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Workshop – Policy Challenges and Responses: **FORB and Research**

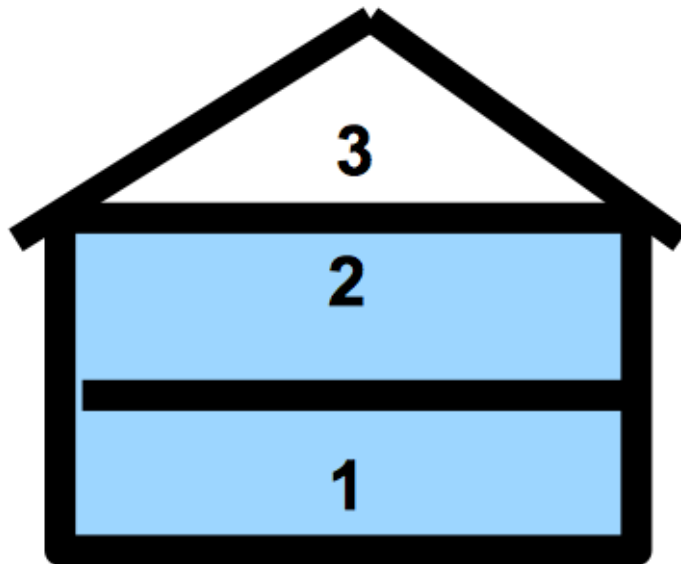
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Research

Distinguishing different complementary level

Three worlds framework



**3. World of
Metascience**

**2. World of
Science**

**1. Real
World**

Types of research

Philosophical
frameworks of
FORB

Scholarly research
on FORB

Documentation and
journalistic
research on FORB

Journalistic Research

Case Documentation

HATE AND TARGETED VIOLENCE
AGAINST **CHRISTIANS** IN INDIA



REPORT 2015

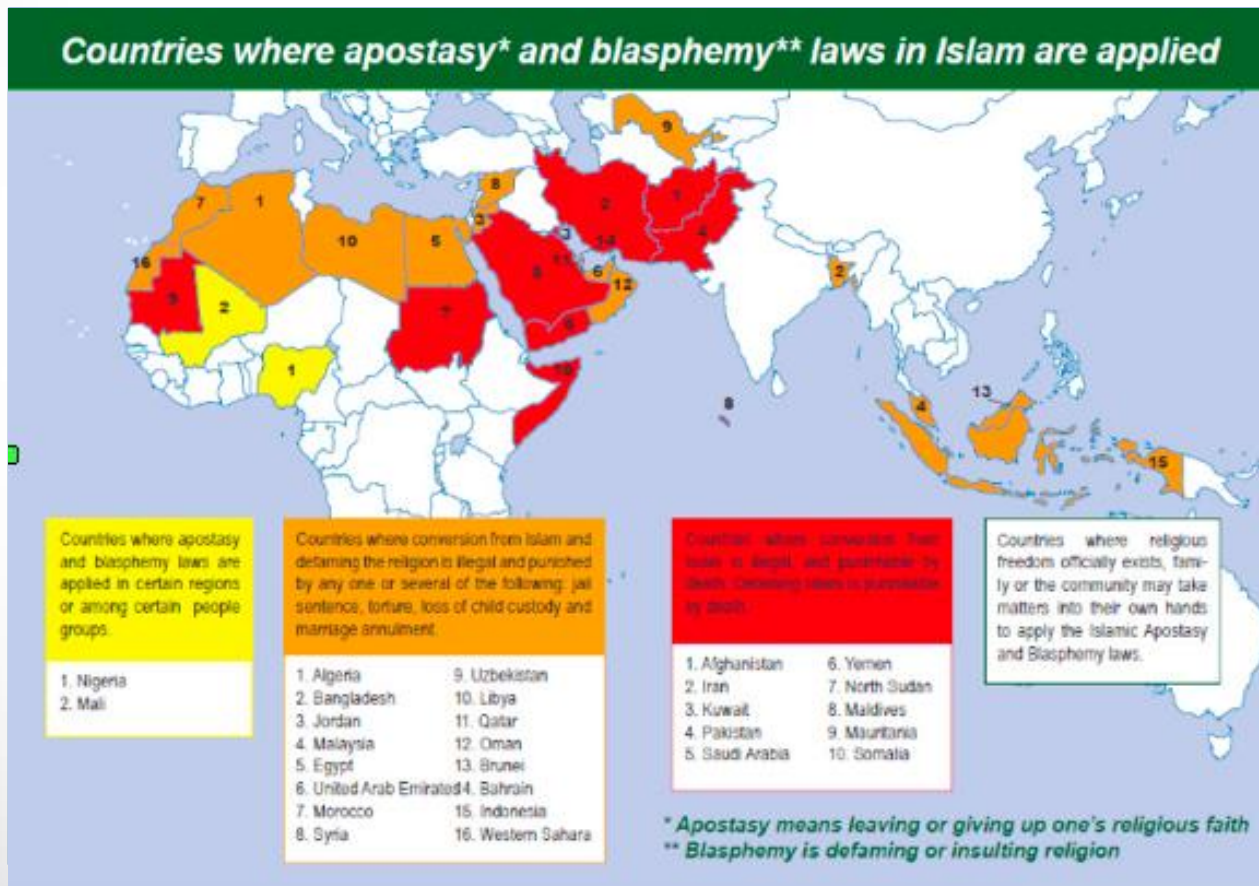
Evangelical Fellowship of India & Alliance Defending Freedom India

Source:

www.worldea.org/news/4651/evangelical-fellowship-of-india-persecution-report-2015

Journalistic Research

Mapping / Documentation / Survey



**Apostasy
and
Blasphemy
laws**

Source:
Set my people
free

IDENTITY CRISIS



**Religious Registration
in the Middle East**


Jonathan Andrews

Example of solid
journalistic survey on
one topic --
Available on Amazon

Jonathan
Andrews

Last Resort – Migration and the Middle East

(Forthcoming 2017)

A photograph showing two people, a man and a woman, looking down at a book or document. The man is in the foreground, wearing a blue and white striped shirt, and the woman is behind him, wearing a plaid shirt. They are in a library or bookstore setting with bright light coming from a window.

