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Executive Summary

Year One (2007) of the Religion and Society Programme was characterized by four main clusters of activity:

- Start-up activities, including budget and appointments
- Making Phase 1 awards
- Initiation of Phase 2: Youth Call
- Strategy: setting outline communication and evaluation strategies

Year two (2008) has been characterised by:

- Making Phase 2 awards
- Monitoring Phase 1 projects
- Pro-active intervention to shape Phase 3
- Interdisciplinary conference; PhD training workshop
- Building foundations for the Programme in terms of
 - (a) establishing national and international contacts/ 'friends'
 - (b) orientation – gauging 'users' of the Programme
- Refining strategy: priorities, areas, events

The three phases of the Programme are:

Phase 1 (2007) Religion and Society

Phase 2 (2008) Religion and Society Youth Call

Phase 3 (2009) Religion and Society

By the end of 2009 commissioning will be complete, with around 80 awards having been made.

We have been able to commission good quality research in Phase 2 (Youth), though the range and quality of the overall 'pool' of applications was less than in the 'open' Phase 1. Phase 3 looks promising so far, and should allow us to fulfill the overall commissioning aims of the Programme (including supporting arts and humanities).

It has become clear that there is enormous demand for information from and about the Programme, especially from policy-makers. One of the key achievements of 2008 for the Director has been getting the 'lie of the land' in this regard, enabling planning and prioritization of future Programme-level activities.

Note on Staffing

From January 1st 2008 the Programme Director's buyout to run the Religion and Society Programme increased from 50% to 70%, in response to the addition of the £4m Youth Phase (Phase 2). The Programme Administrator Peta Ainsworth's buyout increased from 50% to 60%. Katherine Barkwith and Lou Matter were the Religion and Society Programme officers at the AHRC in 2008.

Following the recommendation of the Steering Committee meeting in June 2008, the Director produced a justification and budget for the appointment of a fulltime Research Associate (RA) to support the Programme. This was approved by the AHRC and ESRC in November, and advertised in December. The appointment was made in January 2009. The RA begins work in March 2009, and will support the Programme until its close at the end of 2012.

1.Introduction

1.1 Programme Objectives and Themes

The Programme aims can be summarised as follows:

Overall: to stimulate world-class research and scholarship with wide impact

A. Research

1. Advance knowledge, theory and methods relating to religion and society
2. Intellectual capacity: develop an enduring multi- and inter-disciplinary research field
3. Human capacity: train researchers in the field

B. Knowledge Exchange

Promote knowledge exchange between researchers and:

1. policy makers and the public sector
2. research partners, religious communities, the voluntary sector
3. the general public and the public arts

C. International

4. Make a significant international impact within the academic field, by stimulating world-class research, with impact beyond the UK.

1.2 Key Programme Themes

The following themes, reaching across disciplinary boundaries, are identified in the Programme Specification:

- Meaning, Defining and Being
- Identity, Community, Welfare and Prosperity
- Religion, Violence and Conflict Resolution
- Religion, Media and the Arts
- Texts, Spaces, Rituals and Objects
- Education and Socialisation
- Law, Politics and the State

1.3 Key Achievements in 2008

Commissioning and awards

- Commissioning 11 Phase 2 awards – large grants and collaborative studentships (remaining Phase 2 awards to be commissioned in Feb 09)
- Nine Phase 1 awards were completed
- Ongoing Phase 1 awards monitored
- Numerous queries concerning applications to Phase 2 and Phase 3 answered.

Programme management

- Research Assistant: case drawn up, approved, advertised
- Media training for Director; media planning meeting with Aaqil Ahmed and others for Programme
- Programme links with other Research Council initiatives: ESRC Social Identities, AHRC Diasporas, ESRC New Security Challenges Programme, ESRC/AHRC Ideas and Beliefs Fellowships – Global Uncertainties.

Dissemination, knowledge exchange, capacity building

- Programme dissemination and knowledge exchange by Director, including to (a) central government departments (MoD, DCLG, FCO, HO, DFID) (b) teachers, religious groups, voluntary sector (c) academics
- Interdisciplinary public conference: 'Encounters and Intersections: Religion, Diaspora, and Ethnicities', Oxford
- PhD Training Workshop, London. 51 delegates (from R&S and UK and Europe more widely)
- Programme dissemination by way of a variety of individual Project events.

International

- Talks given by Director in Singapore, USA, Holland, Finland, Denmark to publicise and network the Programme
- Link established with the Swedish/European 10 year, £5m Programme: 'The Impact of Religion: Challenges for Society, Law, and Democracy'
- Completion of 3 workshops for the Anglo-Russian collaboration on 'Urban Islam in Russia and the UK, with Special Emphasis on Islamic Youth'.

2. Report of Programme Activities

2.1 Programme Management and Delivery

With procedures and staff in place, Year Two of the Programme has been busy and productive.

The advertisement for a Research Assistant to support the Programme attracted 61 applications of which 5 were shortlisted. Dr Rebecca Catto was appointed from March 2009. (The first task of the RA will be to work on the website, presenting research findings in accessible ways - 2009.)

The Programme has been fortunate to be supported by two dedicated members of staff at the AHRC, Katherine Barkwith and Lou Matter. This continuity and commitment are very important, at a time when AHRC is in a state of upheaval. Both have been extremely efficient in their support of the Programme, chiefly in making sure that the commissioning process runs smoothly, and helping the Director deal with numerous enquiries. The Administrator, Peta Ainsworth, has also contributed

greatly to the success of Year Two, through her efficiency, commitment and 'people skills'.

The budget statement for Year Two is appended (**Annex 1**). There is a small overspend on overseas travel, which was prioritised this year in order to publicise the Programme early in its life and establish links. The overall underspend of £68,958 has been generated by savings on costs of travel and conference venues and by underspend on the Encounters conference (which attracted more delegates and income than anticipated). The surplus is being carried forward to support future dissemination events, and PG bursaries.

2.2 Commissioning

Phase II (Youth) Commissioning

The Commissioning Panel noted that the range and overall quality of Phase 2 applications was not as great as in Phase 1. Given that 'religion and youth' is a specialised and undeveloped area, this was to be expected. Nevertheless, it was disappointing not to receive more applications from a wider range of disciplines, especially from arts and humanities. Fortunately there were enough high quality applications to ensure that we could make excellent awards without lowering the quality threshold, but there were not as many outstanding applications to choose from as in Phase I. See **Annex 2** for a list of awards made in 2008.

Table 1: Phase 2 commissioning to date

	Applications	Eligible Applications	Awards	% Successful (based on eligible apps)	Cost
Large Grants	56	56	6	11%	£2,122,722
Small Grants	31	31	Not known		
Networks & Workshops	3	3	Not known		
Collaborative PhDs	9	9	5	56%	c.£325,000
Total	99	99			

Table 2: Phase 1 commissioning (for comparison)

	Applications	Eligible Applications	Awards	% Successful (based on eligible apps)	Cost
Large Grants	96	93	8	9%	£2,234,970
Small Grants	96	85	12	14%	£840,354
Networks & Workshops	35	32	9	31%	£181,422
Collaborative PhDs	8	8	8	100%	£392,160
Total	235	218	37	17%	£3,648,906

Phase 3 Preparation

In order to encourage a greater disciplinary spread in applications to Phase 3 – and to encourage first time applicants – it was decided to: (a) add a ‘highlight notice’ to the Call for Phase 3, listing areas/themes where the Programme wished to commission more research (reproduced in **Annex 3**; this notice was informed by Professor Gordon Lynch’s analysis of commissioning presented to the Steering Committee last year) (b) organise two ‘Phase 3 Application Workshops’, one in Manchester and one in London. Both were filled to capacity (120 attendees in total), and were well received. AHRC staff, EHRC staff and members of the Commissioning Panel assisted. The ‘highlight’ message was reinforced, and training was given, especially for those new to the funded research process (which includes many in arts and humanities).

Liaison with Projects/PIs

Given that both Phase 2 and Phase 3 application and commissioning processes were ‘live’ in 2008, the Programme received a large number of email and phone enquiries from applicants. Broadly speaking, the Director dealt with intellectual issues, and the AHRC staff with more technical questions. This workload will lessen in Year 3, and diminish thereafter (except from the significant few who do not read the website properly or at all!).

