

# RELIGION & INNOVATION AT FBK



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## **FOREWORD**

Fondazione Bruno Kessler is a research institution centered on innovation and on the transfer of outputs to broader society and the market place. Through its work, FBK embodies the "circular process of knowledge": a first phase where public funding is converted into training, knowledge and scientific excellence is followed by a second phase, where knowledge is translated into growth and enhanced productivity, against the backdrop of global sustainable development.

Thus, research and innovation coexist at FBK and influence a wide range of scientific issues and fields of application, from digital technologies to micro-systems, from historical sciences to the relationship between religion and innovation.

Research and innovation at FBK give birth to services and solutions that hinge on a new generation of AI, that does not supplant human beings in the workplace and in life, but rather contributes to their increased wellbeing.



Thanks to the vast array of competencies present within its research centers and to a model which integrates the humanities and the social sciences with scientific and technological research, the Foundation is able to ensure that Al-based innovation in science and technology is attuned to social and cultural innovation. The Center for Religious Studies (ISR), alongside all other research centers, is part of this journey. By collaborating with local, national and international partners, the Center strives to fulfil its mission of interpreting the relationship between religion and innovation, whilst also contributing to its improvement in contemporary society.

This task invests the researchers working at the Center with great responsibilities; yet it also gives them a singular opportunity to be part of a unique endeavor in the Italian and global landscape.

Francesco Profumo
President, Fondazione Bruno Kessler



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TRENTO	

## **TRENTINO**

At a crossroads between Central Europe and the Mediterranean, East and West, the Italian region of Trentino and the adjoining Alto Adige/South Tyrol have historically acted as a space for interaction and dialogue between different civilizations, worldviews and innovative ideas.

## AN AUTONOMOUS PROVINCE

With over 541.000 inhabitants and a solid tradition of entrepreneurship and cooperative entrepreneurship, Trentino offers among the highest standards of living in Italy and Europe. The Autonomous Province of Trento has a unique historical and cultural identity, which encapsulates both its Italian and its Austro-Hungarian heritage. Thanks to its special Statute, based on a 1946 bilateral agreement between Italy and Austria, the local government has a degree of autonomy in decision making, allowing for many important decisions to be taken in accordance with the specific needs of the local community. In Trentino, over 118.000 people volunteer in the main areas of public life, such as eldercare, education and training, health, environmental conservation and mountain preservation. These people constitute the human capital of a region founded on the principles of community and solidarity, that looks towards the global challenges of the future.

## **TRENTINO**

541.098

Residents

118.397

Local residents involved in volunteering activities

€ 36.100

GDP per capita in Trentino (In Italy: €28.500; EU: €30.000)

46.427 1.000

enterprises)

Active Trees enterprises per resident (20% of which women-led

483.733

Sleeping accomodation for turist

# TRENTO: CITY OF THE COUNCIL OF TRENT AND OF ALCIDE DE GASPERI

The Council of Trent, hosted in Trento between 1545 and 1563, represented an attempt at bridging the divide between Catholics and Protestants.

The Council marked the beginning of the Counter-Reformation of the Catholic Church and as such, fittingly took place in Trento, an Italian city ruled by a Prince Bishop, which echoed the German model of the Early Middle Ages. In 1965, the Catholic Church abolished the cult of Simone of Trento, who had been revered for five centuries as an alleged victim of a ritual killing blamed on the Jewish community.

In Trento, the Italian and the Central European cultures intersect in religion and public life. In the first half of the 20th century, these two cultures informed the vision of the great statesman Alcide De Gasperi, native to Trentino, who played a pivotal role in Italy's membership in the Atlantic Alliance and was amongst the founding fathers of the European integration process and the single market.

- 1563 Closing of the Council of Trent
- 1964 > Pope Paul VI entrusts Trento with the mission of ecumenical dialogue.



FONDAZIONE
BRUNO KESSLER
FOR AI
OF THE FUTURE

40 years' expertise in the humanities, science and technology for AI of the future.

