

1. Interested institution:

[University of Navarra](#) – [Institute for Culture and Society](#) – [Religion and Civil Society](#)

2. Brief Description of the Group

This project aims to reach *a deeper understanding of the place of religious faith and religious institutions in the life of modern societies*, using a number of complementary methodological and disciplinary approaches, in particular philosophy, history, anthropology and sociology. Each of our researchers contributes, from the strength of his or her disciplinary perspective, to this broad goal. In order to reach a balanced understanding of the contribution of religious faith to modern social life, a number of questions need to be tackled: first, we must ask largely empirical questions, in particular **(1)** to what extent, if any, is it accurate to speak of modern society, as some historians and sociologists have suggested, as the culmination of a process of “secularization” in which “Christendom” was replaced by a “post-Christian” dispensation? **(2)** How does religion actually inform modern identity and self-understanding? Next, we must embark on a normative study of the proper place of religion in a free society: **(3)** in a society of plural religious and moral commitments and deep disagreement over questions of justice and the good, what role can and ought religion to have in sustaining the culture and norms of a free society, and what relation can and ought it to have with other parts of society, such as the family, the economy, voluntary associations, and the State? Our engage project critically one of the great narratives of modernity that retains a significant hold over contemporary thinkers. Some research investigates the place of religion in the modern educational system, using qualitative, statistical, and ethnographic research methods. Another field of research looks for the meaning of religious liberty and freedom of conscience in a modern society marked by religious and moral pluralism, from a philosophical and legal perspective. Our research complements the philosophical and normative study of religious liberty with a historical investigation of the value of religious toleration in Enlightenment and post-Enlightenment Europe.

3. Areas of research (as established in Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry (CHE) | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Sciences and Geology (ENV) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC) | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences (LIF) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Sciences (ECO) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics (MAT) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Information Science and Engineering (ENG) | <input type="checkbox"/> Physics (PHY) |

4. Research / Project Description

This project analyzes and publishes in the following areas concerning Religion and Civil Society:

1. Symbolic transferences of meaning between the political and the theological with particular orientation to the topic of charisma.
2. The transference of meanings between theology and philosophy in contemporary philosophy: particularly hermeneutics and postmodernism.
3. Christianity, Judaism and Islam confronting the State.
4. Genealogy of the concept of religion.
5. Religious Freedom in the Decentered Republic.
6. Sociology of Religious Prejudices
7. Genealogy of the Idea of Tolerance in European Enlightenment.

5. Who can apply?

General requirements:

At the deadline for the submission of proposals (14/04/2018), researchers (*):

- shall be in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience.
- must not have resided or carried out their main activities in the country of Spain for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the abovementioned deadline.

Specific requirements:

- shall have published books or articles in one or more topics related to the project as described in 4.