This year, 2008, was the first in which some awards were completed (i.e. one year projects from Phase 1 (small grants and workshops) which had started promptly). Nine projects were completed, and summary end of project reports can be found in **Annex 4**. Projects report formally to the AHRC, but they were also asked to fill in a short report for the Programme Director, on the basis of which she had one-to-one telephone conversations with PIs about the work completed, and their present and potential contributions to the Programme as a whole. These conversations were fascinating: findings were interesting; dissemination activities wide-ranging. The feedback allows the Director and RA to identify cross-cutting themes and contributions, and plan future dissemination events. **Annex 5** lists some of the public dissemination events arising from Phase 1 projects to date.

Problems/Issues at Programme Level

- The difficulty of achieving a wide disciplinary spread of awards, and addressing all the Programme themes, has been discussed above, and the steps to address this have been explained.
- Demands on the Director’s time remain high. This year was especially busy with (a) a peak of commissioning and related enquiries and (b) priority given to networking the Programme. The appointment of the RA next year will help significantly, as will prioritization of activities in line with strategy.
- There were numerous invitations to the Director to speak on topics related to Religion and Society. Since many of these helped establish the profile of the Programme across a range of stakeholders and ‘users’, many were accepted. However, this level of travel and speaking engagement is not sustainable long term, and will divert energy from other aspects of the Programme. Having now got a better sense of the range of stakeholders, and having established links

and Programme 'friendships', it is possible to prioritise future dissemination activities in line with the Programme aims and communication and evaluation strategies, and with the advice of the Steering Committee.

- The 'findings' section of the Programme website remains unpopulated, even though findings have emerged in the last couple of months. Addressing this, and producing a first newsletter, will be the initial tasks of the RA in 2009.

2.3 Key Communication and Outreach Activities

(1) Programme-level conferences and workshops:

- Encounters and Intersections conference, Oxford. 160 delegates. See **Annex 6** for summary of feedback.
- Workshop: PhD Research on Religion and Society: Six Steps to Success, London. Workshop for training PhDs from the Programme, but open to all working on religion and society. 51 delegates. See **Annex 7** for summary of feedback.
- Phase 3 Application Workshops, Manchester and London
- Workshops: 'Urban Islam in Russia and the UK, with Special Emphasis on Islamic Youth', Windsor, Novgorod and Edinburgh. See **Annex 8** for report.

(2) Dissemination events by Phase 1 awards, see **Annex 5**.

(3) Talks and lectures by Programme Director, see **Annex 9** for full list of Director's activities.

- Meetings with stakeholders in the voluntary sector, including religious organisations (eg meeting with Muslim Council of Britain, CofE ministerial training division, teachers)
- Meetings with public arts organisations, eg the British Museum, to publicise Programme and identify areas of possible collaboration (eg exhibitions and public lectures)
- Meetings with politicians and policy makers (eg meetings with staff in DCLG, the Home Office, and Ministry of Justice) to publicise Programme and identify areas of research which may be of interest and relevance to policy makers
- Academic conferences
- International events.

(4) Website. This was kept updated throughout the year, and work started on shaping the Findings section (an assistant was employed for 2 months), but the latter needs to be completed, and data entered.

2.4 Postgraduate-level Involvement and Activities

The planned training workshop was our main activity, both for Programme PGs and others working on religion and society (most of the PhDs working in this area nationwide seem to have attended). This was in collaboration with AHRC Diasporas, Migration and Identities Programme, and with Prof Tom Tweed from the USA as a keynote speaker. There was an additional day at the workshop exclusively for Religion and Society PGs, which provided an opportunity for them to present their

research to one another and the Programme Director. All R&S PGs were paid for, and 11 full bursaries were awarded to non-RS applicants.

PGs also attended and presented papers at the Encounters and Intersections conference, and were supported by a number of bursaries.

2.5 International Collaborations at Programme Level

New link established with the Swedish/European Programme: 'The Impact of Religion: Challenges for Society, Law, and Democracy', which is the largest such programme on religion in continental Europe.

The second workshop of the Anglo-Russian collaboration on 'Urban Islam in Russia and the UK, with Special Emphasis on Islamic Youth' was held in Novgorod, the third and final workshop in Edinburgh. An edited book is being produced from the collaboration, edited by an award holder, and it will be launched at a public/policy event. See **Annex 8** for information on this initiative.

The Director has represented the Programme at a number of international conferences on religion, and in a number of countries. See **Annex 9**, Programme Director's activities.

The established links with the NORFACE 'Religion as a Social Force' and the Swiss National Science Foundation 'Religions, the State and Society' will be incorporated on the website as cross-linkages in 'findings' in 2009.

2.6 Development/Maintenance of Collaborative Partnerships in HE and Beyond

The Director has continued to work closely with Professor Kim Knott (Director, AHRC Diasporas, Migration and Identities Programme) in 2008. There was collaboration between both Programmes in relation to the PG Training Workshop and the Encounters and Intersections conference. The latter was also a collaboration with Professor Margie Wetherall (ESRC Identities and Social Action Programme).

In 2008 the Director served on the ESRC/AHRC/FCO New Security Challenges Advisory Board and Commissioning Panel, on the Advisory Board of the ESRC/AHRC Global Uncertainties Ideas and Beliefs Fellowship scheme, and on the Advisory Board of HEFCE's Strategy group for Islamic Studies in the UK.

The Director participated in the ESRC's review of research in the area of religion and belief, and its forward planning consultation for this area (led by Kim Knott).

3. Project Summaries

Summary end of project reports for Phase 1 are presented in **Annex 4**.

An overview of research commissioned in Phase 2 so far is presented in **Annex 2**.

4. Timetable and Milestones

4.1 Timetable and Milestones which had been set for 2008:

The following milestones were agreed for 2008. They are reproduced here with a note in italics indicating whether they have been achieved.

Phase I: Religion and Society

Liaison with awardholders from Phase 1

All awardholders were contacted by phone by the Director at the end of their first year of research.

Collection of data and case studies from awards

Collected, both by form and by phone.

One year grants and networks end – summarise findings on website

Not yet done; RA will assist in 2009.

Phase II: Religion and Society: Youth

Finalise budget

Done.

Commission awards

Collaborative studentships and large grants awarded.

Hold Launch Conference for award holders (Lancaster, May 2009)

Arranged.

Update of website with details of awards

Done.

Conferences and other dissemination and outreach activities

Conference for PhDs (joint with DMI), (London, December 2008)

Held.

Encounters and Intersections Conference (Oxford, July 2008), joint with DMI and Social Identities Programmes

Held.

Ongoing dissemination and outreach activities for Programme by Director, including meetings with religious bodies, public seminars and lectures

See list in Annex 9, Programme Director's Activities.

Activities associated with the Shah Abbas Exhibition at the British Museum (which is supported by an award from the Programme)

The exhibition has attracted excellent publicity in major newspapers and broadcasts, but mainly 2009.

International

Website co-ordination with NORFACE and SNSF

Findings to be incorporated on website 2009.

Organise three international workshops on Research on Islam in the UK and Russia

Done.

Ongoing European Science Foundation work

Ongoing.

Publicise Programme at international conferences, including USA

Done, see Annex 9, Programme Director's Activities.

4.2 Timetable and Milestones for 2009

Phase 1: Religion and Society

- Monitor ongoing awards
- Speak with all awardholders who complete in 2009; attend selected Phase 1 project events
- Present findings on website
- Invite some Phase 1 awardholders to Phase 2 Launch Conference

Phase 2: Religion and Society: Youth

- Finish making awards (networks and small grants)
- Hold Launch Conference (Spring 2009, Lancaster)
- Invite to Launch Conference speakers who will help establish new interdisciplinary themes and agendas in the study of religion and youth

Phase 3: Religion and Society

- Deal with applicants' queries
- Make all Phase 3 awards – this will complete the Programme awards
- Hold Phase 3 Launch conference

Website

- Finalise and keep updated the Findings section (with RA)
- Revisit and refresh whole site, adding some new features (with RA)

Dissemination and Outreach

- Plan and seek contract for edited book on *Religion and Change in Modern Britain* (with RA) which will showcase Programme research
- Agree Programme-level communications timetable/priorities with Steering Committee
- Hold 1-2 Programme-level dissemination events