## FONDAZIONE BRUNO KESSLER

Born in 1962 as the Trentino Institute of Culture and converted in 2007 into a private foundation cofinanced by the Autonomous Province of Trento, Fondazione Bruno Kessler consists of 6 research centers employing 400+ researchers. Qualified personnel offers administrative and research support and a specialized library and 7 laboratories provide the staff with the necessary tools to achieve scientific excellence via an interdisciplinary effort. Particular attention is dedicated to issues such as Internet of the future, cyber security, quantum technology, sensors, data science, and cognitive computing.

## THE 2018-2027 STRATEGIC PLAN

The Foundation's 2018–2027 Strategic
Plan aims to test a new model of
Artificial Intelligence – one that
collaborates with people and does
not replace them – applicable both to
scientific/technical and socio-cultural
innovation. The chief objective is to
render Al a useful tool for sustainable
development in the following key areas:

- Cyber Security
- Digital Society
- The Environment and Energy
- Health and Wellbeing
- Smart Industry

The ISR makes its very own contribution to the implementation of FBK's Strategic Plan 2018-2027 with its 2019-2021 Strategic Plan.

2018-2027



FBK'S STRATEGIC PLAN FOR AI

2019-2021



ISR'S STRATEGIC PLAN: "RELIGION AND INNOVATION FOR THE AI SOCIETY"

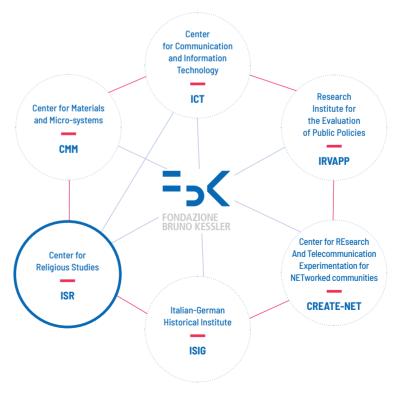
# THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The Center for Religious Studies contributes to FBK's 2018-2027 Strategic Plan with its solid expertise, accumulated in the 43 years following its inception and with its mission statement on religion and innovation, adopted in 2016. Thanks to the growth instigated by its 2016-2018 Strategic Plan, the ISR currently collaborates with other centers within the Foundation in order to better understand the anthropological, philosophical, legal, social and political implications of the digital revolution and Al, and investigate solutions to emerging problems. Researchers' expertise vis-à-vis the relationship between religion/spirituality and various forms of innovation allows them to contribute to FBK's work through their research and action research on value and values. On the one hand, the ISR focuses on the value of innovation; on the other hand, it also explores the value conflicts associated with the development of Al and with an increasing diversity of religions, cultures, belief systems and lifestyles in the digital society.

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FBK RESEARCHERS

6 CENTERS





# THE CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES



Faith and values, identities and symbols, lifestyles and practices play a pivotal role in the future of our interconnected and fragile world, where Al is revolutionizing the face of humanity. Each day our Center endeavors to build strong, prosperous and cohesive societies, by joining forces with researchers of other centers within FBK and research institutions in Trentino, Italy, Europe and worldwide. Furthermore, we collaborate with religious communities and communities of faith, governments, international organizations, for profit and non-profit organizations. We are part of the Fondazione Bruno Kessler, a model institution that conducts innovative research, striving to marry the social sciences, the humanities, and scientific and technological research in view of the AI of the future. Throughout its history, our Center has always relied on cutting-edge methodologies and content. Accordingly, in 2016 we embraced the mission of research and action on the relationship between religion and innovation. In the following three years, we have strengthened the resolve that we are in fact on the right path. Our position paper on religion and innovation, published in February 2019, shapes our challenge to ourselves and our partners, present and future.

## Marco Ventura

Director of the Center for Religious Studies

The Center for Religious Studies (known as the Institute for Religious Studies up until 1998) was founded by Bruno Kessler, the then President of the Autonomous Province of Trento, and Monsignor Iginio Rogger on 29 December, 1975 as a non-faith based institution for research in theology and religious studies.

