



The Changing Role of Religion in Societies Emerging from Covid-19

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Ireland, and Poland**



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Research Questions

- 1) Has the role of religion changed during the pandemic in our global north case study contexts? If so, how?
- 2) What are the key similarities and differences across these contexts and what factors have contributed to change in particular directions in different settings?

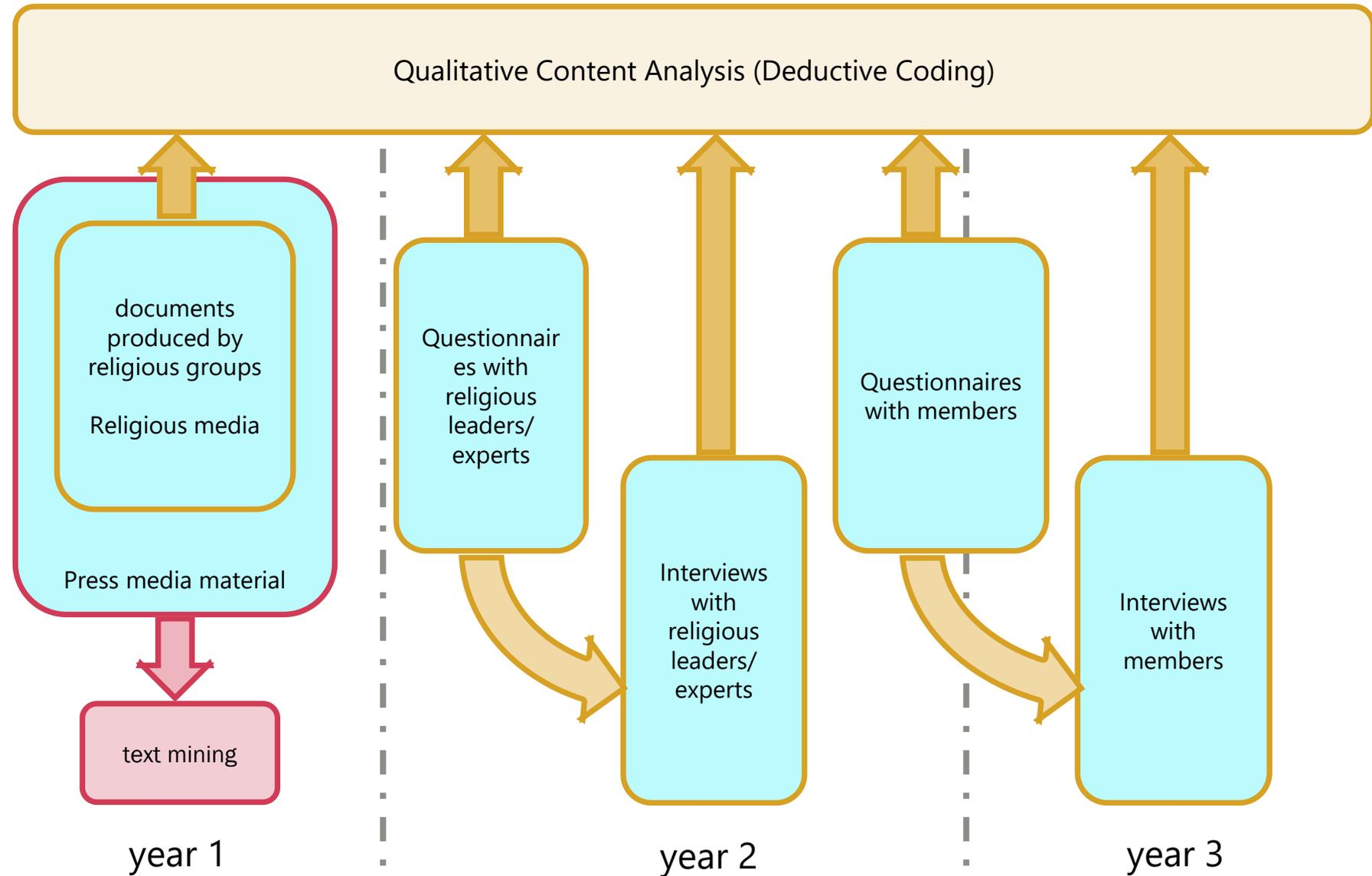
3 Core Research Areas

- 1) Discourses around health, illness and science
- 2) Relationships with governments and policymakers
- 3) Digital innovations