International

- On website, link findings from related international research programmes

Annex 1: Budget, R&S Year 2, 2008

Budget details removed from online version

Annex 2 Phase 2 Awards made in 2008

Phase Two: Large Grants

Applicant	Amount Awarded
Dr Mathew Guest University of Durham, Dept of Theology & Religion Christianity and the University Experience in Contemporary England	£334,887.00
Professor Bob Jackson University of Warwick, Institute of Education Young People's Attitudes to Religious Diversity	£447,622.00
Dr Nicola Madge Brunel University, School of Health Sciences and Social Care Negotiating Identity: young people's perspectives on faith values, community norms and social cohesion	£490,236.00
Dr Besty (EA) Olson University of Edinburgh, School of Geosciences Marginalized Spiritualities: faith and religion among young people in socially deprived Britain	£243,284.00
Professor Isabel Rivers Queen Mary, University of London, School of English & Drama Dissenting academy libraries and their readers, 1720-1860	£366,269.00
Dr Andrew Yip University of Nottingham, School of Sociology and Social Policy Religion, Youth, and Sexuality: a Multi-Faith Exploration	£240,424.00

Phase Two: Collaborative Studentships

Applicant
Professor Kim Knott School of Theology & Religious Studies, University of Leeds Sikh identity and the formation and transmission of "Sikhism" in Britain: Young Sikhs (18-30 years) Partner: Bradford Educational and Cultural Association of Sikhs
Professor Gordon Lynch School of Continuing Education, Birkbeck College Negotiating the secular and the religious in higher education: an analysis of the policy implications of contemporary conflicts relating to student faith groups in British universities Partner: National Union of Students
Professor Simon Robinson School of Applied Global Ethics, Leeds Metropolitan University Deriving meaning in transition: the role of religion for young refugees and asylum seekers Partner: Yorkshire and Humber Regional Migration Partnership
Professor David Stephenson Institute for Applied Social Studies, University of Birmingham The role of religious faith identities in shaping youth offending behaviours Partner: Youth Justice Board
Professor John Wolffe Department of Religious Studies, Open University From Sunday Schools to Christian Education: The Christian Formation of contemporary Youth in Historical Perspective Partner: Christian Education

Annex 3 Phase 3 Highlight Notice

For the third phase of funding the Call is open across the full Programme Specification, but the AHRC and ESRC are particularly keen to encourage proposals in the following specific areas:

Meaning, Defining and Being – In addition to all of the key questions outlined in the Programme Specification, proposals are welcomed which offer theoretical reflection on aspects of religion and society, and/or which develop and interrogate key concepts in the study of religion and society. Contributions from disciplines such as theology, philosophy and religious studies, as well as the social sciences, are invited.

Religion, Media and the Arts – All of the key questions within this theme, including issues about religion, the arts, performance, space and material and visual culture and the representation of religion in news media. Proposals are particularly encouraged from disciplines such as design, architecture, popular culture and the performing arts, particularly if they engage with the cultural sector e.g. museums, arts practitioners etc.

Texts, Spaces, Rituals and Objects – In addition to all of the key questions within this theme outlined in the Programme Specification, proposals are welcomed which address the changing significance of sacred texts and symbols in religious communities and wider society.

Law, Politics and the State – All of the key questions within this theme, including the significance of religion in relation to specific political or social movements, or for different kinds of political mobilization.

Attention to the Religion and Society Programme's aims, objectives and themes, and overall quality of the proposed research, will be deciding factors in the assessment of proposals.

The final Call is highlighting the areas listed above in the light of commissioning to date, in order to ensure that all themes in the Religion and Society Programme are well represented once the commissioning process is complete.

Proposals dealing with the other Programme themes are not excluded, even though commissioning has already taken place in these areas.

Annex 4 Summary End of Project Reports (Phase 1)

Small Grants

Dr Kaye Haw: The Myth of British Identity and the Failure of Multiculturalism? From hijab to jilbab £82,863.00

Aims: To revisit research carried out with young British Muslim women over a decade ago, and to reinterview them now they are adults, many with their own children, and in employment. To ask how they are constructing identity, and how this relates to the multicultural policies which were enacted when they were at school, and are now in question.

Methods: Individual and group interviews; video diaries

Findings:

1. This is a generation who were given a strong sense of British identity through their parents: a notion of Britishness based on ideals of tolerance and fairness. Their parents aimed to live within this idealised society and educate their children in its values. Instead these girls have encountered 'lad' and 'ladette' cultures played out against the backdrop of the rise of a globalised youth and media culture and a new emergent and fragmented British identity which is now less based on tolerance and fairness, and more based on normalising difference and problematising anything 'difficult' (increasing intolerance).
2. This generation have broken away from both their parents traditional/cultural notions of being Muslim, and their idealisation of British identity. They are involved in a process of becoming 'more Muslim', often in a dialogue with their own children. It is simplistic to attribute this process to a 'failure' of multiculturalism.
3. As an 'in-between' generation these young women have witnessed unprecedented change within their own communities in terms of a broadening of attitudes to education, work, marriage and the role of women as these communities have gained confidence in living, working and actively participating in a British multicultural society, but they are also now part of communities which are beginning to draw back into themselves in response to living in a society where fear of 'the other' is everywhere. Ten years on, this research has revealed young women with developing and strong identities shaped in part though a process of 'resistance' to social constructions of Muslims, Muslim communities and Islam filtered through the media. There is a danger that this may lead to the formation of 'resistant' communities.

Outcomes: Journal article accepted and another planned; website; conference paper; case study for AHRC; invitation to edit issue of *Discourse* on 'Being Muslim'; two dissemination events for respondents planned.

Dr Emilia Jamroziak: Survival and Success on Medieval Borders: Cistercian Houses in Medieval Scotland and Pomerania £45,395.00

Aims: To examine a set of questions connected with the issue of the stability of medieval border regions and the political and social role of Cistercian houses in these areas C12-C14.

Methods: Archival and archaeological

Findings:

1. Cistercians invited to the 'free land' of borders because of the cultural and political capital they brought. As an international order, this strengthened the position of local rulers and enhanced their connections (the localised Celtic church could not compete).
2. Main differences between Scotland and Pomerania were in the nature of their foundations and political ties.
3. Overall, the research challenges ideas about how the Cistercian order functioned, shows one can make viable comparative studies across Europe (still unusual in historical study) and the benefits of bringing together historical and archaeological approaches – to get a sense of the 'material' reality of the monasteries.

Outcomes: Have held large international conference, created prosopographical database, and now preparing monograph.

Dr Sarah Johnsen: The Difference that 'Faith' makes: Faith-based Organisations and the Provision of Services for Homeless People £83,712.00

Aims: To test the widespread perception that there is a significant difference between homelessness provision by Faith-based Organisations (FBOs) and secular providers, with the former being more 'interventionist' and making more demands on users.

Methods:

- Review of international literature and British welfare service databases
- Interviews with representatives of government and national umbrella organisations and representatives of national FBOs.
- Case studies in London and Manchester, involving visits to (faith-based and secular) voluntary organisations providing of a range of services for homeless people such as hostels, day centres, soup kitchens, and soup runs.

Findings: [Please keep confidential prior to refinement in light of forthcoming case study feedback seminars]

1. Faith-based organisations (FBOs) play a crucial role within Britain's homelessness sector. They are key providers at the 'higher end' of provision (e.g. hostels and supported housing projects), and continue to dominate 'sharp end' emergency responses to homelessness (e.g. soup runs and winter shelters).
2. The scale and type of services for homeless people provided by FBOs vary significantly. There is no evidence of systematic differences in the structure and/or ethos of faith-based and secular providers, nor less effective in providing 'higher end' services.
3. FBOs are spread widely along the spectrum of positions from very 'liberal' (i.e. with no expectations of change) to 'interventionist' (i.e. insistent upon active engagement and commitment to change). Contrary to assumptions, FBOs were found to be predominant at the liberal pole of this spectrum, whilst the interventionist extreme is increasingly dominated by secular organisations.
4. Service users are, on balance, relatively ambivalent about whether or not projects have a faith affiliation – as long as: 1) service receipt is not

contingent on participation in religious practices (which they very rarely are), and 2) providers respect their right to desist from conversation about faith/religion should they so wish (which virtually all do).

5. Service providers in receipt of state funding frequently report experiencing a loss of freedom to challenge government directives on homelessness when these conflict with their ethos, and an increasing reliance on 'independent' providers – a significant proportion of whom are faith-based – to act as advocates for their clientele.

Outcomes: Academic articles; short articles and papers for practitioner/policy magazines and conferences; feedback seminars for research participants.