1975

## FOUNDATION OF THE CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Those were the post-1968 years, marked by the oil crisis, controversies over the consumerist model and the need to create different forms of social interaction and novel religious expressions. The Center responded to these new social and cultural needs by providing a platform for innovative, international, and interdisciplinary research on religion and spirituality.

Over time, collaborations within the Fondazione Bruno Kessler have grown and intensified, especially with researchers at the Italian-German Historical Institute working on the history of religion, and researchers at the Center for Information and Communication Technology investigating the social impact of Al. Over the years, the Center has become a locus for theoretical reflections and

encounters, opening its doors to guests of great spiritual and intellectual acumen, such as the Dalai Lama, the then Cardinal Ratzinger, José Casanova, Charles Taylor and Jürgen Moltmann. After the September 11 attacks, the Center hosted discussions on religious fundamentalism and the relationship between Islam and religious tolerance. In light of the perceived cultural clashes, researchers at the Center addressed the debate between creationists and evolutionists and tackled issues related to Gender Studies. At the ISR, atheists, agnostics, and the unaffiliated have always been able to express and share their views on spirituality.

2015

## THE CENTER COMMEMORATES 40 YEARS SINCE ITS FOUNDATION.

Today, the role of religions in public life is a political hot potato. Our secularized and pluralistic society has in part taken a distance from traditional religions, broadening the range of spiritual alternatives. In this context, our Center continues to emphasize that a community focused on innovation necessarily requires a space for reflection, expression, analysis and investigation of existential questions.



## **TIMELINE**

1962

The Trentino Institute of Culture (ITC), incubator of the University of Trento and predecessor to FBK, is founded.

1963

Trento commemorates the 400th anniversary since the end of the Council of Trent with an international conference titled "The Council of Trent and the Tridentine Reformation". In 1965 an inquiry led by the Catholic Church and supported by Mons. Iginio Rogger leads to the abolition of the anti-Semitic cult of Simone of Trento.

1973

The Italian-German Historical Institute led by Paolo Prodi, is the first center to be created within the Trentino Institute of Culture.

1985

The IRST, under the leadership of Luigi Stringa, is one of the first research centers in Europe to conduct research on artificial intelligence. In 1989 the IRST holds the 1st conference of the Italian Association for Artificial Intelligence.

1986

The Institutional Course of Religious Science (later known as Advanced Course in Religious Studies), training Catholic religion teachers working in Italian public schools, is launched. It will be terminated in 2018.

1991

The ISR hosts a conference titled: "Man, technique and God", organized by Massimo Baldini, Edoardo Benvenuto and Karl Neufeld.

1976

The Institute for Religious Studies (ISR), dedicated to research in the religious and theological field, is founded within the Trentino Institute of Culture. The Institute, led by Mons. Iginio Rogger, is responsible for scholarships, conferences and publications.

The Center for Scientific and Technological Research (IRST), precursor of the future scientific/technological centers of the future Fondazione Bruno Kessler, is founded within the Trentino Institute of Culture.

## 1997

1999

2000

Under the guidance of Antonio
Autiero (1997-2011), the ISR
marries individual research
projects with collective and
longitudinal research on Public
Theology; the Future of Human
Nature; Bioethics and
Gender Studies.

The Institute for Religious Studies (ISR) becomes the Center for Religious Studies, maintaining its original acronym. The "Annali di studi religiosi" are launched.

2004

2006

The Dalai Lama visits the Center.

Cardinal Ratzinger visits the Center.

The Italian-German Historical Institute (ISIG) organizes the conference: "The Secular State and its Present-Day Transformations" under the scientific responsibility of Gian Enrico Rusconi and Ernst-Wolfgang Böckenförde.

2013

André Comte-Spon

2015

Under the scientific responsibility of Adriano Prosperi, the ISR & ISIG organize the international Conference: "Trent & Beyond. The Council, other Powers, Other Cultures".

André Comte-Sponville gives a lecture titled: "Atheism and Spirituality". José Casanova gives a lecture on: "The Jesuits and Globalization".

