

PRAYER, POP, AND POLITICS

: researching post-migrant religious youth culture

WORKSHOP AT UNIVERSITY OF VIENNA, 29-30 SEPTEMBER 2017

[CALL FOR PAPERS]

Both in migration studies and in religious studies there is an increased interest in research on the religious engagement of (post-) migrant youth. While the first are for example concerned with identity politics, processes of boundary drawing and minority representation, the latter focus on issues of a changing religious landscape and the diaspora situation of religious communities. From both scholarly perspectives, developments in youth culture are crucial to understand the consequences of the renewed role of religions in Western societies. Here, young people set a course for the future development of religions among their peers and through pop cultural practices and artefacts.

This workshop brings together scholars from different disciplines, interested in empirical research on migrant religious youth culture. We are interested in a broad spectrum of research questions, from macro-sociological perspectives covered in large scale surveys to micro-perspectives on individual aspects of migrant religious youth culture. In particular, we invite contributions addressing one of the following aspects:

- Politics of belonging: intersectionality and the negotiation of ideas, ideals and identities among migrant religious youth
- Religions in mobile times: migrant religious youth cultures and their confrontation with/influence on/relation to established religious traditions and communities
- Migrant religiosity in secular societies: migrant religious youth cultures as an expression of vital/revitalized religiosity and their interactions with secular environments

The workshop provides an opportunity to exchange ideas and research experiences. Together, we want to discuss the opportunities, challenges and limits of empirical research among migrant religious youth. In doing so, we hope to establish a network of researchers interested in migrant religious youth cultures. Depending on the participants' interests, collaboration might result in the publication of workshop contributions in a special issue of an open access journal or in an edited volume. Proposals for contributions of 250 - 500 words, including a short biographical note should be sent to rat@univie.ac.at by June 25, 2017. For further information or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact astrid.mattes@univie.ac.at for the organization team.



The workshop is organized by the research platform 'Religion and Transformation in Contemporary Society'. The platform is formed by an interdisciplinary research community, bringing together scholars from seven faculties at University of Vienna and presenting a point of contact for international researchers interested in religion and societal transformation processes in contemporary contexts.