Professor John Mack: Belief and Belonging: Identity and Religion in Northern Kenya

£55,751.00

Aims: To investigate processes and effects of conversion to Christianity and Islam in northern Kenya

Methods: Anthropologists, archaeologists, geographers and historians collaborated. The research combined archival and library research with life-history interviews, observation of practice and visits to a series of ritual sites (including mosques and churches), measurement and mapping of those sites and collection of oral histories about them.

Findings:

1. The changing relationship between identity and religion in this area can be understood in terms of changing pilgrimages – movements across a landscape which in themselves help to form people's sense of who they are, and how their identity is linked to a system of belief.
2. Until recently the Gabbra and Boran people lived mobile lives as herders, their patterns of movement tied to particular ritual sites. Recently, political conflicts and civil war have led many to adopt more settled lives as cultivators. Church and mosque have helped to create much more localised and every-day kinds of pilgrimage; the place of prayer is a local building rather than a tree, or hill or open space.
3. The Boran have converted to Islam, which has involved abandonment of traditional practices. The effect of this has not been a diminution of ethnic sentiment; instead, Islam has itself become the focus for a localised version of Boran identity, which no longer requires pilgrimages across a substantial distance. In contrast, the Gabbra have largely taken up Catholicism, a decision which they explain by saying local Catholic practice is tolerant of their continued involvement in traditional practices. Again, conversion to a nominally 'universal' religion has not blurred ethnic boundaries; indeed, the rapid spread of mosques and churches has been the prelude to a sustained period of inter-ethnic hostility between Gabbra and Boran.
4. Alongside this conversion to Christianity and Islam, goes the spread of *ayaana* – a spirit possession movement, less clearly associated with a particular ethnicity. *Ayaana* is frowned upon by Muslims and Christians, but is very popular – particularly among women, who play a prominent if not always a leading role in its activities. *Ayaana* has attracted both Boran and Gabbra followers, and has also created its own new ritual landscape, combining quotidian domestic practice with periodic attendance at special sacred sites where prayers and offerings are made.

Outcomes: Dissemination included an exhibition at Nairobi Museum, which attracted

a great deal of interest.

Dr Elizabeth Olson: Relational Religious Identities: exploring contemporary meanings of religion among Scottish Christian youth £73,736.00

Aims: To explore the ways in which the meaning and meaningfulness of religion are changing in contemporary Scottish society from the perspective of young people.

Partners: Catholic Chaplaincy, University of Glasgow (Father John Keenan); the international Christian College, Glasgow (Graeme McMeekin); Boys Brigade 205th Company, Eaglesham (Tom Mann); Elim Pentecostal Church, Glasgow (Carl Johnston); Junction 12 Youth Group (run and organized by Scripture Union); Cranhill Parish youth group, Church of Scotland (Reverend Muriel Pearson).

Methods: a combination of group work, interviews, and q-method.

Findings:

1. The meanings of religious identity have changed substantially in Glasgow, and this generation tends to hold quite different views from those of their parents about the meanings of religious difference. Most of participants believe that it is difficult to be a Christian today. As one young man put it, 'It isn't cool to be Christian.'
2. For religious youth who are very active in their faith, their Christianity functions as a central identity and a significant way for believers to distinguish themselves from others. Christian identity is 'voluntaristic': a conscious choice rather than something 'inherited' or taken for granted. This can also translate into a lack of tolerance for 'Sunday' Christians or those who do not position their faith in a place of central importance.
3. Nearly all young people weave together a range of different 'encounters' and 'relationships' – youth groups, bible study, music events, work, worship at skate parks, personal study or reflection – to create unique religious practices. This has important consequences for how we talk about and measure generational religious decline in the UK.
4. Young Christians display an 'ethic of care'. The majority intend to go into 'caring' careers and/or wish to use their skills to help others, and they frequently spoke about ethics and social justice. What is sacred to these young people is *relationship*, first between themselves and God and second with other people.

Outcomes: Feedback and engagement conference; drafted article for stakeholders plus summary to also be posted on website; papers presented at academic and user events; four journal articles and one book chapter to be submitted; AHRC extension grant for additional academic outputs.

Dr Mark Pike: Religious Reading in a Secular Society: Learning for Life in a Liberal Democracy? £42,076.00

Aims: To investigate the education of 14-year-olds in five schools with a Christian ethos in order to evaluate how well they were prepared for life, work and citizenship in a secular liberal democracy.

Partners: The Emmanuel Schools Foundation; The Christian Schools Trust; Jacobus

Fruytier Christian College, The Netherlands; Professor Leslie Francis.

Methods: Ethnography; observation; semi-structured interviews; content analysis; survey of over 1000 participants at five schools of a Christian ethos.

Findings:

1. The Christian-ethos schools studied possessed the religious resources to transform expectations and raise attainment while providing character education. The conviction that human beings are, in some sense, 'created in God's image' emerged as a theme of central importance.
2. Children and young people in these Christian-ethos schools engaged in a good deal of critical reading of 'religious' truth claims. All five schools shared a conviction that it was not enough to be effective and efficient or to focus only on achieving examination results and academic success. For these schools, education is about helping students consider the 'bigger picture'.
3. The focus upon the Bible in all the schools studied provided a common point of reference for the exploration of a range of moral and ethical issues as well as cultural and literary study.
4. Given the OFSTED success of the schools in this study, their potential to influence practice in other schools should be recognised.

Outcomes: National conference; academic articles; book in preparation: *Faith in the Academy*; small grant bid to the Religion and Society programme with a group of schools being organised.

Dr Basia Spalek: An Examination of Partnership Approaches to Challenging Religiously-Endorsed Violence involving Muslim Groups and Police £83,211.00

Aims: To explore how Muslim groups work through partnerships with the police to engage their communities in challenging religiously-endorsed violence.

Methods: Semi-structured interviews with police officers, Muslim community members (44 in total); participant observation of community meetings and police-community meetings; research diary notes of researchers.

Findings:

1. The Muslim Contact Unit is a small policing unit in the Metropolitan Police, which includes Muslim officers, and was set up just after 9/11. It engages with Muslim communities long term, largely for the purpose of preventing violent extremism.
2. The research found that Muslim community members are generally supportive of the MCU; individuals have engaged with MCU officers on a regular basis, and working partnerships have been built between community members and MCU police officers. MCU is the one identifiable counter-terror unit within London that community members can approach. MCU has also had considerable success in helping to over-turn police misunderstandings or stereotypes of Muslim communities.
3. However, MCU's community engagement approach runs against the grain of top-down policing approaches which dominate the counter-terror context. At best, the more widespread national security-based version of community policing sees communities as merely a source of security information and criminal intelligence.

Outcomes: Launch of research report. A series of papers and presentations for academics, community members, politicians and policy-makers, to publicise the work

of MCU and open the debate about counter-terrorism policing is in development as is a book.

Networks and Workshops

Professor Knud Haakonssen: The History of the Dissenting Academies in the British Isles 1660-1860 £12,570.00

Aims: The aim of the workshops was to prepare a major project on the history of the Dissenting academies in the British Isles from 1660 to 1860.

Partners: Dr Williams Library

Highlights: The workshops brought together the 4 academics who will co-ordinate the project, with 30 contributors from several countries. There were specialists in Theology, History of Philosophy, History of Economics, History of Mathematics, English Literature etc. Some had not worked on dissenting academies before.

It became clear that the project addresses themes relevant to current debates: the relationship between religion, education, state and society, including state control of education, education of religious minorities, and the fear that religious dissent is a threat to political stability.

Outcomes: Preparation of *History of the Dissenting Academies in the British Isles, 1660-1860* (CUP), with more than 30 contributors.

Professor Peter Jones: Religion, Discrimination and Accommodation: the Role of the State in a Multi-Faith Society £12,372.00

Aims: To examine the ways in which a liberal democratic state should take account of the diverse religious convictions of its population.

Workshops:

- The State and Recognition of Religion, University of Oxford, 09.01.08
- Religion and Discrimination, Newcastle University, 05.06.08
- Religion and Accommodation, University of Oxford, 17.09.08
- Religious Belief and Free Expression, University of Oxford, 17.12.08

Highlights: A highly successful bringing together of political scientists, lawyers, sociologists, philosophers and members of faith communities. 'I have previously attended interdisciplinary fora which have disclosed little more than a non-meeting of minds, but at this Workshop everyone spoke to the same intellectual and practical agenda and there were never problems of mutual incomprehension or retreats to intra-subject orthodoxies.'