2010

2012

The Trentino Institute of Culture becomes the Fondazione Bruno Kessler.

The ISR holds the international conference: "Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church" Led by Alberto Bondolfi (2012-2015), the ISR focuses its research on Interreligious Dialogue and Applied Ethics.

2016

The 2016-2018 Strategic Plan is produced under the guidance of Marco Ventura and the Center embraces the mission "Religion and Innovation".

Harvey Cox holds the 1st Davide Zordan Lecture titled:
"The Market as God"

Heiner Bielefeldt holds the IV Bruno Kessler Lecture titled: "The Provocative Potential of Religious Freedom"

> Jürgen Moltmann holds a lecture titled: "The Earth as a Shared Home"

The CREATE-NET Center, specializing in Next Generation Internet, joins FBK, becoming its 6th research center.

2018

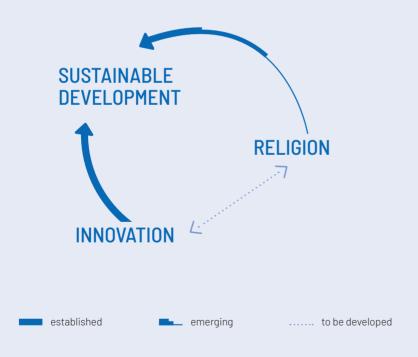
FBK adopts the 2018-2027 Strategic Plan for AI of the future. The ISR publishes its position paper on "Religion and Innovation. Calibrating Research Approaches and Suggesting Strategies for a Fruitful Interaction".

RELIGION & INNOVATION

## **RELIGION & INNOVATION**

Our mission is to unpack and enhance the relationship between religion and innovation. Our contribution in this regard is not merely analytical and interpretative, but also proactive and experimental, through engagement with grassroots organizations and civil society.

We firmly believe that the relationship between religion and innovation is crucial in the pursuit of sustainable development.



We critically assess the relationship between religion and innovation from **3** points of view:

## **INNOVATION IN RELIGION**

We attempt to come to grips with the various processes by which religious communities "innovate", in particular through the interpretation of texts, theoretical reflection, the transmission and reinvention of traditions and institutional changes.

## **RELIGION IN INNOVATION**

We investigate the contribution of religion in all its multifaceted manifestations, from innovation in science and technology, to social and cultural innovation and innovation in politics and the law.

#### RELIGION OF INNOVATION

We seek to explore the fideistic component of innovation, namely, innovation as faith, myth and belief.

The 3 dimensions of the relationship between religion and innovation

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## 11 RECOMMENDATIONS

Our mission is congruent with the 40-year-long legacy of our research center, with FBK's mission, as well as Trento's religious and civic history. In fact, at the very heart of the ISR's comparatively brief history and Trento's century-long one, lie the study of change, the deliberation on whether change is right or wrong, decisions for or against change, experiments in innovation and transformations within religious communities and civil society.

In 2018, FBK-ISR researchers drafted the position paper "Religion and Innovation: Calibrating research approaches and suggesting strategies for a fruitful interaction", which puts forward 11 recommendations to investigate and improve the interaction between religion and innovation in contemporary societies. The position paper, adopted in December 2018 and published in February 2019 is available on the Center's website at the following link: https://isr.fbk.eu/en/about-us/position-paper/



#### **OUR 2018 POSITION PAPER**

FIELDS OF APPLICATION

## FIELDS OF APPLICATION

Between **2016-2018**, the Center's work has focused on **4 research areas**:



- 2 SPIRITUALITY AND LIFESTYLES
- 3 TEXTS, DOCTRINES AND TRADITIONS
- 4 VALUES, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

For further information on the research areas, please refer to the Center's website https://isr.fbk.eu/en/

In line with FBK's 2018-2027 Strategic Plan, the research areas for 2016-2018 converge in **four fields of application** for **2019-2021**.

The convergence of research areas and fields of application allows the Center to further develop its interdisciplinary approach and amplify its local, national and international impact.

