



Overview “Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society”

Research and Activities:

1. The centre conducts research in the following six areas : (1) Aesthetical and normative transformations of religious texts, (2) religious education in the context of transformation processes, (3) philosophy of religion, (4) transforming urban spaces: migration and religion, (5) salvational transformations: millenarianism, (6) religion and transformation in Austria.
2. The research centre, together with faculties of Protestant and Catholic Theology, is currently developing a concept for the interdisciplinary doctoral school titled “Vienna Doctoral School for Theology and Research on Religion (VDTR)”.
3. After intensive phases of research on topics such as “The Crisis of Representation” (cf. JRAT 4, 2/2018) and “Religion, Community, Borders” (cf. JRAT 5, 2/2019), the research centre is currently drafting an application for a special research area on the subject of “Religion as Exit Strategy”.

Publications:

[Open Access Online Journal J-RaT](#), published with Brill (so far nine issues)

Latest issue:

- JRAT 5 (2/2019): Religion, Community, Borders: Social Imaginaries and the Challenge of Pluralism

Issues in planning stage:

- JRAT 6 (1/2020): Exploring Human Dignity. Foundations and Applications that Transform Contemporary Society (to be published in July 2020)
- JRAT 6 (2/2020): Interreligious Dialogue in Context
- JRAT 7 (1/2021): Contemporary Challenges to Religious Concepts of Law
- JRAT 7 (2/2021): God(s) and the Digital
- JRAT 8 (1/2022): Disease, Illness & Religion
- JRAT 8 (2/2022): From Syncretism to Hybridity. Transformations in African-derived American Religions

[Book Series](#), published with Vienna University Press at V&R unipress (so far 17 volumes)

- Katharina Limacher, Astrid Mattes, Christoph Novak (eds.): Prayer, Pop and Politics. Researching Religious Youth in Migration Society.
- Rüdiger Lohlker (ed.): World Wide Warriors. How Jihadis Operate Online.

Forthcoming (among others):

- Regina Polak (ed.): Israel’s 70th Anniversary: Insights and Perspectives Politics – Culture – Religion.

Third mission activities:

We publish essays and short articles on our RaT [blog](#) and regularly send out a [newsletter](#) (five issues a year) with information on research and activities of the research centre.

For more information and regular updates, please visit: <https://religionandtransformation.at/en/>