

# Workshop of the AK RelPol:

## Religious Plurality during the 1920s and 1930s

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**Proposed date:** July, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 2022

**Deadline for papers (with one-pager):** March, 27<sup>th</sup> 2022

**Deadline for registration:** May, 29<sup>th</sup> 2022

**Location:** Stephansplatz 3/ 3. Stock, Vienna / Austria (If need be, we are also preparing for an online meeting.)

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### Thematic focus:

The 1920s and 1930s have once again become the focus of public and academic debates. On the one hand, this is certainly due to the cyclical nature of contemporary attention economies that use anniversaries as a starting point for publications and events (Wietschorke 2020; Cormack 2021). On the other hand, however, the interest in the 1920s and 1930s is also linked to the fundamental socio-cultural upheavals of those decades and the idea that we might be facing similar processes of change in present or near future times.

Current research on Religion has developed the latter idea into a productive research agenda. In German-speaking countries, a number of projects have emerged in recent years that focus on processes of religious pluralization under the conditions of socio-cultural change in the 1920s and 1930s. And internationally, this field of research is also gaining more and more contours (Lehman 2021; in print; Leeb/Schweighofer 2020; Blaschke/Großbölting 2018; Klieber 2010; Csáky/Zeyringer 2001).

The workshop takes up these research initiatives and aims to make them more useful for research in religious studies:

- On the one hand, it focuses on the question of the development of religious diversity under the conditions of forced political change. What influence did the manifold political changes of the 1920s and 1930s have on religious worldviews, organizations, and discourses, and what consequences did this have for pluralization processes?
- Second, in keeping with the discussion culture of AK RelPol, the workshop proposes to expand the analytical framework beyond the situation in Europe. Global History (Bayly 2018; Grümme/Jahnel/Platt et. al. 2022) makes clear that the 1920s and 1930s were characterized by dynamic processes of change in a wide variety of socio-cultural contexts. However, it also shows how differently these processes were framed. What specifics can be identified here?

The DVRW-AK RelPol invites all interested parties working in this field to present a paper in the context of a workshop. Within the framework of the DVRW regulations, we are able to provide financial support for young researchers. In case of broader interest, there is the possibility to publish the papers. In addition, we are trying to obtain additional funds.

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