Outcomes: An edited book, *The Rights of Believers: Religious Discrimination and Accommodation in Philosophical and Legal Perspective*, to be based on papers given. Also, a large grant application to Religion and Society.

Annex 5 Selection of Public events held by Phase 1 Awards, 2008 (as advertised on R&S website)

Exploring Expressions of Evangelicalism and Fundamentalism in Early Twentieth-Century Britain

December 08 2008

8th-9th December 2008 | Rewley House, University of Oxford

The Evangelicalism and Fundamentalism in Britain Project is hosting a two-day conference at the University of Oxford on 8-9 December 2008 to consider the ways in which Evangelicalism and Fundamentalism have expressed themselves in the social and historical conditions of early twentieth-century Britain. The central issue being addressed is the question of how far Evangelicalism became Fundamentalist during the period 1901-1950. One of the main speakers is Professor Hugh McLeod F.B.A. of the University of Birmingham.

See website for more information <http://www.eauk.org/efb/events.cfm>

Traditionalism & Modernism in Islamic Law

November 14 2008

14th & 15th November 2008 | Institute of Arab & Islamic Studies, University of Exeter

This is the second workshop of the Network of British Researchers and Practitioners of Islamic Law.

We are inviting paper proposals and research reports on any aspect of Islamic Law (early, classical or modern, theoretical or applied) for the second gathering the Network of the British Researchers and Practitioners of Islamic Law. Paper proposals and research reports are particularly encouraged from PhD students and emerging scholars and practitioners working in the legal profession See website:

<http://www.people.ex.ac.uk/rmg205/secondworkshopcftp.htm>

For second workshop Draft Programme see:

<http://people.exeter.ac.uk/rmg205/traditionalism%20workshop.htm>

Faith in the Academy? Reading Core Values, Character Education and Christian Ethos

October 21 2008

21 October 2008 | University of Leeds

The government's Academy Programme has recently introduced a new type of sponsored secondary school in England and there are now around a hundred academies, typically situated in areas of social and economic disadvantage. Their task is to raise standards and transform communities. Trinity Academy (the Emmanuel School Foundation's newest) in Thorne, near Doncaster, holds the distinction of being the most improved academy in the country. In 2006, 36% of students at Trinity Academy gained 5+ A* - C grades but by 2007 65% of students were attaining this level of success. Research findings based on a case study of Trinity Academy will be presented during the conference and those responsible for leading the transformation will be speakers.

Monasteries on the borders of medieval Europe: new perspectives University of Leeds

September 11 2008

11-12 September 2008 | School of History, University of Leeds

See <http://www.leeds.ac.uk/history/research/conferences/monasteries.htm> website for details of this conference and call for papers.

The Interpretation and Application of Islamic Law

June 19 2008

19th-20th June 2008 | Institute of Arab & Islamic Studies, University of Exeter

A two day workshop, focussing on the development of law within the Hanafi and Shafii Schools, from the earliest times to the present, and covering the areas where these schools predominated.

Being the First Workshop of Network of British Researchers and Practitioners of Islamic Law (funded through the AHRC-ESRC Religion and Society Project).

See link for First Workshop Report: <http://www.people.ex.ac.uk/rmg205/Firstworkshopreport.htm> and programme website: <http://www.people.ex.ac.uk/rmg205/Interpretationworkshop.htm>

The Religion & Secularism Network June Workshop

June 17 2008

17th/18th June 2008 | Cambridge University

The workshop's purpose is to further pursue the agenda of the Network. Papers will analyze the concept of the secular both theoretically and by exploring the diversity of regimes of religious regulation. On this occasion the cases will be the UK, France and Russia. All three countries have been through changes in the relationship between the state and religion, due largely, as is well known, to the presence of Muslim diasporas in the UK and France, and to the transition to a post-Communist system in Russia. The results, which are still in flux, illustrate the diversity of ways in which states and religious institutions manage their mutual relationships. See: http://www.theseccularismnetwork.org/Joomla_1/ for more information

School of Education Research Conference, University of Leeds

May 12 2008

12th May 2008 | University of Leeds

Dr Mark Pike will be reporting findings from the Religion and Society funded project into reading/citizenship in Christian-sponsored schools, focussing on Trinity Academy. See link for more information about the Conference: <http://www.education.leeds.ac.uk/research/school-research-conference.php>

Religion, Justice and Well-being: The Family and Religion

April 25 2008

25 April 2008 | University of Wales, Newport

Religion, Justice & Well-Being Project

See website for details of this Seminar: <http://religionjusticewellbeing.org/about/seminar-1-the-family-and-religion/>

The implications of liberal pluralism for education in culturally diverse societies Seminar

April 22 2008

22 April 2008 3.00 - 5.00 p.m. | 7.73 E C Stoner Building, University of Leeds

Mark Pike will draw upon findings from the research he is undertaking, funded by the AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society Programme, about new state-funded academies with Christian sponsors.

Annex 6 Summary of Feedback from Encounters and Intersections Conference

(not all evaluation forms returned)

Admin	Venue	Catering	Accomm	Content	Comments
Ex	Good	Good	Good	Good/Satisfactory	Papers and themes a mixed bag; plenary panels disjointed; post-dinner session late and tiring and meant meal rushed
Ex	Good	Satisfactory	Good	Good	Enjoyable. Mixed standard of papers and chairing. Sound travelled between rooms.
Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	V friendly and academically interesting.
-	-	-	-	-	Stimulating, high quality presentations, range of interesting perspectives. Chance to network
Good	Ex	Ex	Ex	Good	Useful to own project and to combine research strands
Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Cabaret style tables at dinner would aid networking/mixing. Presentations – too much text on powerpoint.
Ex	Ex	Good	N/a	Good	Disappointed at not enough arts and humanities papers dealing with diaspora, but enjoyed social science papers
Good	Ex	Satisfactory	Ex	Ex	Programme too full. Concluding plenary at end would have been good. V valuable event.
Ex	Good	Good	Good	Good/Sat	Variable quality of papers. Well organised; demanding schedule
Ex	Ex	Ex	Good	Ex	Brilliant, one of best conferences been to. Great atmosphere, very inspiring!
Satisfactory	Good	Good	Good	Ex	-
Ex	Ex	Good	Ex	Good	-
Good	Good	Satisfactory	Good	Good	Enjoyable, made useful contacts. Accomm a long way from meeting venue
Ex	Good	Good	Good	Satisfactory	-
Ex	Ex	Ex	n/a	Good	Really enjoyed the conference. Meals rushed but well organised. Thank you.
Ex	Good	Good	Ex	Good	Administrators and organisers always friendly, welcoming and helpful
Ex	Ex	Good	Good	Ex	Excellent support from organisers. Special gratitude for care shown to family. Thank you

Good	Ex	Ex	n/a	Good	Learnt a lot, good line up of speakers, wide range of topics. BUT full presentations should have been online.
Ex	Ex	Good	Ex	Ex	-
Good	Satisf	Good	Good	Ex	
Ex	Ex	Good	Ex	Ex	-
Good	Ex	Good	n/a	Good	-
Ex	Good	Good	Satis	Ex	-
-	-	-	-	-	All peripherals OK, most of presentations disappointing. Surprising not to see a more balanced approach between qualitative and quantitative approaches.
Ex	Good	Good	Good	Ex	Really well organised conference, excellent administration. Clear conference structure, organisers approachable; lot on Muslims/faith!
Good	Good	Ex	Good	Ex	-
Good	Good	Good	Satis	Satis	Opportunity to network was best thing about it. Thanks for organisers' hard work.
Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Good	Cost was high.
-	-	-	-	-	Good conference; fewer papers and more time for each session would have improved it.
Good	Ex	Ex	n/a	Good	Interesting day, variety of content, diversity of representation across disciplines was good.
Good	Ex	Satis	Good	Good	Would have been useful to start and end conference earlier; response to emails quick, friendly and helpful. Meals felt squashed in. Buffet lunch would have been better.
Good	Ex	Ex	n/a	Ex	-
Satis	Ex	Ex	n/a	Ex	Mix up over fee
Ex	Good	Good	Good	Good	Well organised; panels kept to time; buffet would have been better; accom OK; coherence of panels and content sometimes a little forced
Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Would have liked last minute information a bit sooner. Not enough time at meals to enjoy food and chat.
Good	Ex	Good	Ex	Ex	Interdisciplinary encounter was interesting and rewarding.
Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	