1

## **INCLUSIVE AND SAFE SOCIETIES**

Key themes: Cyber Security, Diversity, Inclusion, Interreligious/Intercultural Dialogue, Radicalization, Safety

This field of application examines the manifold forms of conflict and violence worldwide, as well as the strategies employed by public and private actors to build societies that can promote, insofar as possible, safety and inclusion. While particular attention is devoted to the role of religions and religious and faith-based communities, our (action) research extends to the study of social tension, violent radicalization, cyber security, diversity and intercultural and interreligious dialogue. We explore the relationship between freedom and security through the lens of religion and innovation, pooling FBK's transversal competencies on AI technologies and on their socio-cultural and political implications. In collaboration with the FBK Research and Innovation Unit for Schools we analyze the vital role played by schools and education in strengthening inclusion.

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## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Key themes: Healthy Lifestyles, Inter-Faith Forums, Spirituality and the Environment

Sustainable development is not only the backdrop of our mission on religion and innovation, but is also, in its SDG formulation given in the UN system, a specific field of application. We therefore focus on the potential incentives for the promotion of attitudes, behaviors and social practices that draw on sustainable development and we look at the specific role of religious communities and traditions in nurturing such behaviors and practices. We work with platforms for interreligious dialogue, such as the G20 Interfaith Forum and faith-based companies and organizations, including those active in the field of global health. We evaluate the potential of the spiritual dimension to inspire the quest for healthy lifestyles (for instance in rela-tion to waste and food shortage) and novel trajectories in the relationship between religion and the environment, spirituality and the mountain. Our work fits nicely within the framework set by FBK's 2018-2027 Strategic Plan, which strives towards an Al for sustainable development.

#### ETHICS AND RIGHTS

Key themes: Ethical & Legal Issues in AI; Human-Centered Technology; Religious Innovation

This field of application explores the ethical, normative and legal issues arising from the development of new technologies and the related forms of exclusion (e.g. digital) that derive from their enhanced usage in everyday society. We turn to tradition and religious innovation in an attempt to identify the seeds of a potential collaboration between human beings and machines and a human-centered dimension of new technologies. This area of application enquires into the possibility of extending rights, duties and ethical norms to machines and novel Al technology.

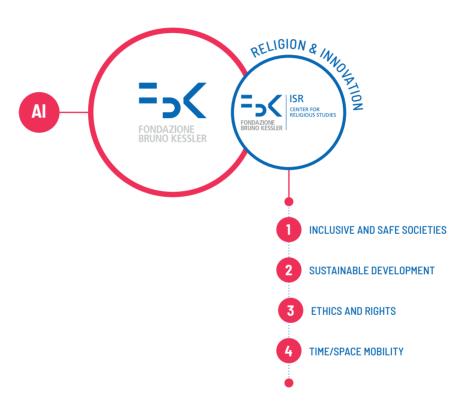


#### TIME/SPACE MOBILITY

Key themes: Augmented Realities; Digital Religions; Eternity; Globalization; Migration; (Post-)Secularism

Mobility is a key interpretative tool to make sense of contemporary societies. We conceptualize mobility as a dynamic phenomenon involving both the spatial dimension (movement of people, ideas, goods, data, capital and services) and the temporal one (the acceleration or individual appropriation of time, the crafting of historical memory, the projection beyond human time, eternity and eschatology). Through research and experimentation, this field of application investigates mobility through the lens of the global and the local; religious practice in the urban and virtual space (i.e. digital religions and augmented realities); the sacred and its trajectories across time (i.e. secularism and post-secularism); and the spatio-temporary dimension of contemporary religious geopolitics.

## ISR'S STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2021 4 FIELDS OF APPLICATION



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## PROJECT PORTFOLIO

# PROJECT PORTFOLIO OF THE CENTER'S ACTION-RESEARCH

#### **ARGUING RELIGION**

#### FoA: Inclusive & Safe Societies

The aim of this research project is to improve our understanding of argumentation-based responses to religious disagreements. Building on past and ongoing ISR research in the fields of secularity, post-secularity, and argumentation theory, the project addresses a range of questions about the various forms of religious disagreements and the meaning and goal of "arguing religion".