Sample

	Canada	Germany	Ireland/Northern Ireland	Poland
Religion	Catholic Church (29,9%)	Catholic Church (25,9%)	Catholic Church (78%/36%)	Catholic Church (87,6%)
Religion	Protestant Churches (13%)	Protestant Churches (23,7%)	Protestant Churches (6%/43%)	-
Religion	Islam (4,9%)	Islam (6,6%)	Islam (<2%/<1%)	Orthodox Church (0,4%)
Religion/ Worldview	Judaism (0,9%)	Anthroposophical Society	Humanism	Jehovah's Witnesses

Data & Methods



How we Work

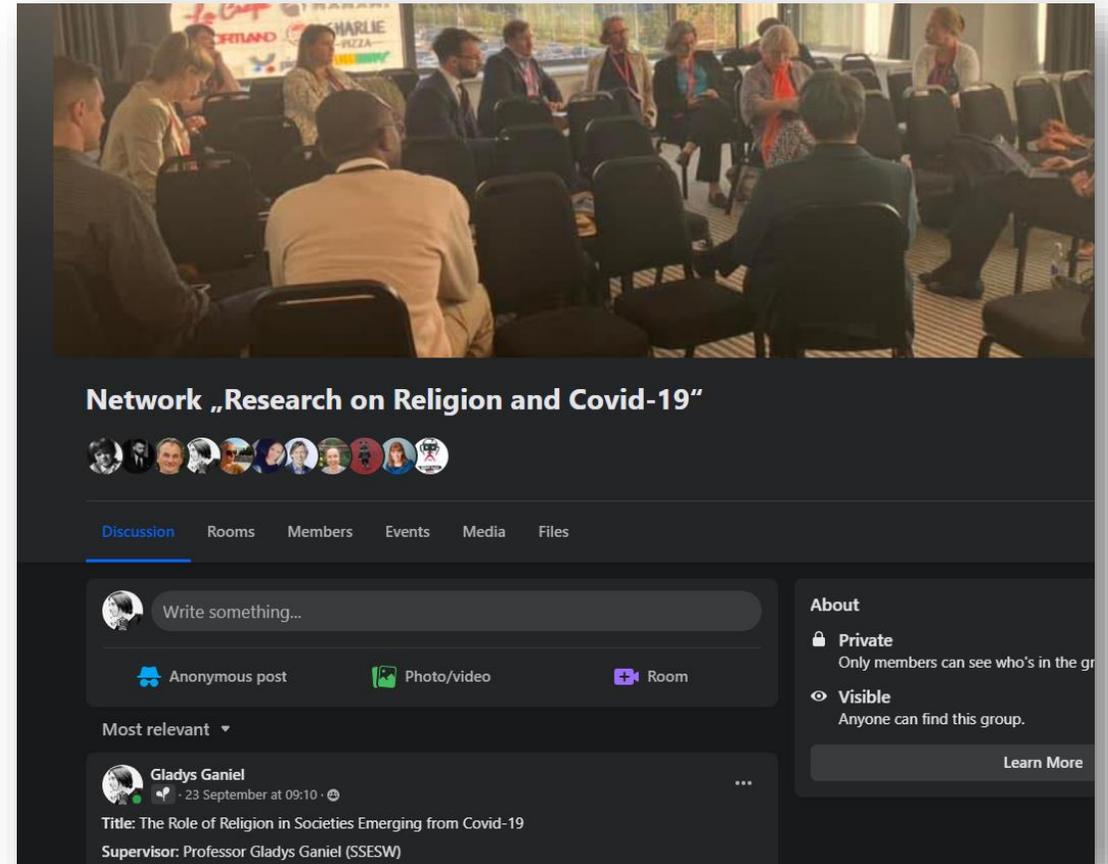
- Monthly Team Meetings
- Monthly PI Meetings
- Bi-Weekly Post-Doc Meetings
- Intensive face-to-face Meetings (Belfast, Bremen, Warsaw – for post-docs)

