

A photograph of a building's facade with a large illuminated '100' sign against a clear blue sky. The building's facade is composed of vertical, metallic-looking panels. The '100' sign is white and illuminated from within, casting a soft glow. The sky is a uniform, clear blue.

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# Re-emergence of Religion as a Social Force in Europe?

# The 10 Projects

## Quantitative Methods

- Religious Sources of Solidarity in Europe
- REM – Religion, Euroskepticism and the Media
- What are the Impacts of Religious Diversity? Regions in 3 European Countries Compared
- Extending and Enhancing the ISSP 2008 Module on Religion

# Quantitative & Qualitative Methods

- Ethnic Relations and Religious Mobilisation of Muslims in Europe

# Ethnographic Methods

- Gender, Nation and Religious Diversity in Force at European Pilgrimage Sites
- The Emergence of Islamic Fashion as a Social Force in Europe
- The Architecture of Contemporary Religious Transmission
- Transnational Nigerian-Initiated Pentecostal Churches Networks and Believers in 3 Northern Countries
- ‘Recognizing Christianity’: How African Immigrants Redefine the European Religious Heritage

# Bases of potential dialogue between projects

- Substantive
- Methodological

## And also

- Meta-theoretical

Meta-theoretical components in the Relemerge programme are explored in cross-programme seminars designed by project leaders in consultation with partners and the programme co-ordinator

– 'Social force'?

– Secularism

# Resources supporting cross programme meetings

- Funds for travel and accommodation to facilitate international meetings between members of different projects
- Funds for cross-programme conferences including meta-theoretical meetings

# Development of early career researchers

- Capacity building programme
- Audit of destinations

# Common resources

- Website
- User database
- Bibliography
- Forum
- Downloads (e.g. audio recordings from the 1st programme conference and working papers)

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## Home

Relemerge is the website of a programme of ten international academic research projects responding to the theme:

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The programme probes the current condition of religion in Europe against the background of European secularism and the re-kindling of religious activity brought about by the political and social changes in Europe of the past thirty years.

The ten innovative and methodologically varied projects take a look at the significance of religion in contemporary social life, as well as exploring the social and cultural impacts of recent religious growth points, such as Pentecostalism and Islam.

Quantitative studies analyse data from the major social surveys conducted over the past ten years to examine whether religion has re-emerged as a social force, how much has changed, how much is religion still in decline, how far have new migrant groups transformed or merely refreshed the picture.

# Inter-programme activities

- Sharing themes with the AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society programme and the Swiss National Science Foundation programme Religions, the State and Society with a view to joint publications from 2010
- Joint Relemerge/Religion and Society programme two day conference: Innovative Methods in the Study of Religion (March 2010)