## ATLAS OF RELIGIOUS OR BELIEF MINORITIES RIGHTS

## FoA: Ethics & Rights; Time/Space Mobility

The aim of this research project, conducted in collaboration with FBK-ICT, is to produce an interactive webbased atlas mapping the social and legal rights of religious minorities in the OSCE region.

## BOOSTING EUROPEAN SECURITY LAW AND POLICY

## FoA: Inclusive & Safe Societies

Funded as a Jean Monnet Project (2018-2020), in partnership with the University of Siena, the European Center for Minority Issues of Flensburg and Matej Bel University, this project promotes awarenessraising and dissemination of knowledge and skills in relation to security and its role in the process of European integration, with a specific focus on migration data and capital flows. The Cybersecurity Unit

of FBK's ICT collaborates with the ISR on this project.

## ETHICS, RELIGIONS AND HEALTH

## FoA: Sustainable Development, Ethics & Rights

Combining theoretical exploration and action research, this project assesses the impact of patients' ethical and religious beliefs on medical practices and realities, as well as the ways in which novel medical approaches can affect faith, religious practice and spirituality. Bio-medicine, neurosciences, and the identification of ethically-sustainable approaches and interventions that can promote the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities are core concerns of this research project.

#### FREEDOM OF RELIGION OR BELIEF

## FoA: Inclusive & Safe Societies Ethics and Rights

This project aims to promote and protect religious freedom and freedom of belief at the regional, national and international levels. Among the various outputs is the co-production alongside the Universities of Cambridge and Luxembourg and subsequent publication of the 2017 Annual Report on Freedom of Religion or Belief and Religious Tolerance, commissioned by the European Parliament Intergroup. The project also entails contributions to the activities of the OSCE, the G20 Interfaith Forum and the European Consortium for Church and State Research.

For further information on the Center's research projects, please consult the Center's official website.

## GLOBAL FAITH-BASED HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS

FoA: Ethics & Rights, Inclusive & Safe Societies; Sustainable Development Spearheaded by Georgetown University in collaboration with the ISR and the Health and Wellbeing Unit of the ICT at FBK, this project seeks to reflect on and devise methods and strategies to improve the global health services provided at the international, national and local levels by international faith-inspired organizations.

#### HATE SPEECH ONLINE

## FoA: Inclusive & Safe Societies; Time/Space Mobility

This project, in collaboration with the Smart Cities and Communities Unit of FBK-ICT, looks into the prevention and contrast of youth's dangerous speeches. The focus is on discourse which instigates hate and discrimination based on religious or ethnic belonging, gender and sexual orientation, in the context of schools and education. One of the project's key activities is the "DI-CO-DI-NO" Initiative (Hate speech and young people's digital cultures), funded by Fondazione Intercultura.

#### THE MOUNTAINS AND SPIRITUALITY

## FoA: Sustainable Development

The aim of this project is to identify, describe and investigate the spiritual transformation that is taking place today at the boundaries of religion,

individuals and society. The focus is on a lifestyle shift that represents both a form of spiritual innovation and a creative answer to certain forms of modern idolatry, such as the cults of acceleration and newness.

## RELIGION AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

FoA: Inclusive & Safe Societies; Time/Space Mobility

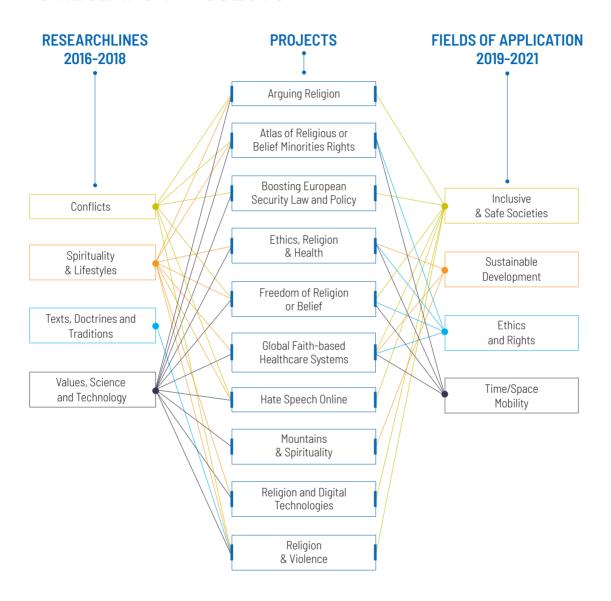
This project explores the impact of the rapid and all-encompassing spread of novel digital technologies on communities, practices and religious beliefs. In collaboration with FBK-ICT it unpacks the various interactions between religion and Al, religion and social media, religion and virtual/augmented reality technology.

