Database of Religious Denominations

Selected SSH Ontologies and vocabularies

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- SSHOC aims at the creation of a SSH open cloud for offering data, tools and trainings

- FAIRness of data

- "foster the use of selected global ontologies in the social sciences and humanities, regarding occupational titles, educational categories, […], and religions."
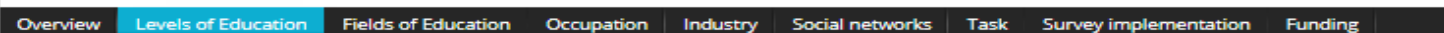
- Standard, global, multilingual classifications

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Goal

- Database containing all religious denominations practiced in countries all around the world, translated in each language spoken in that country.

- Consistent and standardized data for national and comparative research.

- Flexible tool for individual researchers and survey companies.

Code	Religious denominations	de_LI	de_LU	el_CY	el_GR	en_AI	en_AF
105070	MG_The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints						
106000	MG_Orthodox						
106030	MG_Eastern Orthodox						
105080	MG_Jehovah Witnesses						
301000	MG_Atheist						
302000	MG_Agnostic						
303000	MG_Does not identify with particular religion						
306000	MG_Non religious						
300000	MG_Unaffiliated/ Not religious						
800000	MG_Believer, but no specific religion						
102110	MG_Calvinist						
717000	MG_Practices						
717010	MG_Shamanism						
900000	LU_Judaism		Jude				
500000	LU_Buddhism		Buddhismus				
700000	LU_Other / New Religions		Andere / Neue				
706000	LU_Baha'i faith		Bahá'í-Glaube				
200000	LU_Islam		Islam				
100000	LU_Christianity		Christentum				
101020	LU_Roman Catholic		Römisch Katholisch				
101000	LU_Catholic		Katolisch				
102000	LU_Protestant/ Evangelical		Evangelisch				
106000	LU_Orthodox		Orthodox				
106010	LU_Greek Orthodox		Griechisch Orthodox				
106020	LU_Russian Orthodox		Russisch Orthodox				
106140	LU_Serbian Orthodox		Serbisch-Orthodox				
106150	LU_Romanian Orthodox		Rumänisch-Orthodox				
105080	LU_Jehovah's Witnesses		Zeugen Jehovas				
105000	LU_Others Christian Groups/ Nontrinitarian		Andere christliche Gruppen / nichttrinitarisch				
104065	LU_Universal of the Kingdom of God		Universell des Reiches Gottes				
105070	LU_Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mo		Kirche Jesu Christi der Heiligen der Letzten Tage (Mormonen)				
104060	LU_Other Pentecostal / Unspecified		Andere Pfingsten / Nicht spezifiziert				
104000	LU_Pentecostal		Pfingsten				
301000	LU_Atheist		Atheist				
302000	LU_Agnostic		Agnostisch				
303000	LU_Does not identify with particular religion		Identifiziert sich nicht mit einer bestimmten Religion				
306000	LU_Non religious		Nicht religiös				
300000	LU_Unaffiliated/Not religious		Nicht verbunden / nicht religiös				
800000	LU_Believer, but no specific religion		Gläubiger, aber keine bestimmte Religion				
	HT_Christians						

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Empirical example

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Challenges

- Identify relevant religious denominations in each country and (recognized) languages
  - What sources to use?
  - What about minor denominations?

- Classification
  - How deep?

- Translation
  - Which languages to include?

- The final product
  - What format?

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Relevant religious denominations

- Initial lists obtained from representative social surveys
  - all country specific questions with original labels

- Classification enriched with less relevant religious denominations that may not be represented in the survey
  - Religion must be included in official statistics (for countries where they are available)

- ESS, EVS, WVS, Latinobarometro, Arab-barometer, Afrobarometer, PEW research center, Country-specific statistics

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Classification

Thorough classification already exists: OnBound Project

Translation

- Lack of a comprehensive instrument for all languages:
  - Google translate
  - Reverso
  - Not all languages included

- Minor languages?
  - Creoles
  - Tribal languages of unreachable populations
  - Overseas territories (usually excluded)

The final product

Flexibility of API for downloading material, however:

- Survey agencies have different software / modes

- Hierarchical set of choices in CAWI, but what about showcards for F2F interviews?

Thank you for your attention!

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