Belfast, 2022



How we Network

- Public Panels (Belfast, 2022; Bremen, 2023)
- Project specific panel, EASR, Vilnius, 2023
- Multi-project panel, EASR, Vilnius, 2023
- Establishment of international 'religion & covid-19' network (Facebook, listserv)



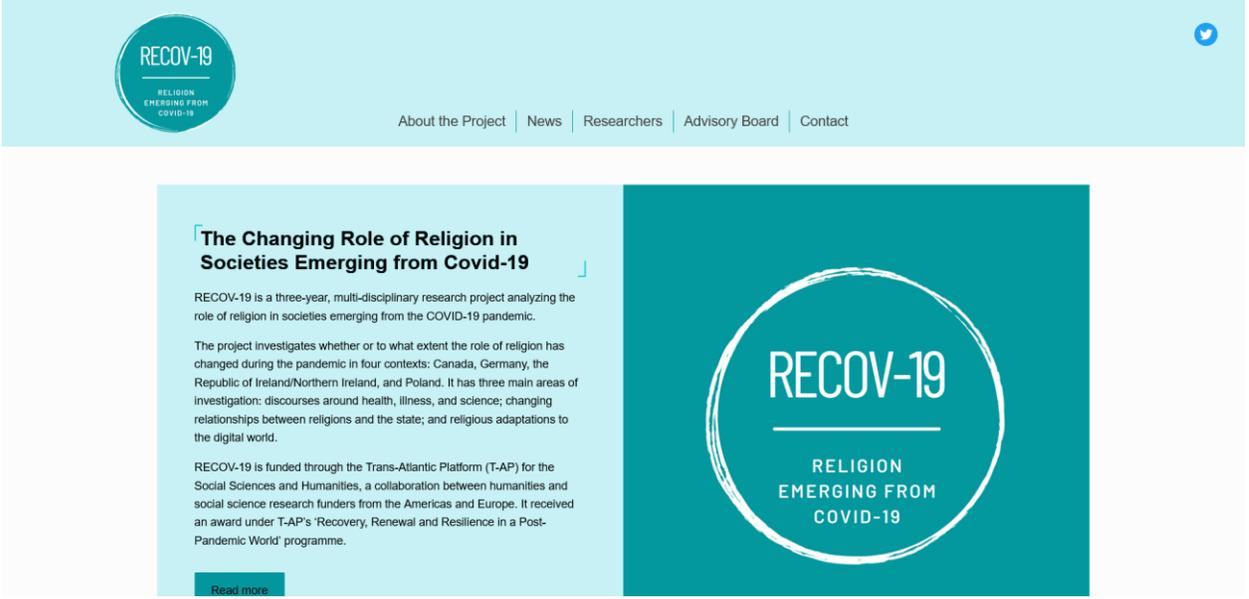
Related Funding Sourced

- Ph.D. position
 - research focus:
 - Queen's University/Northern Ireland; Department of Education
 - 64,300, -Euro (over 3 years)
 - 2024-2027
- Post-doctoral researcher
 - Porticus UK
 - Queen's University/Northern Ireland
 - 24,500 - Euro
 - 2025-2026
- refugee researchers
 - Prof. Dr. Victor Khroul
 - research focus: Russia, Belarus
 - German DFG funding
 - University of Bremen/Germany
 - 167.652,- Euro
 - 2023-2025





Dissemination



(<https://recov19.uni-bremen.de/>)

