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## REGISTRATION

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## LOCATION

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Lecture hall, JO 101  
Johannisstraße 1  
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## CLUSTER OF EXCELLENCE “RELIGION AND POLITICS”

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The **Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics. Dynamics of Tradition and Innovation”** investigates since 2007 the complex relationship between religion and politics across eras and cultures. The 140 researchers from 20 disciplines in the humanities and social sciences analyze in the funding phase from 2019 to 2025 in transepochal studies ranging from antiquity to the present day the factors that make religion an engine of political and social change.

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## JOHN TEMPLETON FOUNDATION

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Founded in 1987, the **John Templeton Foundation** awards grants for research in physics, biology, psychology and social sciences, as well as philosophy and theology. It also encourages civil, informed dialogue among scientists, philosophers, theologians, and the public at large. The Foundation ranks among the 25 largest grant-making foundations in the United States. Headquartered outside Philadelphia, its philanthropic activities have engaged all major faith traditions and extended to more than 57 countries around the world.

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## CENTER FOR RELIGION AND MODERNITY

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The **Center for Religion and Modernity (CRM)** is dedicated to the study of the conditions, patterns and repercussions of religious change, as well as on the relationship that religion has to politics, economics, and law in modern societies. The CRM also cultivates dialogue with the general public in a variety of ways, organizing events such as lecture series, conferences and lectures, and using its own publications to disseminate its research findings.



Interim Conference of the Cluster of Excellence, the Center for Religion and Modernity, and the John Templeton Foundation

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## THE TRANSMISSION OF RELIGION ACROSS GENERATIONS

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A comparative international study of continuities and discontinuities in family socialization

9 – 11 June 2022  
Lecture hall, JO 101, 48143 Münster



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## THE TRANSMISSION OF RELIGION ACROSS GENERATIONS

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Empirical findings show that institutional religiosity and religious practice have been steadily declining in most European countries (and more recently in the US and Canada, too) since the 1960s. While there is a large body of evidence to suggest that the decline in church religiosity is due mainly to intergenerational change (with one generation being less religious than the previous), there is also a general lack of detailed knowledge about how this change actually happens. In addition, the conditions in which religious and non-religious worldviews are passed on through generations have rarely been the object of international comparative study.

The research project funded by the John Templeton Foundation aims to understand the transmission of religiosity and non-religiosity across generations in Europe and Canada. In short, it anticipates being able to provide a better explanation of religious change itself, and a more precise theory of religious change across generations. The research project focuses on the following three questions: How does the transmission or non-transmission of faith, values and worldviews take place within families and across generations? What are the main factors in the successful (or non-successful) transmission of faith in different cultural contexts? How does religiosity change in the process of transmission?

Drawing on quantitative and qualitative data, a group of international researchers will present and discuss findings from five countries: Canada, Finland, Germany, Hungary, and Italy. In addition, findings from the U.S. partner project “Pro-Social Values and Spirituality in the Absence of Religion Among Millennials and their Families” will be presented.

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## PROGRAMME

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### Thursday, 9 June 2022

**14:00 – 14:30 Welcome and Introduction**

Christel Gärtner, Münster

**14:30 – 16:30 Patterns and dynamics of transmission in Germany**

**Chair:** Alyshea Cummins, Ottawa

**Presentations:** Christel Gärtner, Olaf Müller, Linda Hennig, Chiara Porada, Johannes Eberl (Münster)

**Comment:** Detlef Pollack, Münster

**Discussion**

**17:00 – 19:00 Patterns and dynamics of transmission in Hungary**

**Chair:** Giulia Marroccoli, Turin

**Presentations:** Gergely Rosta, Zsuzsanna Szvetelszky, Virág Sövegjártó (Budapest)

**Comment:** David Voas, London

**Discussion**

### Friday, 10 June 2022

**10:00 – 12:00 Patterns and dynamics of transmission in Italy**

**Chair:** Laura Kallatsa, Eastern Finland

**Presentations:** Roberta Ricucci, Luca Bossi, Renzo Carriero; Marcello Cabria, Giulia Marroccoli, Francesco Molteni, Ferruccio Biolcati (Turin)

**Comment:** Jörg Stolz, Lausanne

**Discussion**

**12:00**

**Lunch**

**13:00 – 15:00 Patterns and dynamics of transmission in Canada**

**Chair:** Linda Hennig, Münster

**Presentations:** Peter Beyer, Alyshea Cummins, Jacob Legault-Leclair, Isaac Friesen (Ottawa)

**Comment:** Lori Beaman, Ottawa

**Discussion**

**15:30 – 17:30 Patterns and dynamics of transmission in Finland**

**Chair:** Zsuzsanna Szvetelszky, Budapest

**Presentations:** Kati Tervo-Niemelä, Jenni Spännäri, Laura Kallatsa (Eastern Finland)

**Comment:** Per Pettersson, Karlstad

**Discussion**

**19:00**

**Reception**

### Saturday, 11 June 2022

**10:00 – 12:00 Religiosity of parents and grandparents as contributors to pro-social values in young adults**

**Chair:** Jenni Spännäri, Eastern Finland

**Presentation:** Merril Silverstein, Syracuse

**Comment:** Christel Manning, Fairfield

**Discussion**

**12:00**

**Lunch**

**13:00 – 14:00 Closing Discussion**