Good	Ex	Good	Satis	Ex	Some changes in titles of papers not shown on timetable. Extension numbers of delegates' rooms would be useful. Halal food would have been good, and direction of the Kaabaah shown.
Ex	Ex	Ex	Good	Ex	Lumpy bed; good content mix, subjects and in terms of career stage. Brilliant conference! Late finish on Wednesday was tough.
Ex	Ex/Gd	Ex	Good	Ex	It would be helpful for international participants to move into accomm at once. Full bursaries would help for 3 rd world apps. Wonderful conference, thanks for bursary.
Ex	Good	Ex	Good	Satis	Eclectic mix of papers made it hard to find relevant papers. Some weak chairing and late arrivals.
Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	All really good, good admin. But too late to have Wed eve session, everyone too tired. But stimulating conference.
Ex	Ex	Good	Ex	Ex	-
Good	Ex	Ex	Good	Ex	Very well organised; great to engage with similar theoretical issues across different disciplines.
Ex	Satis	Ex	Sais	Good	Brilliantly organised; all staff helpful; food excellent; St Catz lovely. Small bedroom, no curtains, uncomfortable bed.
Good	Ex	Good	Ex	Good	Pleased with conference and felt it ran smoothly.
Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Great conference- well organised, nice size and great format. Perhaps a little less catering next time!
Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	-
Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Great conference!
Ex	Ex	Good	n/a	Ex	-
Ex	Ex	Ex	n/a	Ex	-
Ex	Good	Good	Satis	Ex	No wireless signal in room. Clear, good precourse admin. Location a little impersonal
Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	
Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ex	

Annex 7 Summary of Feedback from PhD Training Workshop

Day attended	Pre Course Admin	Venue	Catering	Accomm	Content	Comments
Monday	Good	Good	n/a		Satisfactory	Would have been nice to have more time to create the poster. Would also have liked more in-depth work on methods.
Monday	Good	Good	Good	n/a	Excellent	Working session enabled time for reflexive thinking, putting into perspective, positioning of context/research questions An excellent afternoon, time well spent.
Monday eve	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent content and good mix of 'teaching' and 'participation'. Feedback was wonderful and good time and space for mingling. Excellent input from Tom Tweed.
Monday eve	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	n/a	Excellent	Really incredibly useful. A real step by step intro that I wish I'd had in first year. But still pretty useful in 2 nd year.
Both	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Yeh!
Tuesday	Excellent	Excellent	Satisfactory	n/a	Excellent	Perhaps ensure all food is labelled! ie halal/suitable for vegetarians/kosher ...
Tuesday	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Many thanks for the opportunity to attend – fulfilled my expectations in every respect. Especially appreciated the non-threatening and affirming approach of KK, LW and TT
Tuesday	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Very useful!
Both	Good	Satisfactory	Good	n/a	Good	Actual content was generally good. Maybe more appropriate for those earlier in their research process. More workshop time to interact with other students would have been helpful. A much appreciated opportunity. Thank you!!
Tuesday	Excellent	Excellent	Good	n/a	Excellent	Really helpful and thought-provoking.
Both	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Some of the research design/questions element was quite basic and could have been more specific to studying religious and our own projects
Both	Excellent	Good	Good	n/a	Excellent	Well structured with valuable presentations and an encouraging keynote address
Tuesday	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent	n/a	Excellent	Really good conference, glad I made the trip. Speakers were excellent. Wish I had attended this in my first year. Conference leaned heavily towards the contemporary, but maybe that is in the nature of the research group?
Both	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Satisfactory	Very basic – more useful to those just starting out. Had hoped for more of a clinic for own research; would have helped to link exercises to our research. Structure and timekeeping good. Always good to have time for peer to peer interaction especially when you meet the same people over a period of time.
Both	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Although in my third year, workshop content helped me to see

						my research in perspective and re-work some drafts and solve current challenges. Thanks for this workshop, please offer it to more PhD students, specially international students.
Both	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Good	Good	Found second day in particular very useful. Well facilitated, approachable trainers with obvious expertise. Clear and non-intimidating.
Monday eve	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	n/a	Excellent	More time on eg epistemology would have been helpful.
Tuesday	Good	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	We need another day!
Both	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Full of ideas and lots of opportunity I enjoyed it very much and felt I had not only highlighted the strengths of my research but also the weaknesses through the thoughts gained from the workshop.
Both	Good	Satisfactory	Good	n/a	Excellent	This has been a wake-up call! Somewhat scary but thoroughly invaluable. Thank you!
Tuesday	Good	Good	Good	n/a	Excellent	
Monday eve	Excellent	Excellent	V good	Excellent	V good	A very informative and interesting experience
Both	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Many thanks for this purposeful and helpful workshop. You achieved a really positive blend of competence and accessibility, structure and flexibility. Particular thanks for opening this to those of us beyond the two core programmes.
Both	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	An invaluable experience
Both	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Windows would have been nice in the room. Hard to talk about theories I'll be using when I haven't read much theory yet.
Both	Good	Good	Good	n/a	Good	Although this conference was inevitably geared towards social sciences, I am grateful that an effort was made to incorporate the experiences of students from other disciplines
?	V	Good	Good	n/a	Good	
Both	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	
Tuesday	Excellent	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Really useful. Thanks a lot. More PhD "clinics" would be great.
Both	Good	Good	Excellent	n/a	Excellent	
Both	Excellent	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Poor	Excellent	A timely and stimulating couple of days. Had own particular issues with accommodation but these were sorted out. Friendly, accessible and open (ie both programmes)
Both	Good	Satisfactory	Satisfactory	Excellent	Good	I wish I'd had this in my first year! Thank you. I always like meeting others in a similar boat, as it alleviates the anxiety. Venue- good location but room needed windows and fresh air!
Both	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Good	
Both	Good	Satisfactory	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Housekeeping: no fire safety procedure explained at the start of the workshop.

Annex 8 Report on Anglo-Russian Collaboration on Urban Islam

A series of workshops was held in 2008 entitled "Urban Islam in Russia and the UK, with Special Emphasis on Islamic Youth". These workshops have involved leading Russian and UK academics and were facilitated by funding from the AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society programme and the ISE-Center in Russia.

The aim was to bring together key scholars and stakeholders working in the area; to establish the parameters of existing knowledge, and exchange this knowledge; to make preliminary comparisons between the UK and Russian situations; to discuss priorities for future research, in terms of topics, methods, knowledge exchange and capacity building.

The first workshop was hosted at St George's, Windsor in February 2008. A group of 30 academics from across UK and Russian universities began the dialogue with initial information exchange about urban Islam in the UK and in Russia. This provoked valuable discussions about the possible comparisons and differences of situations within the two countries.

The second workshop was hosted in Novgorod, Russia in May 2008. The core participants from the first workshop attended and were joined by a number of leading scholars from various Russian universities. The theme of this three day workshop was methodology, and how we can study the situation of young Muslims using a range of disciplinary approaches.

The third workshop took place in Edinburgh in October 2008. The key theme of this workshop was drawing on previous discussions and asking the workshop attendees to consider how to make use of research, formulating ideas about practical and policy advice that could be relevant to civil servants, state institutions, NGOs, etc. in the UK and Russia.

One of the most important outcomes has been the informal exchange of ideas which has taken place during the workshop series. Another valuable outcome has been the building of links and networking possibilities that has arisen through attending these workshops. As a number of the academics involved on the UK side are early career academics, it has been an excellent opportunity for them to create contacts within their subject field. They have also linked award holders from other AHRC funded programmes including Religion and Society and New Security Challenges programme.

Several of the academics who have been involved in the seminar series will be co-editing a book of papers that have arisen from this workshop series. The book will be published in English and Russian in order for it to be available to a wider group of academics, stakeholders and policy makers. There will also be a dissemination meeting with policy impact co-ordinated with the launch of the book.