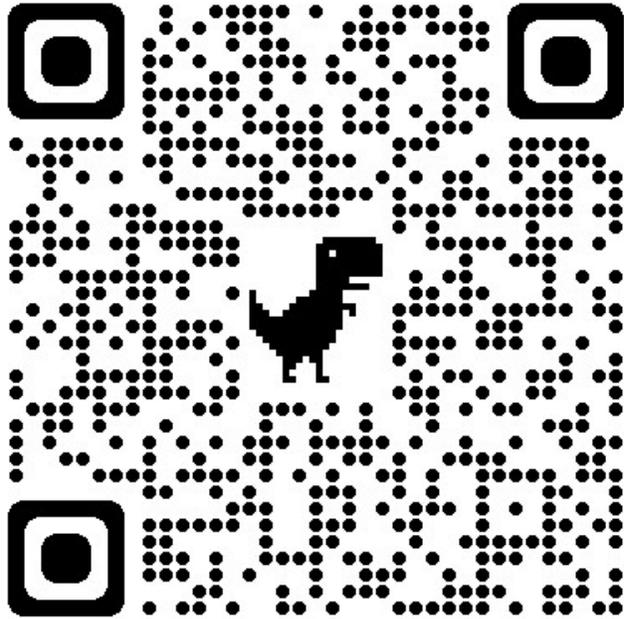


<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083316071612>



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Findings: 4 Reports on Documents Produced by Religious Groups



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<https://recov19.uni-bremen.de/>

Findings: Analysis of Religious Media

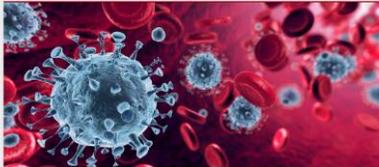
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THEMA

Die Kirche während der Corona-Krise

Gottesdienste werden abgesagt, Gotteshäuser geschlossen: Das Coronavirus hat auch die katholische Kirche in Deutschland und Europa erreicht. Wie geht es nun in den Bistümern weiter? Und was können die Gläubigen tun? Alles Wichtige zum Thema erfahren Sie hier.

Viele Maßnahmen seien fürchterlich überzogen gewesen

Evangelische Kirche sieht Corona-Politik in Teilen kritisch

Drei Jahre nach dem Ausbruch der Corona-Pandemie haben Vertreter der evangelischen Kirche über die Zeit diskutiert. Die Entscheidungen der Politik und der Kirche sehen sie dabei auch kritisch – und beklagen Einflüsse auf die Debattenkultur bis heute.



Man habe gezielt Junge Menschen ansprechen können

Forscher: Traditionalistische Katholiken nutzten Corona-Proteste

Profis schlagen aus Protesten gegen die staatlichen Corona-Maßnahmen? Das konnten laut einem Forscher kleine und militante Gruppierungen, darunter vor allem traditionalistische Katholiken. Zumindest in Frankreich.



Historische Zeremonie vor drei Jahren auf Petersplatz

Hoffnungs-Botschaft von Papst Franziskus fliegt ins Weltall

In einer historisch beispiellosen Geste hat Papst Franziskus vor drei Jahren auf dem menschenleeren Petersplatz für ein Ende der Corona-Pandemie gebetet. Seine Botschaft kreist nun künftig in einem Satelliten um die Erde.



Allerdings hohes soziales Engagement unter Gläubigen

Studie: Religion bei Corona-Bewältigung nur für Minderheit relevant

Worauf setzen die Deutschen während der Corona-Krise? Laut aktuellem Religionsmonitor waren das Familie, Nachbarschaft und Wissenschaft. Religion war vor allem für bereits Gläubige wichtig – und eines ist bei diesen besonders auffällig.



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One Covid-19 outbreak linked to churches since pandemic hit

Chai Brady September 24, 2020



Photo: Sam Boal via RollingNews.ie

The Department of Health has confirmed that since the pandemic hit Ireland there has been just one outbreak in the

Strength: Systematic Comparison



Methods:
Shared Codebook

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Findings from Canada, Germany, Ireland, and Poland
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Data Collection on Schedule

- Collected:
 - *documents produced by organisations*
 - *Religious media*
- Scheduled 2023-24:
 - *Text-mining secular media*
 - *Leaders & Members Questionnaires (Nov 23, Feb 24)*
 - *Leaders & Members Interviews*



Changes in Plans

- Focused post-doc meeting rather than religious literacy workshop (rationale)
- Publication of report prior to journal articles (rationale)
- Order of questionnaire distribution (rationale)

Montreal 2024

Association for the Sociology of Religion
Annual Meeting

Face-to-Face Team Meeting





Questions & Discussion