



Religious Pluralisation in Europe – Conditions, Dimensions, Consequences

Conference of the NORFACE Capacity Building Programme:
“Re-emergence of Religion as a Social Force in Europe?”

October 8th-10th 2009

Thursday, 8th	Conditions to Religious Pluralisation in Europe
9:00-9:30	Welcome and Introduction
<i>Exogenous conditions</i>	
9:30-10:15	Social and economic driving forces - Governance of Religious Diversity:
10:15-11:00	Religion and politics
<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:30-12:15	Religion and Law: A religious studies perspective
12:15-13:00	Law and Religion: A perspective of jurisprudence
<i>Lunch break</i>	
<i>Endogenous conditions</i>	
14:00-14:45	The religious situation in Europe
14:45-15:00	The social structure of religious diversity
<i>Coffee break</i>	
15.30-17.00	Policy making and religious stakeholders in the EU-context: The Organisation of religious interests under the conditions of European integration: religious corporative actors as agents of religious pluralism <i>Consultation of religious stakeholders</i>

Friday, 9th	Dimensions and Consequences of Religious Pluralisation in Europe
<i>Dimensions: Presentation of current NORFACE-project "What are the impacts of religious diversity"</i>	
9.00-9:30	Introduction to the comparative setting
9:30-10:30	Results from country case-studies Finland, Germany and Slovenia
<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:00-12:30	Group discussion: chances and pitfalls of cross-country-comparisons
<i>Lunch break</i>	
<i>Consequences of religious Pluralisation in Europe</i>	
14:00-14:50	Exogenous consequences: Diaspora and social cohesion
14:45-15:30	Endogenous consequences: Reconfigurations of the religious field
15:30-16:00	Endogenous consequences: vitalisation vs. indifference
Saturday, 10th	Religious Pluralisation as an academic and political challenge
10:00-12.00	Shaping policy of religion: perspectives of European actors and conclusions <i>Consultation of European policy makers</i>
<i>Lunch Break</i>	
13.00-15.00	Establishing a European research perspective: suggestions and discussion of a collaborative research proposal

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