Annex 9 Programme Director's External Activities, 2008

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	COST
January 2008			
10 January	ESRC Director's Meeting	Regents College, London	£71.30
22 January	AHRC Director's Day	Bristol	Rail £81.70 Hotel £78
24 January	HEFCE Islamic studies forum	London	Rail £71.50
February 2008			
1-3 February	Urban Islam in Russia & UK Workshop	St George's House, Windsor	Rail £75.20
20 February	Launch of AHRC Science & Heritage	Southbank Centre, London	Rail £71.30 Hotel £84
March 2008			
15 March	Norface Meeting	Frontline Club, London	Rail £70.30 Meal £6.24
26-29 March	Leiden Conference	Leiden, Netherlands	Expenses paid
April 2008			
8-10 April	BSA Religion & Youth Conference	Selly Oak, Birmingham	Rail £52.60
14 April	AHRC Media Training	Moreton in the Marsh	Car hire
18 April	Talk to MOD	MOD's DCDC 'Strategic Trends', Shrivensham Defence Academy, Wilts	Car hire
May 2008			
12 May	Commissioning Panel	London	Hotel £126
13 May	AHRC Meeting re R&S	AHRC Bristol	Rail £133.40
14/15 May	AHRC Commissioning Panel	AHRC Bristol	Hotel £218
16-18 May	ATMT Conference	Leeds	
20 May	Managing the Media Meeting	Channel 4 TV, London	Rail £71.30
31 May – 1 June	Urban Muslim Communities & their Relationship with the state: focus on Methodology Workshop	Novgorod, Russia	Flight £486.48
June 2008			
4 June	Talk at Demos	London	Rail £71.30
5 June	ESRC Development Panel for the Global Uncertainties Fellowship	London	
July 2008			
1 July	National Teachers Conference	London	Expenses paid

2 July	Keynote address at Continuing Ministerial Education Consultation, Church of England	Swanwick	Expenses paid
4 July	Office for Security and Counter Terrorism (Home Office): Prevent Research Seminar	Central Hall, Westminster	Expenses paid
8-11 July	Encounters & Intersections: Joint Conference.	St Catherine's College, Oxford	Rail £84.30
17 July	AHRC Directors' Day	AHRC, Bristol	Rail £81.70
29 July – 3 August	ASR Conference	Boston, USA	Flight £663.50
August 2008			
12-18 August	Nordic Conference	Turku, Finland	Expenses paid
September 2008			
10 September	Annual Report to AHRC Research Committee	MRC, London	£71.30
12-14 September	National University Singapore – Briefing on Religion & Society and Migrations & Diasporas (with Kim Knott)	Singapore	£594.54
18 September	ESRC Faith & Civil Society Seminar	London	Expenses paid
October 2008			
19-21 October	Secularism conference	Gothenburg, Sweden	£340
23 October	AHRC Workshop for Phase 3	Manchester	£16
31 October – 2 November	Russia Collaboration Workshop	Edinburgh, Scotland	Rail £19.60 (from Glasgow)
During the month of October	11 phone calls with Award Holders To discuss Annual Progress Reports (approx 1 hour each)	Office	n/a
November 2008			
5 November	Meeting with Margie Wetherall & Kim Knott –EHRC consultation document on religion and belief research	Milton Keynes	Overnight allowance £40 (staying With Margie Wetherall) Rail £82.70 Lancaster/MK/London
6 November	AHRC Commissioning Panel	London	Rail £71.30
6 November	Meeting with Michael Kenny IPPR	British Museum, London	£7.35 refreshments

	Institute for Public Policy Research		
19 November	ODI, FCO & DFD Values & Beliefs Event	London	Accomm. £149 Rail £58.50
During the month of November	4 phone calls with Award Holders To discuss Annual Progress Reports (approx 1 hour each)	Office	
10 November	Commissioning panel Phase 3	London	accomm £144.82
11 November	ESRC Troika Meeting	London	rail £71.30 taxis £17 meals £25
24 November – 5 December	Visiting Lectures	Aarhus University, Denmark	Costs paid
December 2008			
13 December	Alister Hardy Society lecture	Oxford University	Expenses reimbursed
15-16 December	PhD Workshop	Camden Lock Holiday Inn, London	Meals £50.60 Rail £23.90 Accomm £185.69

Public Policy Work

Response from the AHRC/ESRC Religion and Society Programme

March 2009

The £12.3m Religion and Society Programme is still in the process of commissioning research projects, and only a small number of one-year projects have completed their research. Thus it is early days in terms of its policy-relevant work, but we have compiled a list of relevant activities to date.

N.B.: The project which is responsible for each activity is denoted by the surname of the project award holder. Professor Linda Woodhead (Lancaster University) is Programme Director.

The R&S Programme is undertaking extensive policy-relevant research in the following areas:

- Religion and education in the UK, faith schools etc.
- Religion, violence and security
- Religion and Law
- Islam in Britain
- Definitions of religion in policy, legal and other practice
- Religion in public life (including state-religion relations)
- Religious change in the UK and elsewhere
- Religion and welfare delivery
- Religion statistics
- Religious equality and the situation of religious minorities

1. Activities at Programme-level/Activities of Director

- Stella Yarrow, DCLG, is a member of the R&S Steering Committee and Commissioning Panel, and we work closely with DCLG, ongoing
- Woodhead is running a number of expert seminars for EHRC (Equalities and Human Rights Commission) and working closely with them in relation to their religious equality, discrimination and good relations duties, ongoing
- Woodhead is a member of HEFCE Advisory Group: Islam Studies in British Universities, ongoing
- R&S funded the research for the Shah Abbas exhibition, currently at the British Museum and raising awareness of the history of Islam, Islam in Iran, state-religion relations
- Collaboration between the Programme and the ISE Centre in Russia, organised 3 workshops of experts and policy makers looking at: 'Urban Islam in Russia & the UK', 2007-2008

- Woodhead: Briefing on religion in UK with Paul Wiles, Home Office, 22nd August 2007
- Woodhead: Briefing on religious extremist groups, New Scotland Yard, 10th September, 2007
- Woodhead: Talk on Religion as a Cultural Force, Demos, 4th June 2008
- Woodhead: Speaker at Windsor Castle workshop on Religion in Public Life, participants included several MPs, e.g. Dominic Grieve, 29th June 2008
- Woodhead: Participant, 'Prevent' Research Seminar, Office for Security and Counter Terrorism, Westminster Central Hall, 4th July 2008
- Woodhead: Keynote speaker, MOD's DCDC 'Strategic Trends' consultation, Shrivenham Defence Academy, Wilts, 18th April 2008
- Woodhead: Keynote speaker, ODI, FCO & DFID 'Values & Beliefs' Forecasting Event, Westminster 19th November 2008
- Woodhead: Briefing for Tony Blair Faith Foundation, 7th January 2009

2. Outputs: datasources and publications

- A detailed Geographic Information System of Northern Ireland during the Troubles using census data at grid-square level and a database of killings that took place during the Troubles developed and enhanced (Gregory)
- Website at <http://brin.ccsr.ac.uk>, to migrate to <http://www.brin.ac.uk> when completed, providing a full compendium of existing survey data on religion in Britain plus analysis (Voas)
- Baumfield, V.M 2009 "Does RE work? What could this question mean and what might an answer look like?" *RE Today* (Spring) (Conroy)
- Conroy, J. 2009 "Preaching to The Pupils: The Value of Religious Education: The State of Britain"; ESRC (Conroy)
- Tooley, A. 2009 "Are Evangelicals Fundamentalists?", *Idea* magazine, March/April (Bebbington)
- Atherton, J. 2008 *Transforming Capitalism: An Enquiry into Religion and Global Change*, SCM (Graham)
- Haw, K. F. (forthcoming) "From Hijab to Jilbab and The 'Myth' of British Identity? Being Muslim in Contemporary Britain a Half-generation On" *Race, Ethnicity and Education* (Haw)
- Spalek, B. (forthcoming) "Police and Community Partnerships in Countering Terrorism: a critical exploration" *British Journal of Criminology* (Spalek)
- Spalek, B. and McDonald, L.Z. (forthcoming) 'Researching Muslim Communities and Police in the context of Counter-Terrorism: a critical exploration' *Critical Terrorism Studies* (Spalek)

- McDonald, L.Z. (forthcoming) "Police and Community Partnership Approaches to Counter-Terrorism: the experience of Muslim Women" *Howard Journal of Criminal Justice* (Spalek)
- McDonald, L. Z., El-Awa, S. and Spalek, B. 2008 "Police partnership with Muslim communities: key in countering terrorism" *The Arches magazine* (Spalek)
- Pike, M.A. (forthcoming) "Moral Education in England's Most Improved Academy" *Journal of Moral Education* (Pike)
- Pike, M.A. (forthcoming) "Character Education and Core Values in England's Most Improved Academy" *Journal of Research in Character Education* (Pike)
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- McDonald, L. Spalek, B. and El Awa, S. 2009 "Police-Muslim Community engagement for countering terrorism" *Connect: bringing the muslim youth work community together*, January, Issue 3 (Spalek)