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Global Declarations on Freedom of Religion or Belief and Human Rights

VKW The WEA Global Issues Series 18



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Example of text
documentation –

Free at

global-issues-series.iirf.eu

Advancing Freedom of Religion or Belief for All

Contributions from the Conference

6–9 September 2015, Halki, Istanbul, Turkey

Elizabeta Kitanovic and Fr Aimilianos Bogiannou (Eds.)



Globethics.net



Example of collective
scholarly research

Free at:
globeethics.net





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Freedom of Belief & Christian Mission



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and Knud Jørgensen



Example of historical
scholarly research
Free online at:
ocms.org/Regnum



In RESPONSE to PERSECUTION

*Findings of the Under Caesar's Sword Project
on Global Christian Communities*



Example of major
collective empirical
scholarly research
Free online

Christine Schirrmacher

“Let there be no Compulsion in Religion” (Sura 2:256)

Apostasy from Islam as judged by
contemporary Islamic Theologians



Discourses on
Apostasy,
Religious Freedom,
and Human Rights

VKW

Example of in-depth
scholarly research

Islamic Studies

christineschirrmacher.info



Researching
Religious
Freedom



Interdisciplinary
Scholarly journal
Free online at:
www.ijrf.eu



Heiner Bielefeldt

Freedom of Religion or Belief:

Thematic Reports of the
UN Special Rapporteur 2010 – 2016



Thomas Schirrmacher (Ed.)

Example of relevant
applied metascience and
science


Free at: religious-freedom-series.iirf.eu



Bielefeld, Ghanea,
Wiener

**Freedom of Religion
or Belief
A legal commentary**

Oxford University
Press
2016

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Example of relevant
applied metascience
and science

Oxford Univ. Press

A photograph showing a large stack of books on a table. The books are of various colors and sizes, and some are open. A person's hand is visible on the right side, holding a pen or pencil, suggesting they are working on the books.



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Working Consultation Christian Women under Pressure for their Faith 1-3 June 2017 ETF Leuven



**Christian Women
under Pressure
for their Faith, II**
LEUVEN CONSULTATION 2017

JOIN IN? ?
LISTEN?

Would you like the opportunity to listen...
...to the personal testimony and the complex issues facing Christian women around the globe?

This year's Consultation will examine practices that support persecuted women and look in depth at the unique and painful issues that women face in hostile and abusive environments where they suffer in identifying with Christ. We seek to build upon the foundation of the Marcham Conference in March 2016 on Women and Persecution, drawing together practitioners and academics to share learning through both practical reflection and critical thinking within a foundation of prayer.

ETF students will have the unique opportunity to audit the consultation for a daily fee of £20, which includes your lunch. ETF students will be able to sit together for interactive discussion times following the various speakers throughout the day, and have the opportunity to meet the scholars and practitioners during lunch and breaks.



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**ETF Faculty interested in fully participating in the 3-day event should contact Prof. Dr. Christof Sauer and Elizabeth Miller for further information on programme and consultation fees. Faculty registration due 3 April 2017.

General Research Networking

International Consultation on Religious Freedom Research

Istanbul, Turkey // 16 - 18 March 2013

Participants

Intended for all who do scholarly research on any topic related to religious freedom, persecution, suffering for faith, martyrdom, etc. Number of participants: Probably 10-20, but open to as many as want to come.

All participants are expected to come up for their own costs or to find the necessary sponsors themselves.

Consultation style

The intention of the consultation is to strengthen the network of religious freedom and persecution scholars/researchers and to thereby create synergy.

Everybody may propose to present on relevant research. Organizers will select from these proposals and will frame the programme according to the number of proposals.

The intention is not for everybody to listen to a handful of famous researchers but rather for meaningful interaction and mutual interaction on a peer level.

Proposed

2nd International Researchers Consultation on FoRB

Brussels or
Leuven 2018?

Applied Research

International Institute for Religious Freedom



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Bonn
Cape Town
Colombo
Brasilia
Brussels?

Applied Research

Scholarly research on FORB with practical relevance
for use in European structures in Brussels

1. Who needs it?

2. What is there already?

3. Is anything missing?

What else do we want? (structurally)?

4. Do we need something like CIFORB?



Commonwealth Initiative on FORB



CIFoRB was established in September 2015 to explore the critical and under-investigated potential of Parliamentarians in addressing the global threat to the Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB)



Commonwealth Initiative on FoRB

Combining academic rigour and expertise with political understanding ... to provide:

- Research into the current global challenges for FoRB
- Support to identify specific opportunities, build strategies, and empower parliamentarians to bring about positive change
- Training and development for young leaders so they too can speak out authoritatively to promote FoRB



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Example: The many meanings of FoRB: A Glossary

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