#### **RELIGION AND VIOLENCE**

FoA: Inclusive & Safe Societies, Time/Space Mobility

The project examines the relationship between religion and violence, by looking at religion not as an independent and decontextualized variable, but as deeply interlinked with politics, society, culture, the economy and ethics. The Religion and Violence Project capitalizes on the outcomes of the two "Exiting Violence" Conferences, held in Trento in 2017 and in Washington DC in 2018, in collaboration with Reset Dialogue and Georgetown University, respectively.

## **10 RESEARCH PROJECTS**



External funding (% added to funding from the Autonomous Province of Trento)



## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2016-2018

#### **BOOKS**

Martha Nussbaum, La speranza degli afflitti. Il lutto e i fondamenti della giustizia, edited by Paolo Costa (Lampi) Bologna, EDB, 2016 | ISBN 978-88-10567-22-7

Harvey Cox, II mercato divino. Come l'economia è diventata una religione, edited by Paolo Costa (Lampi), Bologna, EDB, 2017 | ISBN 978-88-10567-68-5

Michela Catto - Claudio Ferlan (eds.), I gesuiti e i papi (Annali dell'Istituto storico italo-germanico. Quaderni, 97), Boloqna, Il Mulino, 2016 | ISBN 978-88-15-26660-6

Lucia Galvagni - Lucia Pilati (eds.), Trapianti e traffico di organi nella società globale, Trento, FBK Press, 2017 | ISBN 978-88-98989-34-8: e-ISBN 978-88-98989-33-1

Jürgen Moltmann - Piero Stefani - Paolo Trianni, La terra come casa comune. Crisi ecologica ed etica ambientale (Nuova Serie, 33), Bologna, EDB, 2017 | ISBN 978-88-10-41532-0

Debora Tonelli, *Der Dekalog. Eine retrospektive Betrachtung*, Stuttgart, Katholisches Bibelwerk, 2017 | ISBN 978-34-60033-94-8

Michela Catto - Adriano Prosperi (eds.), Trent and Beyond. The Council, other Powers, other Cultures (Mediterranean Nexus 1100-1700. MED-NEX, 4), Turnhout, Brepols Publishers, 2017 ISBN 978-2-503-56898-0

Heiner Bielefeldt, II potenziale provocatorio della libertà religiosa | The Provocative Potential of Religious Freedom (Bruno Kessler Lectures, 3), Trento, FBK Press, 2017 | ISBN 978-88-98989-31-7; e-ISBN 978-88-98989-32-4 open access

Anthony Carroll, *Il giardiniere invisibile. Credere, non credere,* cercare, edited by Paolo Costa (Lampi), Bologna, EDB, 2018 | ISBN 978-8810559390

See the full list of publications on the web pages of individual researchers on our website.

#### **ANNALI DI STUDI RELIGIOSI**

The "Annali di studi religiosi" is a digital open-access journal, published once a year and presenting articles written by ISR researchers and other scholars on subjects related to religious transformations, with a special focus on contemporary society.

The journal, which publishes articles in various languages, is on the list of class A scientific publications of ANVUR(Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of Universities and Research Institutes) in area 11 - sector A5: Ethno-anthropological sciences. Moreover, it is also listed as indexed journal in SCOPUS, the largest international database of peer-reviewed literature.

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## 2016-2018

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