

# Database of Religious Denominations

## Selected SSH Ontologies and vocabularies

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# SSHOC WP3 T3.2

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



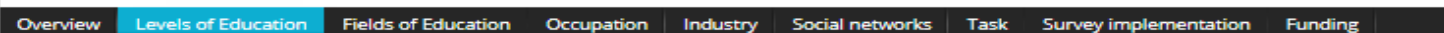
# Goal

- 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 Saint:						
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				
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800000	LU_Believer, but no specific religion		Gläubiger, aber keine bestimmte Religion				
	HT_Christians						



# Empirical example



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- Question module
- Database live search**
- Education Classifications
- Pretesting and piloting
- For survey organisers
- CAPI implementation
- Data processing

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United Kingdom - England, Wales, and Northern Ireland

## Search box

Gradua  
City and Guilds Level 6, Graduateship - GCGI (NVQ level 5)  
City and Guilds Level 7, Postgraduate (NVQ level 5)  
Post-Graduate Certificates  
Post-Graduate Diplomas

## Search tree

- ▶ No educational qualification  
Key or Basic Skills, Entry Level Certificate, Skills for Life
- ▶ NVQ level 1, 1-4 GCSEs A\*-C, GCSEs D-G, or equivalent qualification
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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?





# 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

# Classification

Thorough classification already exists: OnBound Project

Variable Rel New	Label Rel	Religion	Family	Variable Major New	Label Major	Major Denomination	Variable Branch New	Label Branch	Branch D
100000	CHR	Christianity	Catholic	101010	CHR_CAGR	Greek Catholic	101021	CHR_CAROL	Latin-Rite F
				101020	CHR_CARO	Roman Catholic	101022	CHR_CARON	Non-Latin
							101023	CHR_CAROA	Armenian C
							101024	CHR_CAROC	Coptic Cath
							101025	CHR_CAROE	Ethiopian C
							101026	CHR_CAROM	Mar Thoma
							101027	CHR_CAROS	Syrian Cath
							101028	CHR_CAROP	Lapsed Ro
				101030	CHR_CAAG	Aglipayan			
				101040	CHR_CABY	Barangay Sang Birhen			
				101050	CHR_CAEA	Eastern Catholic	101051	CHR_CAEAM	Maronites
							101052	CHR_CAEAA	Assyrian Ch
							101053	CHR_CAEAC	Chaldean C
							101054	CHR_CAEAY	Byzantine C
							101055	CHR_CAEAO	Russian Gr
							101056	CHR_CAEAK	Ukranian G
				101060	CHR_CANG	Anglo-Roman			
				101070	CHR_CACO	Conservative Catholic			
				101080	CHR_CAOL	Old Catholic			
				101090	CHR_CAPL	Polish National Catholic Church			
				101100	CHR_CARF	Reformed Catholic			
				101110	CHR_CAPH	Philippine Independent Church			
				101120	CHR_CABR	Brazilian Apostolic Catholic Church			
				101130	CHR_CARC	Roman Catholic Apostolic Church	101131	CHR_CARCZ	Other Zioni
				101140	CHR_CAID	Independent Catholic movement	101141	CHR_CAIDL	Liberal Cat
				101150	CHR_CAOT	Other Catholic			
				101160	CHR_CADF	Catholic: Doesn't follow rules			
			Protestant / Evangelical	102010	CHR_PRBP	Baptist	102011	CHR_PRBPS	Southern E
							102012	CHR_PRBPI	Independe
							102013	CHR_PRBPM	Missionary

# 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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