

Religion in Post-Communist Societies: A Case Study in Lithuania

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The rapid social transformation in post-communist society brings a reality of its own that is not predictable from the pre-communist past or from developed and open Western societies. This presentation addresses how the new social reality relates to the formation of religious identity in Lithuania. The concept of religiosity itself is easily and inappropriately oversimplified; an instrument created by B. Duriez, J.R. Fonatine, and D. Hutsebaut measures different dimensions of religiosity and embraces the complexity of Lithuanian society in transition. This presentation describes a pilot study that lays groundwork for a more elaborate research project.