



Institutul de studii religioase „Ioan Petru Culianu”/ „Ioan Petru Culianu” Institute for Religious Studies

About us:

The „Ioan Petru Culianu” Institute for Religious Studies represents a unique center in Romania that promotes the study of the religious phenomenon. Its activity is interdisciplinary, bringing together specialists from fields such as religious studies, sociology, anthropology, political science, history, philosophy, theology, and philology, to provide a broad and complex perspective on religion in Central and Eastern Europe.

The institute's mission is to address questions regarding the prevalence and significance of religion in a region that has undergone a totalitarian period marked by attempts to enforce the secularization and laicization of the state, as well as the criminalization of religion. At the same time, the institute provides a framework for discussions on the role of religion in society through the lens of major themes in contemporary research - violence, migration, religion and politics.

Through its approaches, the institute highlights the particular importance of this multicultural and multireligious region, situated at the confluence of Central and Eastern Europe, shaped by a complex historical context - from the formation of nation-states and the dissolution of empires to the experience of Soviet post-colonialism.

Team:

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Services:

Public Lectures & Workshops: Organize talks on local religious history, contemporary religious issues, and the role of religion in civic life.

Community Engagement: Facilitate dialogue between local religious communities and civil society organizations.

Archival Guidance: Provide scholars and students with information about access to local religious archives, manuscripts, and oral histories.

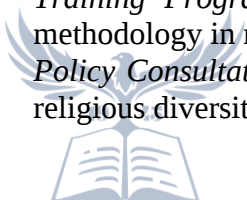
Educational Outreach: Collaborate with schools and universities to offer courses or guest lectures on religion, secularization, and local cultural heritage.

Cultural Events: Host exhibitions, film screenings, and conferences highlighting local religious traditions and multicultural heritage.

Fieldwork Coordination: Facilitate ethnographic and sociological research on religious communities across the region, including data collection and analysis.

Training Programs: Offer workshops for young researchers and postgraduate students on methodology in religious studies and ethnography.

Policy Consultation: Advise government bodies, NGOs, and cultural institutions on matters of religious diversity, secularism, and religious freedoms.





Research activity:

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