmas they raise. Particularly relevant in this analytical framework are some current scenarios that deserve the attention of legal and political debate: from the United States, where the Trump era has witnessed a radicalization of part of the electorate and a challenge to fundamental democratic balances, to Germany, where the presence of

the AfD (Alternative für Deutschland) has raised issues of constitutional legitimacy currently being reviewed by the Federal Constitutional Court.

Other significant contexts include those where forms of government based on dominant religious identities are strengthening, often in an ambivalent relationship with religious pluralism (such as in various Southeast Asian countries and nations with Orthodox traditions). In all these cases, crucial questions arise regarding the role of democratic institutions in addressing extremist tendencies without abandoning their constitutional foundations.

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