3. Partnerships with Policymakers and Policy-focused Organisations

- Research with representatives from central government, local authorities and national umbrella organisations about welfare provision for homeless people (Johnsen)
- Research with the Police's Muslim Contact Unit (MCU), National Community Tension Team (NCTT) and Association of Chief **Police** Officers (ACPO) as well as the Muslim Safety Forum (Spalek)
- PhD student on placement with Women's National Commission and student also working with Executive Director of Muslim Women's Network UK (Afshar)
- PI commissioned by the national British Churches Group on Funerals to write a state of the art document on funerals in Britain, completed in Sept 2008. It could have a significant effect on national churches work on funerals (Davies)
- Research partner of project is Chief Executive & Director of Training, Hospital Chaplaincies Council (Todd)
- Cooperation with the Royal Statistical Society and ESRC in compiling database of *UK Religion Statistical Sources* (Voas)
- Project on Religious Education: Meeting with the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA) and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMI) King's College London, August 2008 (Conroy)
- Religious Nurture in Muslim Families - project's advisory group includes the Director of Islamic Social Services Association – Wales, Secretary General of the Muslim Council for Wales, and the Pakistani Educational and Cultural Association (Scourfield)
- Contributions at June 2008 workshop from Secretary of Reading Muslim Council and the coordinator for Slough and Reading of the UK government's 'Preventing Extremism' programme (Lehmann)

- Paper presented at “Family and Religion” workshop, Wales, April 2008 by an Advisor to the Welsh Assembly Government (Seglow)
- Paper presented at “Community Cohesion and Religion” workshop, Royal Holloway, June 2008 by member of Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) (Seglow)
- Papers presented at “Religion and Healthcare” workshop, Lancashire, October 2008 by Prison Chaplain in Ministry of Justice, the Netherlands and Consultant in Public Health Medicine East Lancashire Primary Care Trust (Seglow)
- Karen Jochelson of the Equality and Human Rights Commission and a representative of the Welsh Assembly invited to participate at “Education and Religion” workshop, Newport, January 2009 (Seglow)
- PI presentation on “Ethics and the War on Terror”, House of Commons presentation, February 2009 (Spalek)
- Spalek, B., El Awa, S., McDonald, L. and Lambert, R. 2008 and 2009 Summary and Full Report: *Police-Muslim Engagement and Partnerships for the Purposes of Counter-Terrorism: an examination*, University of Birmingham (Spalek)

4. Knowledge Exchange

- PhD student attended several study days of the tribunals of the Southwark (Catholic) province in October 2007 and 2008 and spoke about the role of experts in tribunals (Doe)
- Findings presented at the meeting of the Interfaith Legal Advisers Network, in the context of discussion about religious courts and arbitration (Doe)
- Meetings with The Arbory Trust, which manages the Anglican woodland burial site in the UK (Davies)
- Contact with the Natural Death Centre including presentation at its annual ‘Green Funerals’ conference April 2007 (Davies)
- Regular sessions for the analysis of data about the hearing of voices by bereaved and non-bereaved people with the Birmingham Trust for Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy (Leudar)
- Presentation to Hospital Chaplaincies Council March 2008 (Todd)
- Work with religious organisations, INFORM, the German Social Science Infrastructure Services, Paul Weller (editor of directory of UK religious organisations) *Religions in the UK* and the Conflict Archive on the INternet (CAIN) project on Northern Ireland (Voas)
- Paper “Religious Literacy and Contemporary Citizenship: A Moral Problem?” presented at Annual Association for Moral Education Conference, Notre Dame, Indiana, November 2008 (Conroy)
- Educational practitioners’ enquiry workshops in Glasgow, October 2008 and London, January 2009 (Conroy)
- Seminar involving educationalists, Christian ministers and academics, University of Glasgow, February 2008 (Conroy)

- Collaboration with imams, Muslim schools and the School of Basic Islamic Studies (Scourfield)
- Representatives of the Evangelical Alliance, Project Partner, gathered to be informed and participate in discussion at conference, Oxford, December 2008 (Bebbington)
- Atherton, J. Participation on BBC programme on Faiths and Finance, September 2008 (Graham)
- First network on religion and wellbeing held in Manchester, September 2008 brought together academics and practitioners from different religious and theological traditions (Graham)
- Workshop meetings of academics, politicians, lawyers: "the State and Recognition of Religion", Oxford, January 2008, "Religion and Discrimination", Newcastle, June 2008, "Religion and Accommodation", Oxford, September 2008 and "Religious Belief and Free Expression", Oxford, December 2008 (Jones)
- Papers "Shii Law and Human Rights" at British Institute for International and Comparative Law, London, June 2008 and "Moral and Legal Theory in Islamic Law" at Shiite Medical Ethics Conference (keynote speech), June 2008 presented with Islamic lawyers (Gleave)
- Collaboration with the International Society for Islamic Legal Studies (Gleave)
- Paper presented at "Family and Religion" workshop, Wales, April 2008 by Family specialist member for the Archbishop of Canterbury's Christian Muslim Forum (Seglow)
- Paper presented at "Community Cohesion and Religion" workshop, Royal Holloway, June 2008 by Director, Hindu Council (Seglow)
- Presentation of research at the Asian Women's Project, Nottingham, December 2007 (Haw)
- Research with faith-based organisations and secular agencies providing welfare for homeless people (Johnsen)
- Collaboration with the Church of Scotland Urban Priority Areas Development Team and Faith in Community Scotland, the Transformation Team, Glasgow, Church of Scotland, and YMCA Scotland plus other religious organisations (Olson)
- Paper on "Youth and Religion" presented at United Reformed Church Spring Conference, Salisbury, 2008 (Olson)
- Presentation of research project to the Chancellor of the University of Edinburgh, the Duke of Edinburgh, August 2008 (Olson)
- Invited speaker on "Muslim Communities and Police" at "Perceptions of Crime and Insecurity" European Commission funded programme, Leeds, September 2008, "Researching Muslim Communities and Islam within the context of Counter-Terrorism" at AHRC Religion & Society Programme Conference, Novgorod, Russia, May/June 2008 and "MCU Partnership work with Muslim Communities" at "Trust-building in Conflict Transformation" conference, Aberystwyth, September 2008 (Spalek)

- Launch of Research Report, Birmingham, November 2008 with representatives from national and local press, Muslim media and the Times Higher Education Supplement present (Spalek)
- Exhibition at the newly refurbished Nairobi Museum, opened August 2008 and public lecture in Nairobi, followed by informal discussion, September 2008 about the varying religious identities of ethnic groups in Northern Kenya (Mack)
- Collaboration with The Emmanuel Schools Foundation and The Christian Schools Trust (Pike)
- One day *Faith in the Academy* conference held at the University of Leeds attended by sixty academics and education professionals (such as leaders of academies, schools, trusts) (Pike)
- PhD student on research Sub-Committee of the Canon Law Society of Great Britain and Ireland (Doe)
- Team presented paper "Urban Islam in Russia and the UK, with a Special Emphasis on Islamic Youth" as invited speakers at AHRC Religion and Society Programme Conference, Edinburgh, October/November 2008, including policy makers from UK and Russia (Woodhead as Director, Spalek)
- Researcher presented paper "Police-Muslim community engagement for countering terrorism, with special reference to young people and women" at the Centre for the Study of Terrorism & Political Violence Terrorism Studies Seminar, St Andrews, December 2008 (Spalek)
- Team presented paper "Police-Community Engagement and Partnerships for the Purposes of Counter-Terrorism: an examination" at The British Library, Workshop, London, February 2009 (Spalek)
- Researcher presented paper "Police-Muslim Engagement in the UK: theory and practice" as FCO Chevening Fellowship Lecture, Birmingham, February 2009 (Spalek)
- Interviews on Police-Muslim engagement for BBC Radio 4 Sunday Programme Religion and Ethics, Islam Channel, Buzz – University of Birmingham Magazine and Sunday Mercury, Sunday 16, November 2008 (Spalek)